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Little Horkesley Parish Council

MINUTES

of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 21st November 2022

Present: Jonathan Eddis (Chair)
Chris Exley (Vice Chair)
Hannah Taylor
Susie Goldring
Tracy Le Grys
Jo Petersen (Clerk)

Apologies

Lewis Barber

Darius Laws

There were no declarations of Pecuniary or Non-pecuniary interest.

1. Minutes

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 17th October 2022 were agreed as an accurate record.

2. Public Questions

a) There were no members of the public present.

3. National Grid “GREEN” Pylons Scheme

a) Susie Golding reported on the letter received by the Parish Council from The Planning Inspectorate regarding a consultation on the pylons scheme. It was agreed that Susie would ask David Burns and the clerk of Great Horkesley Parish Council to assist with completion of the form to ensure that we do it correctly.

4. Affordable Housing

a) Chris Exley has not yet been given details of the new contact at CBC Housing regarding affordable housing. He has asked the RCCE if they have had any contact with the new post holder. Without CBC showing an active interest in the proposal then the Parish Council has no ability to advance the project unless a landowner makes land available.

5. Playground

- a) Mortimer Contracts inspected the swings and the only loose fixing they could find was on the Junior Swings. This was the result of a rotten post. He did not charge for the visit and quoted £175 + vat to supply a new post, manufacture and fit a new uprights on the swing. Jonathan Eddis had looked at the swings and was unable to find any issue with the swings. It was agreed that Hannah Taylor and the clerk will look at the swings to try and assess where the problem lies.
- b) The clerk is yet to receive an update on the repair to the fence. It was agreed that she will contact Lewis Barber and ask him to confirm who we should chase regarding the repair.
- c) The clerk has been in correspondence with various members of staff at CBC to try and get clarification on who owns the land that has the pile of rubbish dumped on it, and who is responsible for having it cleared. No one has yet been able to give a definitive answer. It was agreed that the clerk will ask Lewis Barber to try and assist in getting this issue resolved.
- d) It was agreed that the clerk ask the insurance company to confirm that the tree inspection report is a reasonable step to ensure that the tree is safe as it does not suggest that work is required at this inspection.
- e) There was no progress on the outline plan for the playground as the issue of affordable housing has not yet been concluded. It was agreed to remove this item from the agenda until the prospect of affordable housing has been decided.

6. Roads, Verges & Footpaths

- a) The P3 Volunteer Scheme for footpaths was discussed and it was agreed that the clerk would post details on the FB page and the website.
- b) Hannah Taylor has reported footpaths 5 and 25 again (ref 2799592)
It was noted that the landowner has reinstated footpath 11.
- c) Susie Golding noted a crack in the tarmac on Workhouse Road which the clerk will report to CBC

7. Planning

- a) Chris Exley shared his draft response to CBC about the consultation of their Supplementary Planning Guide on Affordable Housing. It was agreed that he would send the response to CBC.

8. Bus Shelter

- a) The clerk is yet to start the process of applying for a grant to replace the bench at the bus shelter. She will aim to submit an application before the next meeting.

9. War Memorial

- a) It was noted that Planning Application 222202 to renovate the railings at the War Memorial was approved on 18th November 2022 and will expire in 3 years from this date.

There is no requirement to use a specialist to perform the renovation. The clerk will start the process of obtaining quotes in the new year when the weather is more amenable. She will use the Method Statement in order to obtain quotes.

10. Emergency Assistance Plan

- a) It was agreed that the clerk would send a copy of the Emergency Assistance Plan to Tracy Le Grys in order that she can make the personnel amendments required.

11. Elections

- a) The Parish Council discussed the email from Sarah Cheek regarding the elections which are scheduled to be held on Thursday 4th May 2023.
As no councillors were sure of the process, it was agreed that the clerk would research.

12. Church Food Box Scheme

- a) All councillors agreed that the proposal put forward by the Church Warden to set up a food collection point at the Church of St Peter & St Paul was a great idea. The aim is to try and bolster the other food bank schemes in the area. The vicar is keen to bring the church and the community together.

13. Finance

Invoice Approval

14. Correspondence

The latest copy of Countryside Voices was circulated.

15. Items for the Next Agenda

- Affordable Housing (see email from CE)
- Pylons
- Bench by the bus shelter
- New “no dogs” sign for the playground
- Emergency Plan

..... (Jonathan Eddis - Chair)

..... (Date)

Date of the next Parish Council Meeting Monday 19th December 2022 (Little Horkesley Village Hall)