

HENSTRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

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Approved minutes of a meeting of Henstridge Parish Council held on Monday 8th January 2018

Present: David Nichols (Chair), Ken Courtenay, Peter Crocker, Dennis Finch, John Graham, Carolyn Nichols, Barry Paginton, Bruce Pike, Sue Place and Michael Player.

Also present: District and County Councillor William Wallace.

Clerk: Zöe Godden

There were 4 members of the public present at the start of the meeting

The Public Session began at 19:32

Members of the public spoke about the upcoming Area East meeting and received advice from William Wallace.

The meeting began at 19:51

1. Apologies for absence.

Apologies had been received from Howard Bentley-Marchant, District Councillor Hayward Burt, Simon Cullum, Jean Oswick and PCSO John Winfield.

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

2. Declarations of interest.

Carolyn Nichols and David Nichols declared disclosable pecuniary interests in item 11b as there were payments for each of them in the list.

19:52 – One member of the public left the meeting

3. To approve as a correct record the minutes of the previous meeting held on 04/12/17.

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

4. Reports

a) To receive any Police matters.

PCSO John Winfield had contacted the Clerk to say that there had been problems with flooding in Furge Lane during a recent period of wet weather. Also, ditches in Park Lane and Whitechurch Lane needed to be cleared as they were causing flooding at various points along these roads. In addition, road edge erosion was a problem in Park Lane.

The Clerk reported that she had cleared a culvert at the top of Furge Lane on 4th January with the help of a resident but that flooding was mainly caused by collapsed drains in Furge Lane. The Clerk was instructed to report the problems in Park Lane and Whitechurch Lane again.

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Peter Crocker noted that drains had still not been cleared in the Parish, despite receipt of an email from County Highways saying that the clearance work had been carried out. Peter agreed to take photos of some of the drains in question and forward them to the Clerk, who would share them with County Highways and ask for the work to be completed.

Action Peter Crocker & Parish Clerk: 180108/2

b) To receive County and District Councillor reports.
District and County Councillor William Wallace had nothing to report.

5. To consider the following planning application:

	Application number	Proposal	Applicant details
a)	17/04672/FUL	Change of use of land to form storage compound, formation of access and erection of fencing (revised application to 16/03972/FUL) (part retrospective)	Mr James Day, Land off The Marsh, Camp Road, Henstridge.
RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed that the Parish Council supports this application.			
b)	17/04766/FUL	Recreational use of land to include retention of 9 hole golf course, driving range, clubhouse, access and parking areas, extend parking area, construct decking, provision of moveable structures including service yard containers, shower/toilet block , creation of pond, use of existing pond for coarse fishing and use of land for touring caravan park for a maximum of 60 no. pitches.	Henstridge Golf and Leisure, Marsh Lane, Henstridge. BA8 0TG
RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed that the Parish Council recommends refusal of this application on the grounds that there is insufficient information about drainage and effluent disposal and that the shower and toilet facilities are not adequate for the number of pitches proposed.			

6. Recent SSDC Area East planning decisions:

	Application number	Proposal	Applicant details	Current status
a)	15/04069/FUL	The continued use of Henstridge Airfield for both recreational and business use subject to conditions and a 106 Agreement to cover that which cannot be lawfully conditioned against.	Losan Ltd, Mr G Jarvis, Henstridge Airfield, The Marsh, Camp Road, Henstridge	Granted with conditions
b)	17/04002/FUL	Erection of an extension to rear of property (resubmission 17/02372/FUL)	Mr Robert Kearley, Foxbury, Vale Street, Henstridge. BA8 0SQ	Granted with conditions
c)	17/04319/FUL	Formation of vehicular access and car parking	Mr Tim Le Mesurier, Greenbest Ltd, Unit 2, The Marsh, Camp Road, Henstridge	Granted with conditions
d)	17/04431/FUL	Demolish existing building and the erection of new building to be used as hobbies room/garden store/office/studio and garage	Mr Wayne Milkins, Bridge House, 2, Shaftesbury Road, Henstridge. BA8 0PT	Granted with conditions

Noted.

William Wallace confirmed that the content of the S106 agreement relating to application 15/04069/FUL had been agreed between Area East and the applicant.

7. Other planning matters:

To note that planning application 17/03029/OUT will be considered at the Area East meeting on Wednesday 10th January; to agree a member(s) to attend on behalf of the Parish Council; to agree the points the Parish Council wishes to raise with Area East; to consider liaising with the A357 group to ensure that all points are covered at the Area East meeting.

Michael Player, Sue Place and the Clerk volunteered to attend. William Wallace said he would ask Howard Bentley-Marchant to attend too.

The points to raise were as follows:

- The harm caused by the proposal outweighed the benefits.
- The cumulative impact of this and other developments on the A357 had not been taken into account.

- No travel plan has been provided by the developer and no condition has been added to make this a requirement.
- The footway proposed within the site would not help residents to reach village facilities because there was no adequate footway for much of the route outside the site.
- The proposal would skew Local Plan Policies SS1 and SS5 by causing Henstridge, a rural settlement, to take more development than all but one of the rural centres in the tier above.
- Rural settlements combined had already exceeded their annualised targets for 2017.
- It was unreasonable for Henstridge to take a disproportionate housing development for the sole reason of addressing SSDC's lack of a five year housing land supply.
- The development was contrary to the Village Design Statement and the Parish Plan.
- Although the developer had consulted residents, the Planning Officer's report did not highlight the fact that the majority of residents were against the development.
- The development did not meet any of the three criteria in Local Plan Policy SS2.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed that Howard Bentley-Marchant, Michael Player, Sue Place and the Clerk would represent the Parish Council at the Area East meeting on 10th January and that the above points would be made on behalf of the Parish Council. The Clerk was instructed to liaise with the A357 group, William Wallace and the Parish Council representatives.

Action Howard Bentley-Marchant, Michael Player, Sue Place & Parish Clerk: 180108/3

8. Matters deferred and arising from previous meetings:

- a) To note a response from Dorset County Council's Traveller Liaison Officer regarding the Five Bridges site and agree any further action to be taken.

Noted. The Clerk was instructed to reply to inform Dorset County Council that the number of vehicles in the layby had increased and to ask when eviction would take place.

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- b) To hear information from SSDC regarding the possible exclusion of dogs from the burial ground and agree any further action to be taken.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed that the Clerk should liaise with SSDC to implement a Public Space Protection Order at the burial ground and to find out if the dog waste bin located in the closed churchyard area could be relocated to the top of St Nicholas Path.

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9. Correspondence

a)	05/12/17	Sue Mountstevens, Avon & Somerset Police & Crime Commissioner	To note receipt of a response to the Clerk's letter regarding the PCSO role.
Noted.			
b)	06/12/17	Somerset County Council	To note that SCC will no longer be operating the Speed Indicator Device scheme from March 2018; to discuss options and agree any further action to be taken.
<p>The Clerk reported that Charlton Horethorne Parish Council was raising this issue with SCC, SSDC, SALC and Avon and Somerset's Police and Crime Commissioner, with a view to convening a meeting to explore options for continuing the SID scheme locally. Michael Player noted that SID results are used by the Police as evidence and as input to planning applications.</p> <p>Members discussed the possibility of forming a cluster of Parishes to run their own SID scheme.</p> <p>RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed that the Clerk should contact other Parishes in South Somerset and Stalbridge Town Council to explore the possibility of forming a cluster of Parishes for the purposes of maintaining SID coverage.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action Parish Clerk: 180108/6</p>			

c)	08/12/17	Avon & Somerset Police	To note that the next Partners and Communities Together meeting will be held on Tuesday 20 th February at Ansford Academy and to agree a member(s) to attend.
It was agreed that the Carolyn Nichols and the Clerk would attend and raise the issue of the cessation of the SID scheme by SCC. Michael Player would also attend if possible. Action Carolyn Nichols, Michael Player and Parish Clerk: 180108/7			
d)	18/12/17	Somerset County Council	To note receipt of a Road Closure Notice – Sherborne Road from 25m south east of the junction with Wyndham View, south eastwards for a distance of 655 metres for eight nights (19:00 – 07:00) from 6 th February.
Noted.			
e)	21/12/17	Somerset County Council	To note receipt of Speed Indicator Device results for the A357 (Townsend) and agree any further action to be taken.
RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed that the Clerk should analyse the results and produce graphs in the same format as those produced for the A30 SID results in 2017. Action Parish Clerk: 180108/8			

10. Council Matters

- a) To hear any matters arising from playground, skate park and gym inspection reports.

The Clerk reported that the Open Spaces Committee had accepted quotes for maintenance work to the play area and skate park. There were no additional matters to report.

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

Community Speedwatch – Michael Player reported that the last Speedwatch session had been rained off. Another session was scheduled for January 2018. One of the CSW signs had blown away but had been retrieved by Michael, who would put it up again soon.

11. Finance

- a) To approve the cashbook and bank account reconciliation for December 2017 as presented.

RESOLVED: The Cash Book and Bank Reconciliation for December 2017, as verified by Michael Player, was approved and signed by the Chair.

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

21:07: Sue Place took over as Chair. David Nichols and Carolyn Nichols took no part in discussions or voting on this item due to the previously declared disclosable pecuniary interest.

Minute ref	Supplier/Contractor	Narrative	Amount
11f) 04/07/16	bOnline	Village Hall broadband Nov 2017	£28.07
	Staff	Salaries December 2017	£1,053.10
	HMRC	Tax & NICs Dec 2017	£209.70
	Staff	Salary Dec 2017	£41.15
	Staff	Expenses December 2017	£97.49
	SLCC	2 x books for Clerk	£17.87
	Carolyn Nichols	Hamper for Vicar's leaving gift	£50.00
	Canon	Printer rental agreement	£65.56
	David Nichols	Repairs to Henstridge Skate Park	£108.00

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

RESOLVED: The above accounts were approved for payment and Ken Courtenay and Dennis Finch agreed as signatories.

21:09 – David Nichols took over as chair for the remainder of the meeting.

- c) To consider allocating £4300.00 from reserves to pay for the installation of white gates, as a traffic calming measure, on the A30 and A357 entrances to Henstridge; to further agree that the Clerk may apply to Avon and Somerset Police for a grant towards this cost.

Members discussed the matter.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed that the Clerk should apply for the grant from Avon and Somerset Police before agreeing with County Highways that the work to install white gates could go ahead.

Eight votes for, One vote against.

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- d) To consider a grant request from Henstridge Village Hall towards roof insulation.

21:19 – The Chair allowed a Public Session to hear comments from Chris Savage, Chair of the Village Hall Management Committee.

21:23 – The Public Session was brought to a close.

Members discussed this issue and felt that there would be grants available from other sources for such energy efficiency works.

It was **agreed** to defer this matter to a future meeting.

- e) To consider a grant request from St Nicholas School towards the cost of employing the School Crossing Patrol person.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and unanimously agreed to give a grant of £1000 from the 2018/19 budget.

- f) To agree the budget for 2018-19.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed to approve the budget and to raise the precept by £5 per band D property.

Action Parish Clerk: 180108/10

12. Date of Next meeting –The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Monday 5th February 2018**. 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 25th January 2018**.

The meeting ended at 21:38.

Agreed and signed by the Chair _____

Date _____