

# Henstridge Parish Council

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Approved minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at the Henstridge Village Hall Lounge on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2008.

**Present:**

**Councillors: Mickey Vincent (Chair), Paul Brighten, Pete Crocker, Jim Fitch, Geoff Jarvis, David Nicholls, Jean Oswick, Malcolm Stobart.**

**Clerk:** Mrs Walker

**There were no members of the public in attendance.**

**1. Apologies.**

Apologies had been received from Norman Symcox and Adam Temperton.

**2. Declarations of Interest.**

Mr Crocker declared a personal interest in item 4b as he lives opposite the recreation ground.

**3. To approve as a correct record the minutes of the previous meeting held on 12.05.08.**

**RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed to approve the minutes of the meeting.**

**4. Matters arising from previous meetings:**

- a. **To agree changes necessary to the existing Clerk's contracts in the light of the report received from the working group set up to review the Clerks terms and conditions in the light of the "Guide to Good Employment Practice in Local Councils" (SALC and SLCC) (Norman Symcox, Mickey Vincent, Paul Brighten).**

**RESOLVED: It was agreed to defer the item as Mr Symcox was not present.**

- b. **To agree a response to a request from Wessex Water with regard to using the Village Hall Car Park for siting of a booster for improving water pressure at the lower end of the village in the light of additional information on the booster and regarding the covenants on the recreation ground land including a response from Savills on behalf of Inwood Estates regarding this.**

It was reported that Paul Brighten, Pete Crocker, Jim Fitch, Jean Oswick, Mickey Vincent and the Clerk had visited a similar booster at Wilkinthroop on Thursday evening in order to ask questions and experience the noise levels, and had been surprised at how little noise the booster produced.

Additionally the Clerk reported that on behalf of Inwood, Savills had agreed for the booster to go ahead with the proviso that the noise implications had been confirmed and that detailed plans had been provided, both of which had been done.

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**RESOLVED:** It was proposed and agreed that having contacted Savills and received their input, and having investigated the booster via a site visit, the Parish Council are confident that there are no noise implications for the neighbouring properties and agree to the use of the car park area by Wessex Water for the siting of the booster providing that all of the necessary planning permissions are in place.

## 5. Correspondence

22.05.08	Barbara Collier – tree planting officer	To agree any actions arising from receipt of “Trees are Important” document.
<p><b><u>RESOLVED:</u></b> It was proposed and agreed that as the item was directly related to an item arising from the Annual Parish Meeting that it should be dealt with at this point.</p>		
23.05.08	Denise Chandler - SCC	To advise the Council of an update with regard to upgrading of Restricted Byways to Byways open to all traffic (BOATs)
<p>The Clerk summarised the contents of a letter explaining that the upgrading of Restricted Byways will not now be determined by Somerset County Council and that the status of such routes will remain as restricted by-ways. The Clerk advised that in Henstridge this affected only Plott Lane.</p>		
30.05.08	Claire Wriley (by e-mail)	<p>To respond to questions regarding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the results of recent speed checks on the A30</li> <li>• what the Safer Neighbourhood Team Police PACT priorities were for Henstridge and whether speeding vehicles was one of the priorities to be looked at</li> </ul>
<p>The questions that had been raised were briefly discussed.</p> <p><b><u>RESOLVED:</u></b> It was proposed and agreed that the Clerk should write to the Police and to Highways requesting the necessary information and bring this back to a future meeting.</p>		

## 6. Council Matters

- a. To receive a presentation from Young People in the Village regarding consultation that they have been involved with and to agree any actions arising from this.

The item was deferred until the end of the meeting.

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## b. Sports Club

- (i) To receive a presentation from the Sports Club regarding the proposed Changing rooms
- (ii) To agree a response to the plans for the proposed changing room development and the request for support from the Sports Club, in the light of the presentation and information received from Savills on behalf of Inwood Estates regarding the covenants on the Recreation Ground land.

No members of the Sports Club were present. The Clerk explained that this was due to confusion over dates after a typing error in her letter and apologised to the Council for this. Concern was raised that waiting until July would mean another month in which progress could be being made with this.

**RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed to invite the Sports Club to make their presentation to a Special meeting of the Parish Council to be held following the planning meeting of 23<sup>rd</sup> June.**

## c. To provide a report back from the Annual Parish meeting and address matters arising from this, agreeing any action as appropriate:

The Clerk reported that 15 members of the public had attended the meeting and those present heard reports from the Parish Council, PCC, St Nicholas Singers, Cricket Club, Football Club, Sports Club, Village Hall Management Committee, Loose Ends, Womens Fellowship, Brownies, WI, Cameo Club, St Nicholas Primary School, HALT and the Blackmore Vale Lions. We also heard information about the forthcoming open gardens on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> July.

### (i) request for additional trees in the village;

The Parish Council were very positive about the suggestion and the item was discussed in relation to the document from Barbara Collier and it was suggested that it may be possible to liase with Ms Collier and also with Liz Holbrook who had put forward the idea at the annual parish meeting.

**RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed that Mr Stobart would be happy to liase with Barbara Collier and Liz Hobrook to see how this matter could be progressed.**

### (ii) concerns over dog mess within the village and particularly the recreation ground.

The possibility of banning dogs from the recreation ground was raised and the Clerk explained the history that this had previously been considered. There was a feeling that this was penalising the many for the failings of the few. The possibility of putting up additional notices was considered and this was felt to be a possibility.

**RESOLVED: It was proposed and agree that the Clerk should contact the dog warden and ask for advice as to whether a penalty notice can be given, and**

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appropriate signage to this effect be erected, within the recreation ground, and that this information be returned to the next meeting.

**d. Allotment issues:**

- (i) to provide quotes and agree a contractor for the provision of fencing of the allotments
- (ii) to consider quotes for the provision of fencing of the allotment track

The clerk explained that the first two items would have to be deferred as only one of the contractors approached had provided a quote.

- (iii) to instruct the Clerk with regard to the dumping of hedge clippings at the allotments track

The Clerk explained that Mr Edwards had raised concerns over the fact that properties neighbouring the allotment track are using this to dump their garden rubbish. Possible solutions were discussed.

**RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed that in the first instance letters should be written to the residents of Centenary Close asking them for their support in the maintenance of the area and reminding them not to use this area for rubbish, and that if problems persist a letter should be written to Hastoe who own the houses at Centenary Gardens asking for their support in dealing with the matter.**

**e. To approve memorials as received.**

**RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed to approved the memorial as presented.**

**f. To agree whether the Council wish to subscribe to the CPRE at a cost of £28.00**

The benefits of subscription were discussed.

**RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed that the subscription should be renewed and that the CPRE should be asked whether their publications are available in electronic format.**

**g. Website:**

- (i) To agree the list of further local information that the Council wish to add to the website

A list was provided to Councillors for comment. A number of additions were made to the list.

**RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed that the list as provided with the additions as discussed should be added to the website.**

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- (ii) **To agree whether the Council wish to add a Local upcoming events page to the website**

The Clerk explained that the item had arisen from comments made at the Annual Parish Meeting and also from having received a notice regarding a Loose Ends event.

There was a general feeling that it was a good idea to publish such information on the website.

**RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed to add a local upcoming events page to the website which should be a free service for non-profit making or charitable organisations but should incur a fee for profit making and commercial organisations, with a charge to be agreed at the next meeting.**

Mr Jarvis abstained from the vote.

- h. **Proposal that due to the recent illegal use of Parish Council owned land by mini motorbikes and the spate of vandalism in the rec and graffiti in the village, that the Parish Council write and request the police to spend more time patrolling the village.**

Adam Temperton

**RESOLVED: The proposal was approved.**

- i. **Proposal that due to the recent illegal use of Parish Council owned land at the Ash Walk recreation ground by mini motorbikes:**
- (i) **that the Parish Council agree to ban all vehicular access to the recreation ground, with the exception of contractors given specific permission.**

There was some discussion with regard to current usage of the recreation ground for parking by various organisations. Mixed feelings were expressed on this and possible amendments discussed, but there was some concern that a rule for one should be a rule for all.

**RESOLVED: The proposal was approved.**

- (ii) **that the Parish Council agree to install barriers around the car park in order to prevent vehicular access**

Possible barrier solutions were discussed and the Health and Safety Implications of these was considered. It was felt that this was an important matter which needed to be progressed.

**RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed to defer the item to a Special meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> June and in the meeting the Clerk should investigate the most appropriate options for a barrier to border a recreation ground and prevent**

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vehicular access, while still allowing pedestrian access and not creating a health and safety hazard.

- (iii) that the Parish Council agree to install kissing gates that comply with all disabled access regulations on pedestrian access gates in order to prevent access by mini motorbikes.

Adam Temperton

**RESOLVED:** It was agreed to defer this item to the Special Meeting.

**j. Parish Council newsletter:**

- (i) To agree the content of the next newsletter

**RESOLVED:** The Content of the newsletter was agreed.

- (ii) To agree any contribution that the Council additionally wish to make to Wots on

**RESOLVED:** It was proposed and agreed that the Parish Council had no additional contribution to make at the moment.

**k. Playground issues:**

- (i) To receive Playground Inspection Reports.

The Clerk reported the vandalism of two swing seats. Replacement seats had been purchased and arrived today and now need fitting.

**l. Report from VHMC reps**

Mr Stobart and Mrs Oswick reported that the Village Hall continue to be very short of money and that they are working to think of good fundraising ideas.

**m. Report from HALT rep.**

Mr Brighten advised that there was nothing to report.

## 7. Finance

**a. To approve the following accounts for payment:**

Madasafish	Line 2 DD Internet & Telephone 06/05/08-05/06/08	£34.77
R Walker	Salary May	£240.37
T Watson	Salary May	£283.97
George Edwards	Salary May	£84.60
Inland revenue	NI & Tax Contributions	£97.40

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Mrs Cornish	Gate keeping salary	£125.00
Somerset Association for Voluntary & Community Action	Donation ref. Dec 07 mtg	£50.00
Wincanton Community Sport Centre	Donation ref. Dec 07 mtg	£50.00
CAB Somerset	Donation ref. Dec 07 mtg	£75.00
CAB Dorset	Donation ref. Dec 07 mtg	£75.00
St Nicholas PCC	Donation ref. Nov 07 mtg	£200.00
T Watson	Stamps	£36.00
Madasafish	Line 1 DD Internet & Telephone 24/05/08-23/06/08	£35.62
VHMC	Donation for Village Hall Insurance	£845.36
Youngs Garden Machinery	Mower service and repairs	£93.25
GB Sports and Leisure	Replacement Swing seat	£42.54

**RESOLVED: The above accounts were approved for payment.**

**b. Income –**

D & S Sekers	Allotment rent 08/09 plot 19A	£5.00
G R Harris	Allotment rent 08/09 plot 10	£10.00
J W Hunt	Allotment rent 08/09 plot 16A	£5.00
M Snook	Allotment rent 08/09 plots 1 & 2	£20.00
RCI & L Hunt	Rent 08/09 Yenston field	£50.00
C & J Raymond	Rent 08/09 Furge Lane field	£85.00
N Powell-Smith	Allotment rent 08/09 plot 17	£10.00
J Le Suer	Allotment rent 08/09 plot 15	£10.00
Henstridge CC	Pitch rent 08/09	£168.08
D & S Rayment	Allotment rent 08/09 plot 9	£10.00
A & C Baker	Allotment rent 08/09 plot 13	£10.00
T Watson	Line rental	£8.50
Henstridge United FC	Pitch rent 08/09	£168.08

**8. Date of Next meeting** – The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2008**. 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 26<sup>th</sup> June 2008**.

**6a To receive a presentation from Young People in the Village regarding consultation that they have been involved with and to agree any actions arising from this.**

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Seven young people and two youth workers attended the meeting. They showed a video of the children playing and expressing their feelings about living in Henstridge and some of the children read out pieces about what was wanted. There was a desire for some form of skate park/bike park but it did not seem clear what exactly was being looked for. A Youth club was also seen as a good idea with one group for 8-13 year olds being run from 4.30-6.00 and one group for 13-16 year olds being run after 6pm. It was hoped that parents could be involved in running this. Mr Vincent explained that the setting up of a Youth Club would not be something that the Parish Council would be involved in as such, as it would be the Village Hall Management Committee who would have to agree the use of the hall and organisation would have to be from the club itself although the Parish Council could be approached for funding for example. The Clerk explained that for the Parish Council to consider something then they needed to be given a clear picture and proposal of what is actually wanted. Some forthcoming fundraising and information events were publicised but disappointment was expressed by Councillors who had tried to attend previous events only to find them cancelled or that the information provided had been incorrect.

**Meeting closed at 9.00pm.**