

Little Horkesley Parish Council

meeting held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 18 April 2018

Present: Steve Clarke (Chair)
Maria Oats
Hannah Taylor
Chris Exley
Roger Drury (Clerk)

With Chris Jacobs (Royal Wedding Sub-committee).

Apologies were received from Cllr. Nigel Chapman (CBC Rural north).

No pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests were declared.

1. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 21 March were agreed as an accurate record.

2. Royal Wedding 19 May

It was agreed that Chris Exley would print the flyer for distribution in the weekend of 21 April – distribution responsibilities would be as for the Affordable Homes questionnaire. A4 laminated posters would be put up wherever possible in the village.

Chris Jacobs would take fliers to the Church Coffee morning on 21 April.

Steve Clarke/his family would provide a Risk Assessment for the event, First Aid cover and a Marshall for the Village Hall.

3. Clerk's Report

a. Dog Fouling

The "saga" continues unabated – the individual causing the offence refuses to collect the waste and is still using the playing field as a toilet area for his dog and feelings in the village were causing confrontations.

Various unauthorised signs had been put up often conflicting with each other.

As the CBC Zone 3 Unit had not come up with any results, the only option was to take out a Public Nuisance Order which would be against the property rather than the individual – the Chair was liaising with Cllr Chapman.

It was agreed that resolution of the issue should seek to avoid confrontations between individuals in the community.

b. Playing Field

The Inspection procedure with Jake Jacobs reporting weekly to the Clerk and the Clerk maintaining a long term record of the inspections was working well.

RSPoA had confirmed a May/June inspection but to be accompanied by Jake Jacobs would cost £42 and this was not seen being value for money.

CBC were due in W/C 16 April to start work on re-barking the play area.

It was noted that the War Memorial has twisted again and the Chair undertook to investigate corrective action and cleaning the wooden cross.

c. Roads/Verges

The high level of fly tipping in the village was noted and felt to reflect charges made by the Council for waste disposal. Casey Harrison's Zone Team 3 had effectively cleared the waste.

d. Data Protection

Maria Oats had attended the CALC Meeting to discuss the role of the Data Protection Officer, who was an essential person in the new legislation, and could not be a member or Clerk to the Council.

The options appeared to be:

- Paying a suitably qualified person to perform the role, or
- Identifying a member of the local community to train to become the DPO.

It was agreed that Maria should write a Job Description but hopefully further clarification would be forthcoming.

e. Parish Council Complaints Procedure

No guidance had been received from Andrew Weavers, CBC.

f. Affordable Housing

The questionnaires had been distributed and the general response in the village appeared to be positive but only after the RCCE examination of the returned information would a clear direction be available.

g. Superfast Broadband

No new information was available. However, County Broadband appeared to be offering an enhanced service to Water Lane.

h. Annual Parish Meeting

It was agreed to hold this on Wednesday 9 May – Parish Council Meeting 1900 and Annual Parish Meeting 2000.

A Flyer to be distributed before hand.

4. Planning

It was agreed that the Council had little to offer on the CBC Consultation on the Council’s Statement of Community involvement as it related to Neighbourhood Planning.

5. Finance

The 2017/18 Section 1 Annual Governance statement and Section 2 Accounting Statements could not be discussed as relevant documents had not been received from the Auditors.

The following expenditure was approved:

- £64.98 – EALC Annual Affiliation Fee;
- £44.99 – Chris Exley Computer download equipment.

6. Correspondence

Correspondence received was reviewed.

7. Items for the Next Agenda

a. The following Freighter Waste dates were noted:

0930 – 1045	19 May;
	14 July;
	8 September.

b. Maris Oats updated her Registerable Interests.

..... (Steve Clarke)

..... (Date)

The next Parish Council meeting will be held at 1900 on Wednesday 11 May followed by the Annual Parish meeting.