

**Minutes of the
Meeting of Horsley Parish Council
Held in Horsley Village Hall on Monday 18 December 2023**

Present: Councillors M Beasley (Chair), B Broomhead, L Farnsworth, D Haslock, K Hunter, S Pykett, & T Walker

Also present: K D Greaves (Clerk), T Ainsworth (DCC), Four members of the public & One Police Officer

AGENDA

PART 1 – NON CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

23/144 Apologies

Councillor J Holden, J Whitmore (AVBC).

23/145 Variation in the order of Business

None required.

23/146 Declaration of Members Interests

Agenda Item 10 – Consider Parish Council Budget and Precept 2024/25

Councillor L Farnsworth – Chair of Amber Valley Borough Council – Standards and Appeals Committee (to remain in the meeting but not participate in discussion/voting on the Agenda item).

23/147 Public Speaking

Members of public in attendance raised concerns regarding a potential planning application within the Parish.

Police Matters

An update was given together with confirmation that no reports of any anti-social behaviour had been received regarding the recreation ground. Patrols do continue in the area.

County Council

Councillor T Ainsworth provided an update to members.

Borough Council

Councillor L Farnsworth provided an update to members.

23/148 Minutes

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 20 November 2023 having been circulated to members, were approved as a correct record and duly signed by the Chair.

23/149 Items to be taken in Exclusion

Resolved: No agenda items to be taken in exclusion.

23/150 Chair's Announcements

The Chair wished everyone a Happy Christmas and New Year.

23/151 To approve the National Joint Council Local Government Pay Review and implement the new salary scales, together with back payment

Resolved: The National Joint Council Local Government Pay Review and implementation of the new salary scales, together with back payment was agreed.

23/152 Consider Parish Council Budget and Precept 2024/25

The budget and proposed Precept having been circulated was reviewed and approved. It was noted the Precept had remained the same for the last 5 years and had not been increased in line with inflation.

Resolved: The Parish Council agree the Precept for the financial year 2024-2025 to be £13,543.62. A 6% increase on last year's Precept figure.

23/153 Consider quotations received for the repainting of the Triangle fence with white, rust inhibiting paint and repainting of the Telephone Box on the Dovecote with Telephone Box Traditional red and gold crowns

Resolved: To accept the quotation from R Milner and for the works to be carried out in the spring. The payment to be taken from balances.

23/154 Recreation ground – football posts

A discussion took place regarding the recreation ground and football posts.

Resolved: For the new football posts to be installed in the spring.

23/155 Article “What your Parish Council does for you”

Resolved: The Article was approved for publication and distribution in the New Year.

23/156 Consider donation request received from 1st Horsley and Kilburn Brownies

Resolved: To defer until the April Parish Council Meeting.

23/157 Band Concert – feedback from concert

The brass band concert was excellent and very well received. The Church raised £368.

Resolved: The Clerk to make enquiries with Shirland Welfare Band regarding their availability for December 2024.

23/158 Clerks Report

- Lady Lea Road – pothole & raised drain reported. Case reference number FS-Case-564718586.
- Amber Valley Borough Council have confirmed they will empty the replacement litter bin located on the Village Green.
- Letter sent to Derbyshire County Council requesting that Lower Kilburn be included in any formal investigation and urgent priority is given to the replacement of gypsy bridge. Case reference number FS-Case-565109996.
- Concerns have been raised with Derbyshire County Council regarding the resurfacing works which have been taking place at The Triangle. The following response has been received: There have been some issues with this site and the micro asphalt that has been laid has unfortunately failed. This is something we are aware of and are looking into rectifying the problem as soon as possible.
- Confirmation has been received from the Kilburn, Denby and Horsley Carnival that due to new legislation and a reduction in committee numbers, it has been decided to cancel the carnival which was due to be held on Sunday 9 June 2024.

Resolved: This information is received.

23/159 Correspondence for action

Letter received from Derbyshire County Council – **Proposal:** development of part of the former Midland Railway Ripley Branch Line to construct a 3m wide, 5.6 kilometre long surfaced strategic greenway between Duffield Road, Little Eaton (south) and A609 Rawson Green (north). The route will form part of

23/159 Correspondence for action (continued)

the Key Cycle Network. **Location:** Little Eaton Branch Line Greenway from the village of Little Eaton (south) to the village of Rawson Green (north). Part of the Key Cycle Network.

Resolved: The above information is noted.

The following invoices have been received (after issue of the December Agenda). Permission required for the Clerk to pay the invoices prior to the January meeting.

| Name | Detail | £ |
|-------------------------|---|-----------------|
| C Gregory | Footpaths | 262.50 |
| C Gregory | Grounds maintenance | 2,250.00 |
| Shirland Welfare Band | Christmas concert | 350.00 |
| DM Payroll Services Ltd | Payroll services October 2023 to March 2024 | 60.00 |
| TOTAL | | 2,922.50 |

Resolved: The Clerk is authorised to make the above payments at a cost of £2,922.50.

23/160 Finance

(a) Expenditure – To approve the following payments

December 2023

| Name | Detail | £ |
|----------------------|--|-----------------|
| Parish Clerk | Salary/Expenses | 256.12 |
| K D Greaves | Reimbursement of payment for lamppost poppies | 42.50 |
| R Vallance | Village Green Grass, Flower Bed & Border maintenance | 547.00 |
| P Dickinson | Litter picking | 80.00 |
| Horsley Village Hall | Room Hire | 90.00 |
| PWLB | PWLB repayment | 8,807.62 |
| TOTAL | | 9,823.24 |

Resolved: Payment of the above accounts at a cost of £9,823.24.

b) Receipts for November & December 2023

| Name | Detail | £ |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Derbyshire County Council | S137 grant towards new goal posts | 500.00 |
| Horsley Village Hall | PWLB repayment | 8,807.62 |
| TOTAL | | 9,307.62 |

Resolved: This information is received.

(c) To note Bank Reconciliation November 2023

Resolved: This document is agreed, approved and noted.

(d) Income and Expenditure and Balance Sheet for 6 months accounts 1 April 2023 to 30 September 2023

Resolved: The Parish Council receive, agree and approve the Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet for 6 months accounts 1 April 2023 to 30 September 2023.

23/161 Horsley Recreation Ground

(a) Expenditure – To approve the following payments

December 2023

| Name | Detail | £ |
|-----------------|------------------------|--------------|
| Fox Landscaping | Mowing – Invoice 10420 | 78.78 |
| TOTAL | | 78.78 |

Resolved: Payment of the above accounts at a cost of £78.78.

(b) Receipts for November 2023

| Name | Detail | £ |
|--------------|--------|---------------|
| Bowls Club | Rent | 750.00 |
| TOTAL | | 750.00 |

Resolved: This information is received.

23/162 Planning

PDR/2023/0051 – Horsley Hall, Smalley Mill Road, Horsley, Derby, Derbyshire

Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed forestry agricultural storage building.

COMMENT: Horsley Parish Council wish to make the following comments regarding this application:

1. The Parish Council strongly supports the observations/comments already submitted by local residents.
2. The whole of the land of Horsley Hall (including the field where the proposed building would be built) is in the Horsley Conservation Area.
3. The building of a building such as a storage barn in a Conservation Area would set a precedent for further development. This would have a devastating effect on the landscape.
4. No trees should be felled within the Conservation Area, as to do so would change the landscape forever.
5. There would be a highways issue due to the lack of adequate infrastructure to allow vehicular access to the location.
6. Horsley Hall is a private residence with no farming activity taking place.
7. Noise pollution is also of great concern.

Withdrawn

PDR/2023/0032 – Horsley Park Farm, Sandy Lane, Coxbench, Derby, Derbyshire, DE21 5BJ

Application to determine if prior approval is required for proposed change of use of stone barn to C3 residential dwelling.

23/163 Reports from Representatives

Dog Fouling

Reports of dog fouling have been received in Lower Kilburn. Councillor Pykett to make enquiries for suitable locations for signage to be installed.

Flooding

Councillor S Pykett provided an update on the recent flooding which is still an ongoing concern.

Footpaths

The footpaths are wet and muddy. Councillor Holden to check on the stile by the dog kennels.

Road Signs

Coxbench Road. The flood notice sign is still at the side of the road.

The road sign for Derby Road (underneath the A38 bridge) is still loose and tilted to one side.

23/163 Reports from Representatives (continued)

Trees

An update has been received from the tree inspection at Derbyshire County Council regarding the tree located on Church Street.

Agreed: The Clerk to forward the information to County Councillor T Ainsworth for further investigation.

Village Hall

There are currently vacancies for one or two regular slots, these have been advertised. December has seen quite a few cancellations for parties, mainly illness or change of family circumstances. A sum of £10,000 has been paid off the PWLB, meaning the figure has been reduced from £75,000 to just over £20,000. Emma Crooks is working hard as treasurer and doing an excellent job. There is a new sign outside the hall which will be easier for people to see from the road. Margaret, Cherry Pinion and Jane decorated the hall for Christmas.

Website

Photographs have been updated and the Parish Newsletter will be added as soon as it has been published.

23/164 Items for information (previously circulated by email)

| From | Details |
|--|--|
| Amber Valley CVS | Newsletter & Annual Report |
| Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner for Derbyshire | Have your say on the Policing budget for 2024-25 |
| DALC | December newsletter |

Resolved: This information is received.

23/165 Parish Council Meeting Monday 15 January 2024 at 7.15 pm to be held at Horsley Village Hall