

# HENSTRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

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## Approved minutes of a meeting of Henstridge Parish Council held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2017

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**Present:** David Nichols (Chair), Howard Bentley-Marchant, Ken Courtenay, Simon Cullum, John Graham, Carolyn Nichols, Jean Oswick, Barry Paginton and Michael Player.

**Also present:** District Councillor Hayward Burt and County & District Councillor William Wallace.

**Clerk:** Zöe Godden

There were 21 members of the public present at the start of the meeting

The meeting started at 19:32

### **Public Open Session.**

Members of the public raised concerns about the recently received proposal for 130 dwellings at land off Woodhayes Way. Issues raised were recorded by the Clerk.

**19:37** – Two members of the public arrived at the meeting.

**19:52** – 17 members of the public left the meeting.

#### **1. Apologies for absence.**

Apologies had been received from Dennis Finch and Sue Place.

**RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed to approve the reasons for absence as presented.**

#### **2. Declarations of interest.**

There were no declarations of interest.

#### **3. To approve as a correct record the minutes of the previous meeting held on 05/06/17.**

**RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed to approve the minutes as presented.**

#### **4. Reports**

##### **a) To receive any Police matters.**

PCSO John Winfield was not able to attend the meeting but had spoken with the Clerk. The only issue was that two vehicles had been left in the Village Hall car park for several days, on two separate occasions. Both cars had eventually been removed. PCSO Winfield had asked if the Council had considered locking the car park gate at nights to prevent this happening. The Council did not feel they wanted to do this but would monitor the situation.

##### **b) To receive County and District Councillor reports.**

**County & District Councillor William Wallace** reported that the new four-year term for County Councillors had started and that savings of several million pounds needed to be made at County level. William informed members that he was the new Chairman of Somerset County Council and that his main objective in that role was to have cohesive debate and consensus between the different political parties.

William noted that there had been a road traffic accident on the A30, at the blind summit near Vale Motors and asked members if they had any ideas for preventing future accidents at this point. Michael Player suggested the application of double solid white lines at the centre of the

road, blind summit signs and “SLOW” to be painted on the road leading up to the blind summit.

**District Councillor Hayward Burt** said that he would be monitoring the situation with the Gladman proposal and would keep the Council informed of any new information. Hayward also noted that there was no new information on the closure of the GP surgery in Stalbridge.

**5. To consider the following planning applications:**

	<b>Application number</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Applicant details</b>
a)	17/02384/FUL	Erect agricultural barn with farm office	Mr Oliver Tant, Copse Farm, Landshire Lane (West), Henstridge. DT10 2SB
<p>There was some discussion about the comments from SSDCs Landscape Architect in relation to the proposed location of the barn being some distance from the farmstead.</p> <p><b>20:05</b> – One member of the public entered the meeting.</p> <p>It was <b>proposed</b> that the Council should agree with SSDC’s Landscape Architect and recommend refusal of the application because of the distance between the proposed barn and the farmstead.  <b>Two votes for; four votes against; two abstentions.</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed that the Parish Council supports this application. Three votes for, two votes against, two abstentions.</b></p>			
b)	17/02300/FUL	Erection of orangery/summer house building	Mr Oliver Tant, Copse Farm, Landshire Lane (West), Henstridge. DT10 2SB
<p><b>RESOLVED: It was proposed and unanimously agreed that the Parish Council recommends approval of this application.</b></p>			

**6. Other Planning matters:**

- a) To note receipt of information from Gladman Developments regarding a proposed residential development on land west of Stalbridge Road and various comments from members of the public.

**Noted.**

- b) To consider a **PROPOSAL** from David Nichols that members of the Parish Council are nominated to meet with Gladman Developments to hear any further information on the proposal, to share residents’ concerns and to highlight relevant issues and to agree that no decisions or agreements of any kind would be made and all information would be reported at the next available Parish Council meeting.

**RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed that the Council would invite Gladman Developments to attend a public consultation meeting in Henstridge to be held in the Village Hall.**

***Action 170703/1: Parish Clerk***

**7. Matters deferred and arising from previous meetings:**

- a) To elect one additional member of the Personnel Committee and receive a declaration of acceptance of office.

**20:23** – William Wallace left the meeting.

Jean Oswick was nominated and seconded. No other nominations were made.

**RESOLVED: It was proposed and unanimously agreed that Jean Oswick be elected as member of the Personnel Committee and the declaration of acceptance of office was signed accordingly.**

- b) To agree how the Council would like to mark the opening of the White Hart Link on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

**RESOLVED:** It was proposed and agreed that the Council would provide tea and refreshments on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September only. The Clerk was instructed to ask PPLO Ron Valentine to be involved.

**Action 170703/2: Parish Clerk**

- c) To note that Stalbridge Town Council will be considering the Council's request for a meeting to discuss highways and other matters of joint concern at their meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> July.

**Noted.**

### 8. Correspondence

a)	13/06/2017	Andrea Pellegram, Planning Local	To consider subscribing to Planning Local, a Membership website that provides advice and support to Local Councils about planning issues, at a cost of £100 per year.
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**RESOLVED:** It was proposed and unanimously agreed to subscribe to this service for one year.

**Action 170703/3: Parish Clerk**

### 9. Council Matters

- a) To consider quotes for the conveyancing work required in order to sell Common Lane Field.

**RESOLVED:** It was proposed and agreed to accept the quote from David Sanders & Co.

**Action 170703/4: Parish Clerk**

- b) To note that a price has been obtained for Village Gateways and to consider how to consult the Parish to determine if these would be supported.

The Clerk was instructed to ask the contractor to make a site visit and provide a quote.

**Action 170703/5: Parish Clerk**

- c) To hear an update from Simon Cullum on the Picnic in the Park event to be held on 12<sup>th</sup> August and to agree members to help organise the event and to help on the day.

Simon Cullum summarised progress to date and asked members if they would be available to help run the event on the day. Simon went on to say that sponsorship from individuals and local businesses was needed.

- d) To hear an information on how to proceed with a Housing Needs Survey and agree further action to be taken.

The Clerk summarised the findings from a meeting between Tim Cook, Neighbourhood Development Communities & Team Lead (SSDC), David Nichols and Sue Place.

It was **agreed** to go ahead with the Housing Needs Survey. The Clerk was instructed to forward a copy of the survey to all members and to ask for ideas for additional questions to be included with the survey.

**Action 170703/6: Parish Clerk**

- e) To discuss any outstanding highways issues or highways matters which councillors wish to raise, including recently received SID results, and agree any actions arising.

Jean Oswick noted that the SID results recently gathered from the device at Townsend on the A357 showed that many vehicles were speeding in this area. Michael Player confirmed that the next Community Speedwatch session would be targeting this area.

- f) To hear any matters arising from playground inspection reports. There were no matter arising.

- g) To receive reports from representatives (VHMC, HALT, Footpaths, Tree Warden, CSW, Other) and provide guidance as appropriate

VHMC – Carolyn Nichols reported that one member of the committee had resigned so new members were being sought.

#### 10. Finance

- a) To consider the reformatted list of earmarked reserves and approve any changes required.

**RESOLVED:** It was proposed and agreed to approve the earmarked reserves as presented.

- b) To consider a request for a grant of £600 from Dorset Diggers in respect of the Yenston Priory project.

**RESOLVED:** It was proposed and agreed to grant £600 in three instalments, with £200 being made available straight away and the two subsequent instalments being made available when requested. The Clerk was instructed to ask for regular feedback to be made on the project's progress via Ken Courtenay, the Council's representative to the project.

*Action 170703/7: Parish Clerk*

- c) To consider a request for a grant from St Nicholas Primary School – details not received at time of publishing agenda.

**RESOLVED:** It was proposed and agreed to award £1000 towards the cost of employing a School Crossing Patrol person, as per the grant application form.

*Action 170703/8: Parish Clerk*

- d) To consider quotes for Parish Council insurance.

It was **agreed** to defer this matter as the third quote had not been received.

- e) To approve the cashbook and bank account reconciliation for June 2017 as presented.

**RESOLVED:** The Cash Book and Bank Reconciliation for June 2017, as verified by Carolyn Nichols, was approved and signed by the Chair.

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

Minute ref	Supplier/Contractor	Narrative	Amount
11f) 04/07/16	bOnline	Village Hall broadband May 2017	£25.67
11b) 04/07/16	NEST	Pension payments July 2017	£20.03
	Staff	Salaries June 2017	£1,053.10
	Staff	Salary June 2017	£32.10
	Staff	Expenses June 2017	£138.25
	Women's Institute	Provision of refreshments at Annual Parish Meeting	£50.00
	Ring Street Filling Station	Fuel for mowers	£25.00
	SSDC	Perimeter track and patio - 1st invoice	£69,050.52
	HMRC	Tax & NICs June 2017	£207.50

It was **agreed** not to approve the payment to SSDC for the perimeter track and patio as the Clerk reported that grant providers may pay SSDC directly. This matter would be brought to the next meeting.

All the cheque values were verified against the invoices presented by John Graham, and the invoices signed as a correct match.

**RESOLVED: The above accounts were approved for payment and David Nichols and Jean Oswick agreed as signatories.**

**11. Date of Next meeting** –The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2017**. 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 27<sup>th</sup> July.

**The meeting ended at 21:06**

**Agreed and signed by the Chair** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_