

HENSTRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

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Draft minutes of a meeting of Henstridge Parish Council at Henstridge Village Hall on Monday 4th January 2016 from 7.30pm.

Present: David Nichols (Chair), Ken Courtenay, Dennis Finch, John Graham, Richard Kaskow, Carolyn Nichols, Barry Paginton and Sue Place.

Clerk: Zöe Godden

3 members of the public were present at the start of the meeting.

1. To receive any apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from Simon Cullum, Jean Oswick, Michael Petheram and William Wallace.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed to accept the reasons for absence as reported.

2. To receive any declarations of interest in items on the agenda

There were no declarations of interest.

3. To approve as a correct record the minutes of the previous meeting held on 7th December 2015.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed to approve the minutes without amendment.

It was **agreed** to take item 4c at this point in the meeting.

4c)	15/01500/FUL (Additional information) See 2015	Residential development, erection of 20 dwelling houses with associated roads and parking.	Mr David Matthews Halsall Homes Land at Furge Lane, Henstridge BA8 0RS
<p>Members expressed their deep disappointment that the developer had ignored the majority of the Parish Council's suggestions for improvements to the scheme, which would benefit everybody concerned.</p> <p>It was felt that the design fell far short of the requirements set out in the Village Design Statement.</p> <p>The Clerk was instructed to arrange a site meeting with the Planning Officer, Adrian Noon, to endeavour to ensure that the inputs provided by the Parish Council would form the basis of his report to the Area East Planning Committee.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action 160104/1: Parish Clerk</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> It was proposed and agreed to recommend refusal of this application because the new information provided does not address the problems identified by the Parish Council and local residents.</p> <p>The Parish Council also agreed to re-submit their previous report detailing how the development could be improved to meet the needs of the parish and current and new residents, and also to ensure that the design is in keeping with the historic style of the</p>			

village, as described in the Village Design Statement.

The Clerk was further instructed to relay the deep disappointment felt by the Parish Council and local residents, who have worked extremely hard to find means to improve the development and to make it acceptable. The Parish Council feels that the developer has failed to engage with the community despite the production of many pages of useful pointers for improvement.

19:50 - 3 members of the public left the meeting

4. To consider the following planning applications:

	Application number	Proposal	Applicant details
a)	15/05327/FUL	Erection of an outbuilding used for dog grooming with raised platform and parking area (Retrospective).	Mrs Debbie Warmes, 2 Yenston Hill, Henstridge. BA8 0NA
RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed that the Parish Council recommends approval of this application, subject to any Highways requirements being met.			
b)	15/05599/FUL	Erection of building to cover existing livestock yard	Mr Giles Simpson, Manor Farm, High Street, Yenston. BA8 0NF
RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed to recommend approval of this application.			
c)	15/01500/FUL (Additional information) See 2015	Residential development, erection of 20 dwelling houses with associated roads and parking.	Mr David Matthews Halsall Homes Land at Furge Lane, Henstridge BA8 0RS
Dealt with before 4a above.			
d)	15/05622/LBC & 15/05616/FUL	To extend an existing low natural stone boundary wall.	Mrs C Etherington, Old Bakery, Shaftesbury Road, Henstridge. BA8 0PP
RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed to recommend approval of this application.			
e)	15/05533/COL	Application for a Certificate of Lawfulness for the existing use of bungalow (C3)	Mr & Mrs R Jenkins, Bungalow at Bow Bridge Works, The Marsh, Camp Road, Henstridge.
RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed to recommend approval of this application.			

5. Recent SSDC Area East planning decisions:

	Application number	Proposal	Applicant details	Current status
a)	15/04050/FUL	Erection of a storage building	Mr R Jenkins, Bow Bridge Works, The Marsh, Camp Road, Henstridge. BA8 0TF	Granted with conditions
b)	15/04220/FUL	Erection of 1 x 2 bed and 1 x 3 bed bungalows of traditional build and appearance on land adjacent to Deneside	Mr Mark Warren Deneside, Shaftesbury Road Henstridge BA8 0PR	Granted with conditions
c)	15/04497/FUL	The siting of a replacement container for use as general storage	Henstridge Village Hall Management Committee, Ash Walk, Henstridge, BA8 0QB	Granted with conditions
d)	15/04888/FUL	Siting of a mobile home to provide drivers accommodation and retention of 2 No. portakabins (Part Retrospective)	Mr Simon Wilcox, Wessex Grain Ltd, The Marsh, Camp Road, Henstridge.	Granted with conditions

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e)	15/04955/FUL	Erection of extension and demolition of substandard outbuilding	Mr Michael Smith, Endicott, Vale Street, Henstridge. BA8 0SQ	Granted with conditions
f)	15/05059/FUL	Conversion of redundant agricultural building into ancillary accommodation.	Mrs M Dyer, The Laurels, Whitchurch Lane, Henstridge. BA8 0PA	Withdrawn

Noted.

6. Reports

a) To receive any Police matters

There were no Police matters to report and no Police representative attended.

b) To receive County and District Councillor reports

William Wallace had asked the Clerk to report that he had been able to secure a grant for the new Youth Club from his Health and Wellbeing fund.

c) To receive a report on the work of the Open Spaces Committee.

Simon Cullum has asked the Clerk to report that there had been no activity over December.

7. Matters deferred and arising from previous meetings:

a) To agree to co-opt a new member of the Parish Council to fill the one vacancy.

There had been no applicants, so the matter was **deferred** to the next meeting. The Clerk was instructed to continue to advertise the vacancy as widely as possible.

Action 160104/2: Parish Clerk

8. Correspondence

a)	09/12/15	Dave Grabham, Traffic Engineer, Somerset County Council	To note the proposed Speed Indicator Device dates for 2016.
<p>The proposed SID installation dates were as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Henstridge (A30) - weeks commencing 11th January and the 30th May 2016. • Henstridge (A357 Stalbridge Road near Townsend Farm) – weeks commencing 25th January and the 13th June 2016. • Henstridge (A357 near the Bird in Hand public house) – week commencing 11th January 2016 			
Noted.			
b)	10/12/15	South Somerset Together	Invitation to attend the next South Somerset Together Assembly on the topic of Welfare Reform, taking place on 17 th March from 9.00 to 13.00; to agree a member to attend.
Sue Place said that she was already attending and would report back to the Parish Council.			
c)	15/12/15	Somerset County Council	Invitation to take part in a consultation relating to School Admission arrangements; to agree a member to take part.

Sue Place agreed to take part in the consultation on behalf of the Parish Council.			
d)	17/12/15	Somerset County Council	Invitation to take part in a consultation relating to the Future of Hubs and Libraries; to agree a member to take part.
The Clerk was instructed to complete the consultation on behalf of the council. Action 160104/3: Parish Clerk			

9. Council Matters

- a. To agree that the Clerk can attend a SALC Allotment Workshop on 19th January at a cost of £30.00.**

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed that the Clerk could attend the workshop as requested.

- b. To agree that the Clerk can work with St Nicholas School to arrange a public meeting to promote the Community Speed Watch scheme; to agree any further action to be taken.**

It was **agreed** that the Clerk can work with St Nicholas School to promote the Community Speed Watch scheme.

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

The Clerk was instructed to report a pothole on the A30, west of the Camp Road entrance.

Action 160104/4: Parish Clerk

David Nichols reported that he, Jean Oswick and the Clerk had met with Highways Officers at County Hall to discuss taking forward the project for extending the footway from Landshire Lane northwards along Stalbridge Road. David and Jean presented Richard Kaskow's ideas for achieving the footway at a much reduced cost from that presented originally by the County Council. The Clerk was instructed to contact the relevant landowners to explain the new plan and to ask for their permission for it to be implemented on their land.

Action 160104/5: Parish Clerk

John Graham reported that one of the Perspex panes in the adopted phone box in Yenston had been broken. He and David Nichols agreed to make the necessary repairs.

Action 160104/6: John Graham and David Nichols

- d. To hear any matters arising from playground inspection reports.**

The Clerk reported that George Edwards had been asked to cut the grass in the Play Area.

- e. To receive reports from representatives (VHMC, Allotments, Community Speed Watch, Tree Warden, Other) and provide guidance as appropriate**

John Graham reported that the Village Hall had had a defibrillator installed recently which had been funded from local donations. Familiarisation courses would be run towards the end of January.

10. Finance

- a. **To note receipt of a letter detailing an increase in the charge to be levied by SSDC on Henstridge parishioners for the upkeep of the closed churchyard from £18,000 per year to £31,792.80 per year; to agree any further action to be taken.**

The Clerk reported that she had made an error in the agenda and that these sums covered churchyard maintenance for a five year period. The Clerk was instructed to refer this matter to the Open Spaces Committee, asking if the work could be devolved from SSDC to the Parish Council.

Action 160104/7: Parish Clerk

- b. **Budget and Precept 2016/17: To receive a report from the Clerk on the Council's budget for 2016/17 and to agree the precept for 2016/17.**

RESOLVED: It was proposed and unanimously agreed to accept the budget as presented and to agree to a precept request of £34,463.

- c. **To approve the cashbook and bank account reconciliation for December 2015 as presented.**

RESOLVED: The Cash Book and Bank Reconciliation for December 2015 as verified by Carolyn Nichols were approved and signed by the Chair.

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

Plusnet	Broadband for Village Hall	£34.20
Mrs de Villiers	Pool table for Youth Club	£26.00
Mrs Pike	2nd hand Wii & accessories for Youth Club	£40.00
Ms G Clamp	2nd hand air hockey table for Youth Club	£25.00
Ms M Mewett	Inflatable chair pump for Youth Club	£59.97
The Great Outdoor Gym Company	Supply & installation of outdoor gym equipment	£22,176.80
Henstridge Village Hall	Hire of hall January to June 2015	£114.00
Lightatouch Internal Audit Services	Half year internal audit plus financial risk assessment	£225.00
Stalbridge Building Supplies Ltd	2 x bags Cornish Granite for War Memorial	£15.02
George Edwards	Salary - December 2015	£69.71
Terry Pulling	Salary - December 2015	£29.04
Zöe Godden	Salary & expenses - December 2015	£1,103.31
HMRC	Tax & NICs - December 2015	£150.45
Henstridge Village Hall	Grant towards new container	£450.00

All the cheque values were verified against the invoices presented by Sue Place and the invoices signed as a correct match.

RESOLVED: The above accounts were approved for payment, except for the payment to The Outdoor Gym Company, and Ken Courtenay and Dave Nichols agreed as signatories. Due to insufficient rubber matting being installed at the new outdoor gym, it was unanimously agreed that the Clerk would withhold £2176.80 until this matter could be resolved.

11. **Date of Next meeting** – The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Monday 1st February 2016**. 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 21st January.

The meeting ended at 20:39.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Zoe Godden', written in a cursive style.

**Zoe Godden
Parish Clerk**