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# Little Horkesley Parish Council

## MINUTES

of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Present: Chris Jacobs (Chair)  
Chris Exley (Vice Chair)  
Hannah Taylor  
Susie Goldring  
Jo Petersen (Clerk)  
*Jonathan Eddis*

### **1. Co-option of New Councillor**

a) The Chair welcomed Jonathan Eddis to the Parish Council

### **2. Declaration of Acceptance of Office**

- a) Jonathan Eddis read and signed the Declaration of Office
- b) Jonathan was given the Declaration of Interests form to complete within 28 days.

### **3. Resignation of Chairman**

Chris Jacobs offered her resignation as Chairman which was accepted by the clerk and the council.

### **4. Election of Chairman**

It was proposed by Cllr Exley and seconded by Cllr Susie Goldring that Cllr Jonathan Eddis is elected Chairman. Cllr Eddis was duly elected.

### **5. Declaration of Acceptance of Office**

Cllr Eddis read and signed the declaration of Acceptance of Office.

### **6. Apologies**

Tracy Le Grys

Lewis Barber

Darius Laws

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

## **7. Minutes**

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2022 were agreed as an accurate record.

## **8. Public Questions**

- a) There were no members of the public present, although Chris Jacobs remained at the meeting.

## **9. National Grid “GREEN” Pylons Scheme**

- a) Susie Golding reported that the campaign group have met with the Government Offshore team and NG have admitted that there had not been a proper cost analysis in the original proposal. The campaign group are still asking for donations to cover legal costs. The clerk will try and find out how much they anticipate they will need.

## **10. Affordable Housing**

- a) Chris Exley confirmed that there has been no progress on this issue. Laura at RCCE has made contact with CBC to try and find out if the new officer is in position.
- b) An update was agreed which the clerk will put onto the website.

## **11. Broadband**

- a) It was noted that TG Ram have installed cables to much of Great Horkesley adjacent to Little Horkesley.

## **12. Playground**

- a) The clerk has received notification from Mortimer Contracts that they may not be able to complete the required works to repair the fixings to the swings in this instance due to unforeseen circumstances. It was agreed that the clerk would ask Mortimer Contracts if they could recommend an alternative contractor, and would contact other local parish councils for recommendations.
- b) It was agreed that the clerk would purchase a new “No Dogs Allowed” sign for the playground with a budget of no more than £50. Hannah Taylor suggested “The Sign Shed”.

- c) There was no update on the damage to the fence although Cllr Darius Laws has contacted Matthew Chittock and Caroline Law at CBC to see if they could assist with the removal of the building waste that has been left at the entrance to the playing field.
- d) Cllr Darius Laws has contacted CBC Legal Services to try and find a resolution to the issue of the gate at 7 Orchard Cottages. It was agreed by all Councillors that the best solution for the Parish Council might be for the lease contract to be negotiated so that the Parish Council no longer has responsibility for that particular boundary. The clerk will email Cllr Laws with this suggestion.
- e) The clerk is in the process of obtaining quotes for removal of the oak tree, all of which so far are very expensive. It was agreed that the clerk would contact the insurance company to see if the Parish Council is covered if someone is injured by the tree.
- f) There was no update on the plan for the playground.

### **13. Roads, Verges & Footpaths**

- a) Hannah Taylor has reported footpaths 5, 11 and 25 (ref 2799592). It was noted that the landowner has reinstated footpath 25.

The clerk will report that the 'Vinesse Road' sign has been knocked over, and the footpath sign at Holy Cottage has also been damaged.

- b) It was noted that Cllr Lewis Barber is investigating whether there is more efficient way of resolving issues with footpaths other than by reporting to CBC.

### **14. Planning**

- a) There were no planning applications to discuss.

### **15. Bus Shelter**

- a) The clerk suggested that perhaps the bench at the bus stop could be renovated instead of being replaced. It was agreed that this would be an expensive option and that it would be better to investigate grants for a replacement bench which could commemorate the Platinum Jubilee. It was suggested that the "back" of the bench which has an inscription commemorating the Coronation could be displayed in the bus shelter as it is an interesting historic artefact.

### **16. War Memorial**

- a) Chris Exley noted that there had been no objections to the application to renovate the railings at the war memorial. The planning officer appreciated being consulted on the issue. Chris Exley is generating a "Method Statement of Work" to be submitted before we can start work. He noted that the War Memorial Trust do give grants for the maintenance of war memorials but he is doubtful that we would qualify.

## **17. Remembrance Service**

- a) The clerk confirmed that she has bought a wreath for the Remembrance Service on 13<sup>th</sup> November and it was agreed that she would represent the Parish Council at the service. Susie Goldring kindly volunteered to clean the railings at the War Memorial before the service.

## **18. Emergency Assistance Plan**

- a) It was agreed that the clerk would ask Cllr Tracy Le Grys if she would be happy to take responsibility for the Emergency Assistance plan.
- b) Updates will be discussed at the next meeting once someone has taken responsibility for the plan.

## **19. Dates for 2023 Meetings**

- a) The dates for the 2023 meetings were confirmed and the clerk will add these to the website.

## **20. Finance**

### ***Invoice Approval***

The following invoices have been approved and paid: None

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- J Petersen (RBL Wreath) £23.98
- Danny Page (Grass Cutting) £56.40

## **21. Correspondence**

***None***

## **14. Items for the Next Agenda**

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

..... (Jonathan Eddis - Chair)

..... (Date)

**Date of the next Parish Council Meeting Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2022 (Little Horkesley Village Hall)**