

Little Horkesley Parish Council

meeting Held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 19 December

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

Apologieswere received from Cllr. Nigel Chapman (CBC Rural North) andMichael Scales.

No Pecuniary or Non-pecuniary Interests were declared in relation to agenda items.

1. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on21 November were agreed as an accurate record.

2. Affordable Housing

The Council reviewed their meetings with Hastoe HA and Rural England HA and concluded that both were highly professional organisations which built Affordable Housing to the highest standard and whose properties would be an asset to theLittle Horkesley street scene.

However, it was agreed unanimously to proceed with Hastoe HA and Chris Exley was invited to go ahead on that basis.

The identification of suitable sites was the responsibility of Hastoe HAafter their “walk round” of the village.

3. Clerk’s Report

a. Emergency Response Assistance Plan

It was noted that only two households had responded to the Emergency Assistance Plan letter and Consent Form.Chris Jacobs would put together a Word document to contain the information gainedalready and currently held by Roger Drury.

Maria Oats and Chris Exley would arrange a meeting with Chris Jacobs to brief her on the existing plan and agree the way ahead.

In revising the Plan Chris Jacobs would be assisted by Hannah Taylor.

b. Data Protection

It was noted that Came & Co., Parish Council insurers, would not cover,under the existing policy, any fineslevied by the Information Commissioner.

c. Playing Field

It was noted that no response had been received from Casey Harrison, CBC Zone3, on the request to remove the pile of grasscuttings and Cllr. Nigel Chapman had been requested to intervene.

TheChristmas message from Jerry Munson advising the Council on his health issueswas noted and it was agreed that his contract should remain open. It was welcomed that he was keeping the Council informed of developments.

Hannah Taylor produced the name of a company J P Services who have licences to remove waste e.g. grass cuttings – the Clerk would contact them.

It was agreed that no further trees under the DV&SV Scattered Orchard project were required.

d. Roads and Verges

The action taken by the Clerk in relation to various Highways issues in the village, stated on the agenda, were noted – action had been taken on Crabtree Lane potholes already.

In response to Cllr. Anne Brown's request to identify key potholes, it was agreed to nominate those in Water Lane adjacent to CO6 4DG – the Clerk to action.

e. Superfast Essex

The delays in implementing a high speed broadband network were noted and felt to be expected in a project as complicated as this. The fact that Glgclear had contacted individual home owners, was hopeful of eventual completion – they had written to households in lower Water Lane, Holt Road, Workhouse Road and Vinesse Road.

It was reported that some properties in School Road/Holt Road had taken up the Vodaphone broadband offer and were pleased with the service.

f. Parish Council Website

The content of the "Affordable Housing" entry was agreed:

- Affordable Homes for Little Horkesley's Current and Future Generations;
- Housing Needs Survey – Key Findings and Recommendations;
- Affordable Housing for Little Horkesley – Next Steps;
- Agenda for discussions with Housing Associations;
- Affordable Homes–Update October 2018.

At the request of RCCE the original questionnaire is not included.

Future updates will be based on the periodic results in the Parish Magazine by Chris Exley.

g. Footpaths

No objections were raised on the proposed diversion of Footpath 22.

However, the Council did object to the diversion of Footpath 29 between G and E on the map provided, on the basis that it:

- linked into ancient footpaths which should be preserved as part of the history of the area;
- was part of the footpath system of the Dedham Vale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and should be thereby retained.

4. Planning

a. Application No: 182896 Ridgecrest, School Road, Little Horkesley

It was noted that in planning terms it was unusual to permit the ridge line of the extension to be higher than the original roof and asked the Planners to consider this aspect.

b. Wormingford Airfield –Touring Motor Gliders

The conditional approval to allow two TMG take offs/hour between 0800 and 2100 with no increase in the tug towed glider take offs was noted.

5. Finance

The 2019/20 Budget of £4,283 was agreed. This results in a Precept request of £3,631 after deducting the CBC Grant of £652.

This Precept results in a Village of £39.08 for 2019/20 an increase of 8.5% from the 2018/19 of £36.02 – an increase due to allowance for an opposed election in May 2019.

6. Correspondence

Maria Oats reported on three issues from the EALC Legal Update:

- NALC were to recommend Mandatory training for all Councillors although the format of this had not been precisely stated;
- Restrictions could be placed on Section 137 expenditure outside of statutory obligations;
- Direction to make websites fully accessible to all including the visually handicapped, were likely to be introduced by 2022 – the Clerk to investigate with Lorraine.

7. Items for the Next Agenda

Chair) (Maria Oats –

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The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 16 January 2019.