

HENSTRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

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Draft minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Henstridge Village Hall Lounge on Monday 2nd April 2012.

Present

Councillors: Adam Temperton (chair), Dave Nicholls, Carolyn Nicholls, Caroline Rowland, Jim Fitch, Geoff Jarvis, Jean Oswick, Paul Brighten, Paul White, Peter Crocker, Simon Cullum and Sue Place

Clerk: Zoe Godden

There were 0 members of the public in attendance for the beginning of the meeting

The meeting began at 19:00

1. Apologies and to approve reasons for apology as seen fit.

No apologies had been received.

2. Declarations of Interest.

No declarations of interest were made.

3. To approve as a correct record the minutes of the previous planning meetings held on 09/01/12 and 19/03/12 and the parish council meeting held on 05/03/12.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed to accept the minutes of the planning meetings held on 09/01/12 and 19/03/12 and the parish council meeting held on 05/03/12 without amendment.

4. To consider the following planning applications:

a	12/00978/LBC	Reinstatement of original opening on rear elevation and provision of timber doors (Copse House Barn).	Mr J Bourne, Copse House, Landshire Lane, Henstridge. DT10 2SB
The application was discussed.			
RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed that the parish council supports this application.			
b	12/00959/FUL	The carrying out of alterations and erection of an extension (revised scheme).	Mrs Beth Aggett, Orchard House, Marsh Lane, Henstridge. BA8 0TQ
The application was discussed. Sue Place had been to see the property and could see no problems.			
RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed to support the application.			

5. Recent SSDC Area East planning decisions.

There were no recent decisions to consider.

6. Report of planning appeals received for consideration at future meetings.

There were no appeals to consider.

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7. Matters of report from previous planning applications.

- a) To consider the following application, having received further information from the planning department.

12/00346/FUL	Erection of a timber fence to side of property (retrospective)	1 Brookland Way, Henstridge BA8 0QR
<p>It was noted that there have been no objections from the Highways department. The council also noted that the deeds to properties in this development restrict the erection of fences to the front of properties. However, the fence has been erected at the side in this case.</p> <p>PROPOSAL – That the parish council supports this application.</p> <p>Votes for – 4 Votes against – 4 Abstentions – 3 The chairman chose not to use his casting vote.</p> <p>RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed that the parish council is divided on this matter.</p>		

8. Matters deferred and arising from previous meetings:

- a) To hear a report from Sue Place on the Area East Community Safety Action Panel that took place on 20/03/12.

Sue Place reported the following:

The purpose of this panel was to determine a format for the future, as, due to cuts in funding, the current format is not able to continue. After some deliberation, it was decided to trial two network meetings per year in January and July called Community Forums. There would be a guest speaker and these forums would possibly take place at different locations around the area. SSDC would be able to fund this format. Extra meetings would be organised to address particular issues that are highlighted. This format can be accommodated within the available budget. The interests of the panel are to be communicated to the candidates for the new commissioner post. The panel's priorities will continue to be liaison with the new Police and Crime Commissioner (when appointed), effective work with social landlords, local youth opportunities and parenting support, road safety, antisocial behaviour, watch schemes and neighbourhood policing. There has been a reduction in crime but also in detection rates. It is important that the council is aware of the dates of the new meetings.

9. Correspondence

02/03/12	Esther Crockford, Henstridge	Email requesting the relocation of the seat in the playground; to discuss the matter and decide any further action to be taken.
<p>The matter was discussed. The clerk informed the council that she had spoken to George Edwards who has said it would be almost impossible to move the bench due to the depth of its foundations.</p> <p>RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed that the clerk should investigate the possibility of erecting a shelter over the bench.</p>		
03/03/12	St Nicholas School Council	Letter thanking the parish council for their donation.
<p>The council noted the receipt of the letter.</p>		

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06/03/12	Martin Woods, Planning Policy Team, South Somerset District Council	Information on the proposed introduction of a Community Infrastructure Levy on new builds and large extensions (over 100 square meters). To agree any comments the council wishes to make in respect of the preliminary draft; to agree a councillor to submit the comments.
<p>This matter was discussed at length. Councillors were in agreement that introduction of CIL would be detrimental to moving communities forward and would dissuade developers from investing in rural communities.</p> <p>Details of the CIL were discussed. Councillors clarified that the CIL will be a statutory charge that equates to 25% of the cost of new builds and extensions per square meter. It is a uniform policy but districts can set their own charges. The new levy would apply to all new residential buildings, retail buildings over 2,500 sq meters (or resulting in a store in excess of this) and to extensions over 100 sq meters and would represent an additional cost on top of the current charges for planning advice, application fees etc. Councillors considered that, based on the size of an average house, the extra fees payable by the developer would run to tens of thousands of pounds. The consultation papers state that social housing and developments for charitable use will receive full relief from CIL charges.</p> <p>The parish council was very strongly opposed to the introduction of the CIL for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The charges are excessively high and will dissuade developers from investing in rural communities. • The differences in charges for rural areas and Yeovil and Chard make the planning process undemocratic. • Planning applications in rural and urban areas have to meet the same criteria, so to charge more in rural areas is extremely unjust and represents the introduction of a two-tier system where previously none existed. • The lack of information regarding levels of the CIL that will be passed back to parishes lead the council to assert their fear that little or no benefit would be derived by parishes and to speculate that the funds raised would be retained by SSDC to do with as they pleased. • The CIL has not been publicised adequately by SSDC to the wider community, meaning that many interested parties would not have adequate opportunity to contribute to this consultation. <p>RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed that the clerk summarises the above and submits this to the consultation; that the clerk copies this summary to the relevant ward members and ask them to represent the parish council's views on this matter in the strongest possible terms; that the clerk requests the right to send parish council representatives to Area East committee to express parish council views.</p>		
08/03/12	Oliver Foster-Burnell, Area Organiser, UNISON South West	Invitation to "The County Plan" Conference on Friday 27 April to debate the implications of the Somerset County Plan. To decide a councillor to attend.
<p>The chair cautioned councillors that attending this event could prejudice them, as UNISON, the event's organiser, is a political organisation.</p> <p>RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed that no one will attend on behalf of the parish council.</p>		
13/03/12	Bridget Hallett, Parochial Church Council	Letter thanking the council for their donation towards fireworks at their planned jubilee celebrations.
<p>The council noted the receipt of the letter.</p>		

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15/03/12	Ric Pallister, Leader of the South Somerset District Council	To inform the council that the new SSDC Council Plan has been received.
The council noted the receipt of the SSDC Council Plan. The two copies were given out to Sue Place and Carolyn Nichols.		
19/03/12	Compass Disability Services	To inform the council that the clerk's contact details have been entered onto the CDS website
The council noted this point.		

10. Council Matters

a. To receive a visit/report from a local police representative.

Adam Temperton reported that the PCSO is on annual leave. He informed the council that there has been a major break-in at premises in Marsh Lane in which chainsaws and other related items were stolen.

b. PROPOSAL FROM GEOFF JARVIS – To discuss and understand the change in SSDC's scheme of delegation in respect of planning applications and the implications to the parish council and to decide any action to be taken.

Geoff Jarvis reported that the clerk was waiting for the relevant documentation to be sent by SSDC.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed to defer this matter to the next meeting.

c. To discuss any outstanding highways issues or highways matters which Councillors wish to raise and agree any actions arising.

The following highways problems were reported:

- Blocked drains near the Virginia Ash, Oak Vale Woodland and on both sides of the road near the village hall.
- Finger post still missing from near the Virginia Ash.
- The white lines at Townsend have not yet been repainted.

RESOLVED: The clerk is to write to Highways to express the council's dissatisfaction with its drain-clearing programme and to report the other highways issues.

d. Playground Inspection reports. To receive an update on the progress of repairs to the playground equipment; to hear an update on progress with the zip wire; to decide any further action to be taken.

The clerk reported that repairs to the toddler unit and the wet pour in the see-saw area have been carried out.

The clerk further reported that the new zip-wire failed its post installation inspection. She confirmed that Henstridge Youth Facilities are still insuring it and that all moving parts have been removed to prevent anyone using it.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed that the clerk should forward a copy of the post installation report to Henstridge Youth Facilities and advise them to contact the manufacturer of the zip-wire equipment so they can determine how to make the equipment comply with standard EN1176.

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- e. To receive reports from Representatives (VHMC, HALT, Footpaths, Other) and provide guidance as appropriate.

VHMC – The AGM was scheduled for 14 May but this is not now possible. A new date has yet to be set.

11. Finance

- a. To consider a grant request from Crimestoppers; to agree an amount to donate.

The council discussed the matter.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed not to make a donation.

- b. To consider prices for a replacement bin in the playground; to agree which supplier to choose.

The clerk summarised the quotes she had obtained. The council discussed the matter.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed to accept the quote from Direct Hygiene Supplies and to instruct George Edwards to install the new bin on arrival.

- c. PROPOSAL FROM ADAM TEMPERTON – That the council purchases a year's worth of first class postage stamps before the upcoming price increase in order to save £42.00; to agree to sign a cheque for this purpose in addition to those listed below.

The council discussed the matter.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed that an additional cheque for £138.00 should be made out to Post Office Limited and that the clerk should use this to purchase 300 first class stamps before the prices rise on 30 April.

- d. To approve the cashbook and bank account reconciliation for February 2012 and March 2012 as presented.

RESOLVED: The Cash Book and Bank Reconciliation for February and March 2012 as verified by Dave Nichols were approved and signed by the Chair.

- e. To agree and approve transfers of funds between Parish Council accounts as presented.

The clerk informed the council that the following transfers had taken place:

Day to day expenses	Transfer from deposit to current	£3,000.00
Playground repairs, payment number 24	Transfer from project to deposit	£425.00
Oak Vale Legal costs, payment number 111	Transfer from project to deposit	£568.40
Oak Vale searches, payment number 98	Transfer from project to deposit	£166.50
Legal costs re damaged trees at recreation ground, payment number 76	Transfer from project to deposit	£180.00
Village Hall insurance, payment number 41	Transfer from project to deposit	£950.21
Clerk's conference fees, payment number 83	Transfer from project to deposit	£78.00
2010/11 underspend	Transfer from deposit to project	£1,897.42

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed to approve these transfers.

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f. To approve the following accounts for payment and two signatories for cheques:-

Madasafish	Phone and Internet Services (24.02.12 to 23.03.12)	£33.33
Royal Mail	Redirection renewal	£27.20
Community Council for Somerset	Subscription renewal	£35.00
SALC	Fee for Accounts Workshop (clerk course)	£20.00
T J Young	Repair to mower	£166.84
George Edwards	Wages March 2012	£67.89
Terry Pulling	Wages March 2012	£28.29
Zöe Godden	Wages March 2012	£556.21
HMRC	Tax and NICs	£40.63
Zöe Godden	Mileage claim	£35.10
Digley Associates	Annual inspection – Play area & Post installation inspection – zip wire	£240.00

The cheque values were verified against the invoices presented by Caroline Nichols and the invoices signed as a correct match.

RESOLVED: The above accounts were approved for payment and Adam Temperton and Dave Nicholls agreed as signatories.

g. Income

Appleby and Childs	Allotment fee (8)	£15.00
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The clerk reported that she had made an error in this section of the agenda. The income received was from Appleby and Childs and was for the sum of £51.72 for the installation of a kerb to join two grave plots.

The meeting ended at 19:57

Date of Next meeting – The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Monday 14th May 2012**. All items for inclusion on the agenda and all items to be listed under issues arising from previous meetings must be received by the Clerk by 9.00am on Thursday 3rd May.



Zöe Godden
Parish Clerk