

Henstridge Parish Council

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Approved minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at the Henstridge Village
Hall Lounge on Monday 2nd April 2007.

The meeting began at 7.32pm.

Present:

Councillors: Mr Symcox (Chair), Mrs Barton, Mr Blackman, Mrs Courtenay, Mr
Heath, Mr Hill, Mr Stobart, Mr Crocker, Mr Davis, Mrs Moody.
Mr Brighten from 7.37.

Clerk: Mrs Watson

Mr William Wallace (County Councillor) was in attendance.
There were no members of the public in attendance.

1. Apologies and to approve the reason for any apology as thought fit.

Apologies had been received from Mr Vincent, a reason had not been offered.

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
12.03.07.**

Mrs Barton suggested the following amendments.

Correct spelling error within the resolution on page 87, change discus to discuss.
Add a missing word on page 88 in section d., change to read holidays be moved to the
previous Monday .

**RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed to approve the minutes with the
inclusion of the above amendments.**

4. Correspondence

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| 08.03.07 | NDDC | Draft Supplementary Planning Guidance – to agree any comments that the Council wish to make. |
| The Chairman assumed members had reviewed the document, read out the covering letter and asked members whether they wished to make comment. Mrs Barton mentioned that although this was probably not applicable, she had read that due to the number of large developments North Dorset had used up their build allocation, thus making it difficult for one off builds. The negative effect on local builders was appreciated, Mrs Barton declined to put this forward. Mr Brighten arrived at the meeting and stated that he had no interest to declare. | | |

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| 12.03.07 | SLCC | Revised model contract of employment revision – to agree the necessary changes to the Clerk’s contracts. |
| <p>The Chair asked members to consider whether they wished to defer this item given the fact that the current Council is at the end of its’ term.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> It was proposed and agreed to refer this to the working party to consider and report to the new Council.</p> | | |
| 13.03.07 | Adam Temperton | Copy of complaint regarding damage caused in Marsh Lane due to inadequate diversion signage during the recent closure of the A30 – to consider any action arising |
| <p>The Chair read out the letter, which was a copy of that, sent to Highways. Mrs Barton stated that as a member of the public she had raised concerns with Highways regarding the use of Marsh Lane as an alternative diversion. Members understood that an accident had occurred and it was agreed that the verges on Marsh Lane were a mess.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> It was proposed and agreed to instruct the Clerk to write to SC Highways to request that the damaged verges are re-instated.</p> | | |
| 17.03.07 | SCC | Local Area Working Panel Update – to agree any response and suggestions that the Council wish to make. |
| <p>The Chair read out the letter and explained that the PC need to identify 3 projects in relation to service improvements for their residents which realistically might be implemented in 2007/8 and three projects which are more long term in nature. Advice was taken from Mr William Wallace (County Councillor). Members put forward the following suggestions: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Changing facilities for Sports at the Ash Walk recreation ground, it was understood that approaches had already been made to the County Councillor regarding this. 2) An Automatic speed warning sign. 3) 20MPH signage by the school. 4) A storage facility for village hall equipment to replace the steel container. <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> It was proposed and agreed to put forward the above suggestions and to pass the projects that are more long term in nature to the new Council, via an agenda item for the 1st meeting in May.</p> | | |
| 21.03.07 | SCC | Invitation to discuss Somerset County Council’s Unitary Proposals – to agree representatives to attend and any issues that the Council wish to raise |
| <p>The Chairman read out the letter and advised the dates and locations of the meetings. It was felt the Parish Council should support in principal sending members and Mrs Barton stated that she would like to attend. Consideration was given to the overlap of old and new Council as meeting dates were available in both April and May.</p> | | |

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RESOLVED: There was general agreement to book 2 places for the Shepton Mallet meetings in both April and May and to raise an agenda item for the 1st meeting in May to give the new Council opportunity to attend the May meeting.

26.03.07

SSDC

Naming of Street on Church Farm Development – for the Council to put forward any comment or suggestion.

The Chairman advised that the developers had been inspired by Sherborne Castle and were going to name each property after a different castle, members were asked for suggestions for the street name. The following suggestions were put forward: - Raleigh Court, Pound Lane, The Pound, Furge Pound, Hengist Pound, Inwood Green, Raymonds Road. Members voted on each suggested name.

RESOLVED: It was agreed to put forward Raleigh Court as the Parish Council's preferred name for the road and to state the historical connection upon which this suggestion was based.

Mrs Barton requested that her objection be recorded.

Other correspondence not requiring discussion by the council will not be reported as it has been circulated to councillors. (As advised by SALC – 18.06.03).

5. Council Matters

It is proposed that the Parish Council writes to Simon Gale of the Planning Department of SSDC:

1. to ask what is the position regarding the completion and signing of the Masterplan agreement for future development of Henstridge Airfield and
2. If the Masterplan is not agreed and signed what was the planning policy applied when planning permission was granted under delegated powers for recent applications that included built development.
3. If the Masterplan for the future development of Henstridge Airfield has not been signed the Parish Council wishes to seek clarification as to which department is responsible for ensuring that the Masterplan agreement is being monitored and pursued as to its completion and signature by the relevant parties.

Mr Blackman asked whether members should be concerned whether the master plan had been signed or the terms under which applications had been approved. Mrs Barton offered further clarification that as the master plan has not yet been signed and adopted, clarification is required with regard to the relevance of the original planning policy statement made by the inspector.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed to instruct the Clerk to write to Simon Gale of the Planning Department of SSDC:

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Mr Crocker and Mr Brighten requested that a record of their abstentions be made.

b. Playground:

(i) Inspection reports

The Chairman advised that Rachel was still doing the playground inspections and that she had not had updated SSDC reports through yet.

c. Report from VHMC rep

Mrs Moody advised that there had not been a VHMC meeting since the last Parish Council meeting and therefore there was nothing to report.

6. Finance

a.To approve the following accounts for payment:

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| Community Council | Subscription | £25.00 |
| AOL | DD Internet March | £12.99 |
| T Watson | Salary March plus 1pt rise back dated to Sept 06 | £353.35 |
| R Walker | Salary March plus 1pt rise back dated to Sept 06 | £271.05 |
| Inland revenue | NI & Tax Contributions | £76.34 |
| T Watson | Telephone 28/02-28/03/07 | £5.80 |
| T Watson | Postage | £8.80 |
| Talk Talk | Phone Bill | £22.83 |
| Zurich | Insurance renewal | £1696.84 |

The Clerk advised that the payment to Zurich should read £1,781.68 to include insurance premium tax. The opportunity to shop around for insurance was questioned and it was understood that Zurich was a recommended specialist company for such insurance. Comment was made that the premium had gone up in the last year and the Clerk advised that this was in line with the increase in the Councils fixed assets.

7. Date of Next meeting –To accommodate May Day, the next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Monday 14th May 2007**. This will be the first meeting of the new Council and will be the Parish Council's Annual meeting. 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 2007**.