

## Minutes

### Horseheath Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 11 January 2016 at 7:45 p.m. in the Village Hall

Present: Stuart Miller (Chairman), Richard Southwell, Ninian Bickerton, John Miles, Rachel Paintin  
In attendance: Richard Turner (District Councillor), Robert Turner (District Council Planning Committee), Roger Hickford (County Councillor); Bernard Yallop (Parish Clerk), One Parishioner

**1. Apologies for Absence** Anita de Klerk, Denise Lindsell and Andrew Fraser sent their apologies.

### **2. District and County Council Items of Interest**

#### *2.1 District Council*

Richard Turner and Robert Turner talked about the suspension of the local plan until 25 January, extra work on building new houses in the green belt and at Addenbrookes and the reduction of District Councillors from 57 to 45. The Boundary Commission has still to decide on changes to boundaries to even out the electoral representation of councillors to roughly 3,000 per ward. It should all be sorted out by 2018 when concurrent elections will take place for all wards.

Richard described the proposal to hold monthly meetings of district and county councillors on the last Wednesday of the month at different venues to generate information. All parish councils would be invited to send representatives. The first meeting would be Wednesday 24 February in Balsham.

#### *2.2 County Council*

Roger Hickford reported the same on monthly meetings. Instead of district and county councillors coming to parish council meetings, parish councils would be able to send representatives to monthly meetings to discuss their problems. Initially it would be for a trial period of six months.

The Conservative County Councillors have decided to keep the increase of the precept at 1.99%, in the belief that it is still possible to make further efficiency cuts.

He said that the A1307 Report will be finally laid out at a meeting on 29 January at Shire Hall between 13:30 and 15:30. District and county councillors are invited but not parish councillors.

### **3. Approve Minutes of Parish Council Meeting on Monday 9 November 2015**

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 9 November were approved and signed.

### **4. Matters Arising**

*4.1 Bus Shelter Fault Reported to Highways on 15/09/15* Metal Bus Shelter on A1307 close to the allotments at Alington Terrace, Cardinals Green has broken plastic window on side facing Haverhill. Report reference NM-100216.

*4.2 Pathway Fault Reported to Highways on 25/12/15* Pathway that runs from Montfort House to Wingfield in places has become overgrown with grass and weeds and is no longer visible. Also in places hawthorn and blackthorn trees have grown over the pathway so that it is no longer passable. Report reference NM-105976.

*4.3 Kings Stone* In hand.

*4.4 Burial Ground Lay-By* The parish council will consider funding the project if Highways refuses.

### **5. Planning**

#### *5.1 Parish Council*

S/2888/15/FL Proposed ground & first floor side extension with first floor rear balcony at Arbour House, Cardinals Green for Cunningham was approved.

S/2538/15/FL Erection of single storey rear extension and conversion/extension of existing cartlodge to garage/workshop at Cardinals Farm, Cardinals Green for Bruce was approved.

#### *5.2 District Council*

S/2888/15/FL Proposed ground & first floor side extension with first floor rear balcony at Arbour House, Cardinals Green for Cunningham was approved.

### **6. Finance**

#### *6.1 S 106 Agreement and Payment of Public Open Space Contribution*

John Miles proposed a resolution that Horseheath Parish Council agrees to comply with the covenants given in the third schedule of the Section 106 Agreement concerning, Planning Application

S/0200/09/FL, Development of The Stables, Haverhill Road, Horseheath. It was seconded by Ninian Bickerton and passed unanimously. Two councillors now have to sign two copies of the agreement supplied by the District Council. It should be noted that in the terms of this Section 106 Agreement dated 1 June 2012 a public open space contribution of £3,104.38 was payable on that date. The public open space contribution was paid to the District Council on a later date of 13 November 2015. During that time interval the payment was increased by the District Council from £3,104.38 to £3,712.57 by the application of a Building Price Cost Index.

## 6.2 *Lloyds Mandates*

It was agreed to delay the final choice of signatories until the new clerk takes office. The clerk has to be a signatory in order to receive bank statements, not to sign cheques. A cheque needs the signatures of two councillors. Normally it is sufficient to have one spare signature. When the clerk lives outside the village, it is advantageous if signatories are within walking distance of each other as it reduces the number of trips the clerk has to make.

## 6.3 *Receipts* None

6.4 *Payments* The following payments have been made since the last meeting:

Date	Ch No.	Payee	Amount	Remarks
09/11/15	629	West Wickham pc	£12.50	Training Course for Councillors
10/11/15	630	HH Village Com. Assoc.	£1,000.00	S106 Payment, Refurbish Toilet Area
27/11/15	633	Cams Fencing & Forestry	£1,935.00	S106 Payment, Steps and Fencing
30/11/15	631	B Yallop	£480.14	Salary Q3
22/12/15	632	HMRC	£120.20	PAYE Q3
Total			£3,547.84	

6.5 *Account Balances* On 8 December 2015 the balances of the accounts were:-

Petty Cash	£87
Treasurers Account	£8,881
S106 Agreement	£7,334 (£7141 Open Space, £193 Community)
JJMF (Redeemed Government Stock)	£1,307
VSMF (Redeemed government Stock)	£3,886
Village Sign Maintenance Fund Account	£4,400
Burial Ground Access Fund Account #1	£1,141
Burial Ground Access Fund Account #2	£23,177
Total	£50,213

## 6.6 *Precept for 2016 to 2017*

After a short discussion it was agreed to keep the precept the same as it has been for the two previous years. Rachel Paintin proposed that the Precept for 2016 is £10,200. It was seconded by Richard Southwell and passed unanimously.

## 7. **Any Other Business**

7.1 *Date of the APM 2016* It was agreed that the date should be 22 April 2016, which is the penultimate Friday in April, as the last Friday in April coincides with the long weekend with the May Bank Holiday.

7.2 *Speedwatch* Since there were no recruits it was agreed not to proceed with Shudy Camps kind offer of joint ownership of a radar gun.

7.3 *Bulb Order* As reported at the last meeting, Anita said that it will be delayed until the Spring.

8. **Date of Next Meeting** The next meeting will be on Monday, 14 March 2016 starting at 7:45 pm. The meeting ended at 9:45 pm.