

Henstridge Parish Council

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Draft minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Henstridge Village Hall Lounge on Monday 9th May 2011.

Present

Councillors: Norman Symcox (Chair), Jim Fitch, Adam Temperton, Mickey Vincent, Paul White, Geoff Jarvis, David Nichols, Peter Crocker

Clerk: Zoe Godden

There were 0 members of the public in attendance for the beginning of the meeting

1. Apologies and to approve reasons for apology as seen fit.

Apologies had been received from Paul Brighten, Caroline Rowland and Jean Oswick and the Council advised of the reasons for absence.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed to approve the reasons for apology as provided.

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 11.04.11

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed to approve the minutes of the previous meetings.

4. Matters deferred and arising from previous meetings:

- a) **To update councillors with the reply from Somerset County Council regarding the withdrawal of funding for evening and Sunday bus services.**

The clerk conveyed the contents of the letter from SCC, which informed the council that the bus service would not be reinstated unless a private company takes it on. The matter was discussed and it was pointed out that residents could get to Yeovil but that a return journey is problematic because late buses back from Yeovil have been withdrawn.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed that the clerk should write to Somerset County Council to emphasise the problem of rural communities now being unable to return by bus from evenings out to Yeovil and also to point out that businesses in Yeovil will suffer loss of trade.

- b) **To communicate the contents of a letter from the solicitor to the person who damaged to the recreation ground hedge; to discuss the content of the letter and agree any amendments the council wishes to make before the clerk instructs the solicitor to send the letter.**

The council discussed their displeasure at the actions of the person who has damaged the trees. It was pointed out that it is now illegal to plant leylandii trees.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed to instruct the solicitor to send the letter and that the council did not require any amendments to the letter. Also, the condition of the trees is

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to be reviewed in three months, at which time, the council will discuss any further action to be taken.

5. Correspondence

11/04/11	Emily Atwell – Life Coach Directory.org.uk	To agree if the council will allow Life Coach Directory to have a link on the parish council website.
RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed that it would not be appropriate to advertise this organisation via the council's website. Peter Crocker abstained.		
13/04/11	Steve Haigh – Alzheimer's Society	To agree if the council will allow a society representative to attend a parish council meeting to give a talk about the Alzheimer's Society and the Somerset Dementia Advisor Service.
RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed that the clerk asks for literature advising of the service that can be put on the notice board and website, as allowing such a representative to talk at a parish council meeting was outside the sphere of the council's activity.		
04/05/11	Matt Fryer – Secretary Henstridge Cricket Club	To discuss the content of the email sent to the parish council and any associated information and to agree a response.
The matter was discussed. It was pointed out that anyone using the benches near the trees would be even closer to the cricket field and that the skate park is well outside the 'six' boundary. The clerk confirmed that the parish council has public liability insurance for the skate park.		
RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed that the clerk writes to the cricket club to clarify that their insurance covers them for their own activities and at their own risk; also to confirm that the skate park is an unsupervised area.		

6. Council Matters

- a. To receive a visit/report from a local police representative.

There was no representative present.

- b. To inform the council that, since the last meeting, a cheque was signed by Paul Brighten and Adam Temperton to pay for the council's insurance policy, the quotes for which were considered and the preferred quote agreed, at the last meeting.
- c. Proposal that planning and parish council meeting days be changed to Tuesday or any other day the council deems appropriate.

Geoff Jarvis

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed that this matter be deferred until the first full meeting of the new parish council on Monday 6th June 2011.

- d. To discuss the fact that the recreation ground shed has not been kept tidy and represents a health and safety risk to users, including parish council employees; to agree on a course of action to remedy the situation.

The condition of the shed was discussed. It has been found to be very untidy; there is a lot of sports equipment that appears to have been unused for some time; likewise, some machinery

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looks unserviceable and may need to be removed. The users of the shed were said to be the Parish Council, Cricket Club and Football Club.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed that the council is of a mind that the recreation ground shed is not being kept in a sufficiently tidy condition so as to meet the health and safety requirements of the other users and that the clerk writes to the Cricket Club and Football Club to bring it to their attention and insist that, in the period of one month, it is brought back to a condition acceptable to the council.

- e. Proposal that the council holds a special meeting on Monday 16th May at 7pm, which will be the first meeting of the new council, as per SALC advice.
Adam Temperton

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed that the council holds a special meeting on Monday 16th May at 7pm, which will be the inaugural meeting of the new parish council.

- f. To discuss and agree any items councillors want to feature in the June newsletter.

The following ideas were given: to introduce new councillors; to remind parishioners of their responsibility to cut hedges/shrubs etc that overhand pavements; to give an update on the skate park

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed that the above items should be included.

- g. To agree the issue of a cheque for £100 from the Youth Worker grant to fund a community group meeting.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed that the council will issue a cheque for £50 for refreshments on the condition that the event is held in the village hall.

- h. To discuss any outstanding highways issues or highways matters which Councillors wish to raise and agree any actions arising.

The clerk gave an update on the following:

Finger post at Ash Walk – Highways to replace once a survey has been done to determine how deeply they can dig in the vicinity of the new traffic lights.

30 mph sign at entrance to village – Highways to replace within six weeks.

Bellmans Cross – The clerk relayed the contents of an email from Somerset County Council informing the council that all the 40mm plus potholes have been repaired and that all potholes not meeting this criteria will be repaired in due course.

- i. Playground Inspection reports.

No problems to report

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- j. To receive reports from Representatives (VHMC, HALT, Footpaths, Other) and provide guidance as appropriate

It was reported that there had been a problem with a blocked footpath in Yenston, but that this has been resolved.

7. Finance

- a. To approve the cashbook and bank account reconciliation for April 2011 as presented.

RESOLVED: The Cash Book and Bank Reconciliation for April 2011 as verified by Michael Vincent were approved and signed by the Chair.

- b. To agree and approve transfers of funds between Parish Council accounts as presented.

No transfers had taken place.

- c. To approve the following accounts for payment and two signatories for cheques:-

Madasafish	Phone and Internet Services (24.03.11 to 23.04.11)	£33.65
H M Revenue & Customs	Tax and NICs	£36.38
Came and Co	Insurance	£1,350.24
Came and Co	Insurance - Skatepark addition	£556.80
CLP.co.uk	Stationery	£36.45
George Edwards	Weedkiller	£16.35
George Edwards	Wages	£67.89
Terry Pulling	Wages	£28.29
Zöe Godden	Wages	£517.48
Zöe Godden	Mileage claim 04/04/11 to 04/05/11	£23.60

The cheque values were verified against the invoices presented by Norman Symcox and Adam Temperton and the invoices signed as a correct match.

RESOLVED: The above accounts were approved for payment and Norman Symcox and Adam Temperton agreed as signatories.

d. Income

Mr and Mrs Norris	Allotment fee (5 & 6)	£30.00
A J Beaney	Allotment fee (4b & 6c)	£12.50
Mrs Blakesmith	Allotment fee (11)	£15.00
Mr D Sekers	Allotment fee (19a)	£7.50
Mr B Paginton	Allotment fee (3a & 6a)	£12.50
Ms L Eastment	Allotment fee (12&14)	£30.00
Mrs Rayment	Allotment fee (9)	£15.00
Ms Eustace	Allotment fee (1)	£15.00
Mr Harris	Allotment fee (10)	£15.00
Mr & Mrs Davies	Allotment fee (5 & 6b)	£20.00
Mr Snook	Allotment fee (1 & 2)	£30.00

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Ms Perry	Allotment fee (20)	£15.00
SSDC	Precept	£24000.00

8. Date of Next meeting – The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Monday 6th June 2011**. 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 26th May**.



Zöe Godden
Parish Clerk

Meeting closed 20:01