

# HENSTRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

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## Approved minutes of a meeting of Henstridge Parish Council held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2017

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

**Clerk:** Zöe Godden

**Also present:** PCSO John Winfield and County and District Councillor William Wallace

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

### 19:30 - Public open session

Mrs Debbie Petheram summarised the activities of the A357 Planning Group that had met to discuss how residents could object to an outline planning application (17/03029/OUT) submitted for up to 130 dwellings at a site near Townsend Green. Debbie also explained that the group was concerned with the cumulative impact of possible developments in Henstridge, Stalbridge and Templecombe on the A357 corridor. Debbie said that members of the group would be contacted by email to advise them of how to comment on the application.

In response to a question from a member of the public, the Clerk explained that application 17/03029/OUT had not been received in time for inclusion on the agenda to the meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> August but would be considered by the Parish Council at either the next scheduled meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> September or at an additional meeting in August.

In response to a further question from a member of the public, the Clerk reported that she was in communication with the applicant of 17/03029/OUT, Gladman Developments, regarding their attendance at a public meeting, which it was hoped would take place on either 23<sup>rd</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup> August.

Mrs Jenny Bates spoke against planning application 17/02712/FUL for three dwellings at 52 Ash Walk. Jenny felt that three dwellings was too many for the size of the site, that the town house design was not appropriate for Shaftesbury Road and that the access to the site was too close to the traffic lights at the crossroads of the A30 and A357 and would present safety issues should it go ahead.

Mr John Watson expressed concern that the site might be left in its current unsightly state if planning permission for 17/02712/FUL was not granted.

Mr Ian O'Donnell also spoke against planning application 17/02712/FUL. Ian felt that the proposed new dwellings would have a detrimental impact on his home (opposite) due to the loss of sunlight, which it was felt would damage his property, a grade II listed building, and would negatively impact on his quality of life. Ian felt that the loss of sunlight would cause his property to suffer from damp and that it would not be possible to see the sky. Ian went on to say that highway safety would be compromised and that habitats and species had been destroyed in the process of clearing the site, which had already taken place. Ian noted that the streetscape had been negatively impacted by the removal of the boundary hedge that used to border the garden. Ian also felt that the proposed materials for the new dwellings were inappropriate and should be stone, rather than brick and stone.

### 19:48 - Public open session was closed

#### 1. Apologies for absence.

Apologies had been received from District Councillor Hayward Burt, Peter Crocker, Sue Place and Michael Player.

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

**2. Declarations of interest.**

There were no declarations of interest.

It was **agreed** to move item 4a to this stage in the meeting.

**4. Reports**

a) To receive any Police matters.

**PCSO John Winfield** reported that he had received several reports of a motorcycle being ridden unsafely and that this was being dealt with. On a recent patrol of the Recreation Ground, PCSO Winfield had discovered evidence of minor drug use and had arranged for the paraphernalia to be removed by South Somerset District Council. Further patrols would take place to monitor the situation. In terms of Highways, PCSO Winfield noted that signage on the westbound entrance to the village on the A30, could be improved to alert drivers to the speed limits. PCSO Winfield asked County Councillor William Wallace if a horse warning sign could be positioned at the junction of Park Lane and Marsh Lane to alert road users that horses cross the A30 at this point. In relation to a recent road traffic incident at the blind summit near Vale Motors on the A30, PCSO Winfield suggested that double white lines may help prevent future incidents. Officers had attended the recent motorcycle event at Henstridge Airfield and given safety advice to riders, which had been well received. Finally, PCSO Winfield reported that Avon and Somerset Police had recruited additional officers to operate motorcycle speed enforcement cameras.

**19:53** – PCSO Winfield left the meeting

It was **agreed** to move item 7a to this stage in the meeting.

**7. Planning correspondence**

a)	15/07/17	David Sekers, Henstridge resident	Email requesting that the Council organises a survey of local opinion relating to the Gladman proposal and that the Council arranges a survey of ecology and wildlife interest on the site of the Gladman proposal; to agree any action to be taken.
Mr David Sekers informed members that he felt a public meeting would be a suitable means of surveying local opinion. David noted that SSDC had decided that an Environmental Impact Assessment was not required for the site. Members agreed that an ecological survey would be too expensive. No further action was required.			

**3. To approve as a correct record the minutes of the previous meetings held on 19/06/17 and 03/07/17.**

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

**4. Reports**

a) To receive any Police matters.

This matter was dealt with after item 2 above.

b) To receive County and District Councillor reports.

District and County Councillor William Wallace informed members that he had met with David Fothergill, Leader of the County Council and discussed the traffic calming scheme in Templecombe and residents' concerns about County Highways' approval of planning applications no matter what. William said he would speak to County Highways about the cumulative effect of the various planning applications in Henstridge, Stalbridge, Templecombe and Milborne Port.

William went on to inform members that he and Hayward Burt would be holding a number of advice surgeries around the ward. The first one would be on Friday 11th August in Henstridge Village Hall in from 1.30 to 2.30pm.

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

	Application number	Proposal	Applicant details
a)	17/02712/FUL	The erection of 3 No. dwellings along with associated access and parking	Mr Paul Kellaway-Moore, 52 Ash Walk, Henstridge. BA8 0QA
<p>Members discussed the application and precedence set by the refusal of other similar applications nearby, both by SSDC and on appeal to the Planning Inspector.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED: It was proposed and unanimously agreed that the Parish Council recommends refusal of this application on the grounds that access to the site and the turning area present serious and significant highway safety issues, the proposal represented over-development of the site and that the design of the dwellings is inappropriate.</b></p>			
b)	17/02645/FUL	Change of use of land from agricultural to B2 use, the erection of a storage building associated with Blackmore Vale Forge and siting of steel containers in a new position.	Mr Richard Dare, Land Rear Of Unit 4C Marsh Lane, Henstridge, BA8 0TG
<p><b>RESOLVED: It was proposed and unanimously agreed that the Parish Council recommends approval of this application.</b></p> <p>20:11 – Two members of the public left the meeting.</p>			
c)	17/02965/CPO	Retrospective application - wood recycling and processing waste management site	Mr C Hunt, Longman Wood Recycling, Henstridge Airfield, The Marsh, Henstridge. BA8 0TF
<p>Members discussed their deep concerns over air pollution caused by the operations on this site and the risk of fire or explosion caused by the storage of large amounts of waste and burning of contaminated waste. William Wallace noted that he had received letters of complaint from residents.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed that the Parish Council recommends refusal of this application on safety and environmental grounds and requests that the matter should be brought before Somerset County Council's Regulations Committee. In addition, the Parish Council felt strongly that the site should be cleaned to prevent contamination.</b></p>			

**6. Recent SSDC Area East planning decisions:**

	Application number	Proposal	Applicant details	Current status
a)	17/02372/FUL	Erection of an extension to rear of property (resubmission 16/00402/FUL)	Mr Robert Kearley, Foxbury, Vale Street, Henstridge. BA8 0SQ	Withdrawn
b)	17/02088/FUL	Replacement of fence with stone wall	Mrs Pamela Kirby-Johnson, Henstridge House, Ash Walk, Henstridge, BA8 0QG	Granted with conditions
c)	17/02255/REM	Application for reserved matters following approval of 16/03158/OUT to include details of access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale.	Mr & Mrs Alan and Julia Raymond, Land at OS 0069, Whitechurch Lane, Henstridge.	Granted with conditions
d)	17/02384/FUL	Erect agricultural barn with farm office	Mr Oliver Tant, Copse Farm, Landshire Lane (West), Henstridge. DT10 2SB	Withdrawn
e)	17/02300/FUL	Erection of orangery/summer house building	Mr Oliver Tant, Copse Farm, Landshire Lane (West), Henstridge. DT10 2SB	Granted with conditions

**Noted.**

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This matter was dealt with after item 4a above.			
b)	19/07/17	South Somerset District Council	Notice of appeal relating to planning application 17/00673/FUL, erection of a detached two storey dwelling with improvements to the existing vehicular access with associated landscaping at Land adjacent Lazy Days, Marsh Lane, Henstridge. BA8 0SF; to agree how to respond.
<b>RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed that the Clerk should submit the comments made at the March 2017 meeting when the application was initially considered.</b>			
<b>Action 170807/1: Parish Clerk</b>			
c)	19/07/17	Gladman Developments	To note a response to the Council's invitation to Gladman to attend a public meeting.
The Clerk reported that she was waiting to hear from Gladman regarding a date for the requested public meeting, which would be either 23 <sup>rd</sup> or 30 <sup>th</sup> August.			
d)	21/07/17	Deborah Petheram, Yenston resident	Email requesting that the Council joins the Campaign to Project Rural England and that a 20mph speed limit is introduced in all villages on the A357; to agree any action to be taken.
It was noted that the Council had already voted not to join CPRE this year and had instead subscribed to Planning Local, which would offer any advice required.			
The matter of speed limits along the A357 was discussed. William Wallace noted that it had never been possible to get a consensus on the best way forward and that implementing a 20mph speed limit was a long process. It was agreed that no action could be taken on this at the present time.			

#### 8. Matters deferred and arising from previous meetings:

- a) To consider quotes for Parish Council insurance for 2017/18.

**RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed to accept the one-year quote from Hiscox.**

#### 9. Correspondence

a)	04/07/17	South Somerset District Council	To consider making a nomination to the SSDC Gold Star Awards and to agree a member to complete the nomination form.
It was <b>agreed</b> to nominate Henstridge Youth Club and that Carolyn Nichols would complete the nomination form.			
<b>Action 170807/2: Carolyn Nichols</b>			
b)	10/07/17	Alison Shearer, St Nicholas Primary School	To note receipt of a thank you letter relating to the recently awarded grant towards the cost of the School Crossing Patrol.
<b>Noted.</b>			
c)	11/07/17	Somerset County Council	To consider making a nomination to the SCC Chairman's Awards for Service to the Community and to agree a member to complete the nomination form.
It was <b>agreed</b> that Ken Courtenay, Jean Oswick and Bruce Pike would complete the nomination forms for the specified nominee.			
<b>Action 170807/3: Ken Courtenay, Jean Oswick &amp; Bruce Pike</b>			
The Clerk was instructed for forward details of the award to the three members concerned.			
<b>Action 170807/4: Parish Clerk</b>			
d)	12/07/17	South Somerset District Council	To agree members to attend free Planning Training/Update sessions on either 5 <sup>th</sup> or 12 <sup>th</sup> October.
It was <b>agreed</b> that the following members would attend:			
5 <sup>th</sup> October – Howard Bentley-Marchant and Ken Courtenay			
12 <sup>th</sup> October – Jean Oswick, Carolyn Nichols, David Nichols and the Clerk			
Michael Player and Simon Cullum would attend one of the events and would confirm which at a later date.			
<b>Action 170807/5: Parish Clerk</b>			
<b>20:40</b> – William Wallace left the meeting.			

e)	02/08/17	Somerset County Council	To note that the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment summary and report has been published.
<b>Noted.</b> Sue Place had informed the Clerk that she would look at the data and report back to the Council with any relevant findings.			<b>Action 170807/6: Sue Place</b>

## 10. Council Matters

- a) To consider the topics for additional questions to the Housing Needs Survey and agree that the Clerk can apply to SSDC for a grant to cover as much of the cost as possible.

It was **agreed** to also ask if people drove to work.

**RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed that the additional topics circulated before the meeting and the question of driving to work should be added to the Housing Needs Survey and that the Clerk should apply for funding from SSDC as appropriate.**

**Action 170807/7: Parish Clerk**

- b) PROPOSAL FROM SIMON CULLUM – that the Council adds the patio to the lease of the village hall, effective immediately.

It was **agreed** that David Nichols, in his role as VHMC representative, should take this matter to the next VHMC meeting.

**Action 170807/8: David Nichols**

c) To discuss any outstanding highways issues or highways matters which councillors wish to raise, including recently received SID results, and agree any actions arising. Dennis Finch reported that he had analysed the recent SID results. Overall, there was a slight decrease in speeds, probably due to an increase in traffic volumes. Speeds increased slightly with the lighter evenings. Dennis said that he felt that Community Speedwatch was having a positive effect in reducing speeds and added that it was important to keep analysing future SID data.

d) To hear any matters arising from playground and skate park inspection reports. The Clerk reported that repairs to the toe plates at the skate park had been carried out and that she had nearly gathered all the quotes required for further maintenance work to the skate park and play area.

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

**Allotments** – Simon Cullum reported that a resident who had complained about the use of weed killer on the allotment site in July 2016 had reported the matter to the Health and Safety Executive. A response to HSE's questions had been sent.

**Picnic in the Park** – Simon Cullum reminded members of this event, taking place on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August from 12pm to 5pm and asked for volunteers to help on the day.

**Footpaths** – Ken Courtenay reported that footpath WN12/2 is overgrown at the point where it crosses the stream. The Clerk was instructed to report this to PPLO Ron Valentine.

**Action 170807/9: Parish Clerk**

## 11. Finance

- a) To note the quarter one budget vs spend position.

**Noted.**

- b) To note that the 2016/17 Annual Return has been successfully signed off by the external auditor.

**Noted.**

- c) To approve the cashbook and bank account reconciliation for July 2017 as presented.

**RESOLVED: The Cash Book and Bank Reconciliation for July 2017, as verified by Simon Cullum, was approved and signed by the Chair.**

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

The Clerk reported that she had received a late invoice for £100 from Gillingham Imperial Silver Band relating to their performance at Picnic in the Park. It was **agreed** to authorise this additional payment and sign a cheque accordingly.

Minute ref	Supplier/Contractor	Narrative	Amount
11b) 04/07/16	NEST	Pension payments August 2017	£20.03
11f) 04/07/16	bOnline	Village Hall broadband June 2017	£28.07
	Staff	Salaries June 2017	£1,052.70
	Staff	Salary July 2017	£32.10
	Staff	Expenses July 2017	£126.34
8a) 03/07/17	Andrea Pellegram Ltd	One year subscription to Planning Local.co.uk	£100.00
	Ring Street Filling Station	Fuel for mowers and strimmers	£26.26
	Steve Burrows Training	Activity Leadership – 26/07/17 & 12/08/17	£750.00
OS 6f) 24/07/17	Evolution Skatepark Ramps	Repairs to toe plates	£626.22
OS 6e) 24/07/17	James Chant	Chainsaw and clearing work at Recreation Ground	£50.00
	SSDC	Final payment for perimeter track and patio	£18,703.52
	HMRC	Tax and NICs July 2017	£207.90
	Mrs A Stafford	Refund for allotment rent	£10.00
10c) 03/07/17	St Nichols Primary School	Grant re School Crossing Patrol	£1000.00

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 David Nichols and Jean Oswick agreed as signatories.**

**12. Date of Next meeting** –The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 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 24<sup>th</sup> August**.

The meeting ended 21:01.

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_