

HORTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 20th MARCH 2017 IN ST PETERS CHURCH HALL, HORTON AT 7.30pm.

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Public Forum

- A) No members of the public attended the meeting.
 - B) Cllr Linda Vijeh in attendance. Informed Cllrs of a meeting to be held at the Shrubbery Hotel, Ilminster on the 10th April 7.00pm by Trading Standards on fraud. Anyone is welcome to attend this meeting. Please see attached report (**Appendix 1**) written by Cllr Linda Vijeh for SCC/SSDC Councillor Monthly Report.
- 2671 PRESENT** Cllrs David Johnson – Vice Chairman, Adele Brady, Ann Richards, Ann Winter, David Lester, Philippa Woodman, Ray Warner, Richard Clifford.
- 2672 APOLIGIES** Cllr Christian Guppy – Chairman.
- 2673 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** None.
- 2674 TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** Minutes of the meeting held in February having previously been circulated were approved as a true record and correct record of the meeting. Cllrs approved, seconded and unanimously agreed.
- 2675 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**
- A) 17/00315/FUL - Elm Tree Cottage, Shave Lane, Horton – AMENDED PLANS - No comments from residents received by the Parish Council. Cllrs approved, seconded and unanimously agreed.
- 2676 SSDC PLANNING DECISIONS**
- A) 17/00028/FUL – 21 Channells Lane, Horton – Noted.
 - B) 17/00102/FUL – Idelwild, Church Lane, Horton – Noted.
- 2677 UPDATE ON HASTOE’S HOUSING** Street lighting has been switched back on and now in fully working order. Maintenance to landscaping has been agreed between Hastoe Housing and Cllr David Lester. The issue with the bollards has still not been resolved, Clerk to send email asking for an update on this issue.
- 2678 DOUBLE YELLOW LINES** Majority of the time members of the public are abiding by the double yellow lines. However, there have been a couple of incidents where people are parking vehicles on the hatched area on the inside of the double yellow lines and wall of the pub which is causing visibility /safety issues when turning out of

Goose Lane. It was unanimously agreed by Cllrs that the Clerk is to send a letter to the owners of the Five Dials to request a sign to be put in place requesting that the hatched area on the road to be left clear at all times.

- 2679 UPDATE OF RIVERSIDE PLANNING APPLICATION** No update, application still being considered by SSDC. Cllr Linda Vjeh requests Clerk to send letter to SSDC asking for the application to be considered at an Area West Committee meeting.
- 2680 WEBSITE** No update. Clerk to find out details of who has built website and to start the process of website going live.
- 2681 DEFIBRILATOR** Request from Broadway Parish Council to offer a financial contribution towards their defibrillator. It was decided to decline the request to offer a financial contribution on this occasion as the PC are in the process of funding their own defibrillator as they feel having one in Broadway and one in Horton would be beneficial to both parishes and the wider community by having two defibrillators. Parish Council to look into locations on where to install a defibrillator.
- 2682 YEOVIL SHOP MOBILITY REQUEST** It was decided not to offer a grant to Yeovil Shop Mobility.
- 2683 FINANCE**
- Financial statement - Financial Statements and accounts having were circulated and were duly approved as being a true record of the financial state of this council. Proposed by Cllr Ann Richards, seconded by Cllr David Lester with all in approval.
 - St Peters Church Hall - cheque No. 000677 £10.00 – Unanimously Approved
 - C Duff wages and expenses – cheque No. 000676 £40.00 – Unanimously Approved
- 2684 CLERKS REPORT AND CORROSPONDONCE**
- Email received with poster on a Careline offer. Poster to be placed on notice board within bus shelter.
 - Proludic email asking for an update on if the Parish Council are in a position to proceed with purchasing play equipment for playing field. Reply to be sent stating options are still being considered.
 - Email from Angie Cox with details on a LAG Forum meeting. Noted.
 - Email received requesting a survey for 'Growing a Rural Community For South Somerset' to be completed. Cllr David Johnson to complete survey on behalf of the Parish Council.
- 2685 ANY OTHER MATTERS RAISED WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN**
- Cllr Ann Winter informed the Cllrs that the Tree Warden for Horton sadly passed away. The nominee for the new Tree Warden is Stuart Davey and Cllrs unanimously

supported Stuart Davey for the position of new Tree Warden. Clerk to send letter to Stuart Davey to state support by Parish Council.

2686 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday 15th May 2017 at 7.00PM

APPENDIX 1**SCC/SSDC COUNCILLOR MONTHLY REPORT JANUARY 2017**

At this month's SCC full council meeting, after considerable debate, the budget for 2017/18, which includes £310m to fund vital services, along with a further £107m planned for investment in schools, roads and key infrastructure projects, was approved.

Local authorities continue to face decreasing funds across public services, with a reduction in funding of £16m this year alone and an ageing population adding to the increasing social care bill. Budget cuts this year have been based on themes rather than individual services. A Council Tax increase of 1.99% was agreed, along with a further 2% ring-fenced for Adult Social Care. Concern was expressed over the transformation of the learning disability services and potential cuts in staffing and the closure of day centres.

Plans for devolution are continuing, despite a lack of clarity from central government.

HIGHWAYS - A303/A358

Highways England has begun consultation on proposals to improve the route from Sparkford to Ilchester. A meeting will be held from 10am to 5pm, Friday 10 March: Queen Camel Village Hall, Queen Camel.

A separate consultation on building a tunnel near Stonehenge is also being held, and details on upgrading the A358 between Taunton and Ilminster are due to be revealed shortly. For more information or to have your say online, visit

<http://roads.highways.gov.uk/projects/a303-sparkford-to-ilchester/>

Apparently the new website address for reporting pot holes and other road defects is not working as it should. The best way to contact highways is highways@somerset.gov.uk

HIGHWAYS PLANNED WORKS

Knowle St Giles	Knowle Church Rd	Drainage improvement works. Temporary road closure.	06 Feb	03 Mar	20 days
Ilminster	Ditton Street	Carriageway resurfacing. Temporary road closure.	06 Mar	07 Mar	2 days
Ilminster	Station Road	Footway improvement works. Temp. traffic signals.	-	-	TBC
Ashill	Thickthorn Lane	Drainage improvement works. Temp. road closure.	-	-	TBC

ILMINSTER - TOWNSEND

There has been correspondence relating to the request for the installation of yellow lines, endorsed by the town council. Highways however feel that the risk of danger is insufficient to warrant this.

LITTER – Although council employees deal with this on a regular basis, the issue of the impact of littering along the grass verges adjacent to the A358 and A303, as well as in local villages, has been raised again. Residents are urged to report details of incidents where possible as prosecution may be the only deterrent.

PARTNERS AND COMMUNITIES TOGETHER

At this month's meeting the significant fire risk caused by 'hoarding' was highlighted. Ilminster fire station is actively looking for new recruits.

WELFARE ADVICE

An update was received on SSDC work in the area, and the Chard outreach pilot. The service provides free, confidential and impartial information, advice and advocacy on Welfare Benefits, including representing clients in preparing claims and at appeal tribunals. Contact **01935 463737**.

STROKE ASSOCIATION GRANT FUNDING

The funding stream which the Clinical Commissioning Group and SCC used to support the work of the Stroke Association Service in Somerset will expire in March. Since the introduction of the original funding a range of other services have been provided offering similar support. It is intended that the current group/support networks continue, and there will continue to be the stroke specific information education and support through health and social care. SCC and the CCG are working with the Stroke Association to ensure a smooth transition for people currently receiving services, with an increased emphasis on prevention. The CCG will individually identify those requiring ongoing support. People will still have access to the Central Stroke Association Volunteer Groups.

South Somerset: Chard and Crewkerne After Stroke Group meet Tuesdays at 10:30am
Chard Rugby Football Club, Essex Close, Chard, Somerset, TA20 1RH

Contact - Christine Williams Tel. 01460 66631 email: ChardCrewkerneGroup@talktalk.net

There are also many community groups available to offer support in the community. To find out more call **Somerset Direct on 0300 123 2224**.

Below are some of the things available locally related to supporting people at home, health support groups and befriending services.

Chard and Ilminster Heart care group Pat Everett 01460 62591

Friends of Essex House Medical Centre Rose Knell 01460 65374

Friendship Group Mrs Mary Hedges 01460 61333

Good Companions Pat Lane 01460 391631

Coffee and Co Chat and a cuppa 01460 66080

Ilminster Active Living Centre www.somersetactiveliving.org.uk

CITIZENS ADVICE SOUTH SOMERSET

A presentation was received at this month's Area West meeting. The CAB service in the Chard area has been expanded, with 14 advisors available in Chard each week, and 520 helped across Area West. In 2016 in Ilminster a total of 80 people received support, and in Neroche ward around 10. In Ilminster the service is available at the **Summervale GP surgery** every other Friday. Upcoming dates are **10th and 24th March 10am – 1pm**.

Top issues are benefits, debt, housing and unemployment. Many of the projects, funded in part by SCC, provide assistance with money matters, including paying energy bills. The aim is to prevent people moving into a crisis situation. Form filling is one of the key areas where support is provided. This last year £3951 was paid out in local assistance grants to 13 clients. A **telephone help line** is available **10am – 4pm Mon. – Fri. – 03444 88 9623**. In addition to

this the service can be accessed by email, Skype, social media, and through outreach centres. CAB is actively looking for volunteers Contact **01935 847661**.

MICRO-PROVIDERS

I recently met with Rhys Davies of Community Catalysts, a group of local micro-providers, offering home help and home care services. He is willing to attend parish/town council meetings to provide information on services being offered locally. He is also interested in spreading the word to others in the area who may like to find out more about becoming a micro-provider. Tel. **07595 411 945** or email: rhys.davies@communitycatalysts.co.uk

PLANNING

Increasingly both town and parish councils are expressing their frustration where they feel that, despite being asked to comment, their concerns and objections in relation to planning applications, and their considerable local knowledge of their area, are not being given sufficient weight when decisions are made. In mitigation, it is understood that in applying planning policy officers are required to make 'balanced' decisions where the impact of appeal decisions can make it difficult to refuse applications that are seen as contentious.

PERSIMMON CANAL WAY APPLICATION – ILMINSTER

This was discussed at a public meeting this month where concerns were expressed in a number of areas. It was noted that despite a request, no officer from SCC was present where matters relating to highways and education would have benefitted from their input.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING – TANYARD, BROADWAY

I raised this at Area West at the request of local residents who have been disappointed with SSDC's response to the applicant's decision to place the affordable housing element of the development in one corner, at the request of Yarlinton. The response was that the proposal is almost acceptable, and that where the application has fallen foul is in the lack 'pepper potting' such properties throughout the development. It is felt that given that the plans had been approved it would be hard to argue against their actions and that if they were to appeal there would be no firm case for a 'reasonable' objection.

LAND BEHIND THE BELL INN, BROADWAY

This application for 10 properties was discussed at Area West. As a result of local opposition and concerns over the development's impact the decision was taken to refuse it, pending an outstanding appeal for the previous application for 25 properties on the site.

YARLINGTON - DONYATT HILL DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS

Concern has been raised by local residents over the provision of future parking needs. I am seeking clarification as to the relevance of this in planning terms. Current SSDC guidelines indicate that for a 3-bedroom property 3 parking spaces should be allocated.

GREENFYLDE SCHOOL

A public meeting is to be held at the school on 8th March from 3pm – 6pm to discuss the feasibility of the proposed re-location of the school.

NEROCHE PRE-SCHOOL

The Education Funding Agency (EFA) has approved SCC's bid to deliver six projects providing 30 hours childcare from Sept. 2017. Following an options exercise and feasibility study, one of the Grant awards (£271,123), was to deliver such provision through a new pre-school facility at Neroche Primary School in Broadway, located in a new modular unit located at the front of the School site. SCC conducted a survey in the summer of 2016 to better understand parental preferences and capacity for early years provisions to meet the extended entitlement of 30 hours funded childcare for working parents with three and four year olds. Over 770 parents and 115 early years providers responded. The unit will provide 30 new pre-school places for children aged 3-4 years in the local area.

The remaining funding required will come from the LA, and a £10K contribution from the School. An agreement has been signed to deliver the project without reducing spaces for vulnerable 2 year olds.

There may be an increase in traffic to the site from parents dropping off children but sustainable transport options would be encouraged e.g. walking and cycling to the setting. The project was selected because during the consultation neighbouring providers had indicated that they could not offer 30 hours spaces in their setting.

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT - Mon. 27 Feb. – Sun. 12 Mar.

Ilminster residents are being asked to support Fairtrade Fortnight through a number of activities (I will be in Kenya at the time but plan to participate remotely).

Selfless Selfies: Categories (a) Individual; (b) group; (c) workplace; (d) Fair Hair salon.

Whether a drink with friends or colleagues, a coffee morning, or children eating a healthy snack, share your photos on the Ilminster Fairtrade Facebook page and win a prize.

Fairtrade Bake-Off: Pick up the February edition of 'Food' Magazine from Ilminster Co-operative. Using Fairtrade ingredients, bake the Fairtrade Chocolate and Banana Loaf Cake recipe found on pages 52-53 and bring it along for judging at the Market House on Saturday 4 March from 11am.

Swop-o-meter: Swop items in your shopping basket (coffee, tea, chocolate, bananas, etc.) for Fairtrade ones. Keep a running total of the items you have swopped, share photos of you and your Fairtrade purchases on Facebook page, or via the website (www.ilminsterfairtrade.uk) – you could win a shopping basket of Fairtrade goodies.

EVENTS/ACTIVITIES ATTENDED

1/2	Winsham PC
2/2	Chard Museum Trustee meeting
3/2	Yeovil - Fiveways School appeal hearing
3/2	SCOFF Quiz Swanmead School
4/2	Chaffcombe Harvest supper
6/2	Taunton - Community Catalysts Micro-Provider meeting
6/2	Neroche School governor meeting
7/2	Chard Museum – 1 st Chard Brownies
10/2	Whitelackington VH quiz
11/2	Warehouse Theatre performance
12/2	Donyatt VH breakfast
13/2	SCC - Learning Disability Partnership Board
13/2	Horton PC
14/2	Ilminster TC planning
15/2	SCC full council
15/2	SSDC Area West
16/2	SCC - advocacy meeting
17/2	Donyatt VH quiz
20/2	Chaffcombe PC
21/2	Ilminster Town Council
21/2	Donyatt PC
21/2	PACT meeting
21/2	SSDC – budget workshop
22/2	SCC – Member Development committee