

HENSTRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

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Approved minutes of a meeting of Henstridge Parish Council held at the Village Hall, Henstridge on Monday 9th January 2017.

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

Also present: County Councillor William Wallace, Beat Manager Stefan Edwards, PCSO John Winfield.

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

1. To receive any apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from Simon Cullum, Jean Oswick and Tim Inglefield.

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

2. To receive any declarations of interest in items on the agenda

There were no declarations of interest.

3. To approve as a correct record the minutes of the previous meeting held on 5th December 2016.

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

It was **agreed** to take item 6a) at this point in the meeting.

6a) To receive any Police matters

PCSO John Winfield informed members that a Public Forum was to be held by Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) Sue Mountstevens and Chief Constable Andy Marsh on 2nd February in Yeovil. John handed posters to the Clerk for display in the Parish. John noted that this event was an opportunity to raise any local issues with the PCC.

John went on to report that he had attended flooding at Marsh Lane. Drains appeared to have been cleared but the road was still flooded.

The Enforcement team had been asked to attend the A357 at Townsend with a motorcycle to tackle speeding in this area.

Fly tipping had been reported in Landshire Lane, on the Dorset/Somerset border. John had had problems identifying which county was responsible.

John had received more reports of misuse of the one-way system in Furge Lane and said that he would raise this with Somerset County Council again.

19:38 - PCSO Winfield and Beat Manager Edwards left the meeting.

4. Recent SSDC Area East planning decisions:

	Application number	Proposal	Applicant details	Current status
a)	16/04173/FUL	Inclusion of 2 windows at first floor level, new backup generator and a small external canopy to the side elevation for rapid response vehicle (revised application).	Mr Bill Sivewright, Dorset And Somerset Air Ambulance Henstridge Airfield The Marsh Camp Road Henstridge	Granted with conditions

b)	16/03158/OUT	Erection of affordable dwelling for elderly persons	Mr Alan & Mrs Julie Raymond, Land OS 0069 Whitechurch Lane, Henstridge.	Granted with conditions
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Noted.

5. Planning Correspondence

09/12/16	Mr Allen, Henstridge	Request for the Parish Council to consider the future implications of the recently granted planning permissions in Whitechurch Lane and to agree any further action to be taken.
<p>The matter was discussed and it was agreed the Parish Council would ensure due diligence in its responses to planning applications. William Wallace said that age restrictions could not be enforced and so should not be taken into account in planning applications such as those recently considered in Whitechurch Lane. Planning decisions were based on planning policies and an age restriction was not relevant. It was also noted that the lack of a five-year land supply in South Somerset meant that planning decisions were based on current legislation and that it was not possible to refuse applications that met the relevant planning requirements, regardless of local feeling.</p> <p>The Clerk was instructed to write to Mr Allen to let him know that William Wallace had confirmed that each planning application was considered on its own merits by the District Council and not based on precedence, and also that more information could be obtained from Planning Officers at Brympton Way.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action 170109/1: Parish Clerk</p>		

6. Reports

a) To receive any Police matters

This matter was dealt with after item 3 above.

b) To receive County and District Councillor reports

William Wallace had nothing further to report.

7. Matters deferred and arising from previous meetings:

a) To agree to co-opt a new member of the Parish Council to fill the one vacancy.

The Clerk informed members that there had been one applicant, Bruce Pike, and confirmed that a statement of eligibility form had been satisfactorily completed. The Clerk went on to read a personal statement provided by Bruce.

David Nichols nominated Bruce Pike and John Graham seconded this nomination. Members voted unanimously to co-opt Bruce Pike to the Parish Council. Bruce signed the declaration of acceptance of office form, which was witnessed by the Clerk and took a seat with the Parish Council.

It was **agreed** to take item 10b at this point in the meeting.

10b) To consider a grant request from the Village Hall Management Committee for £750 as a contribution towards tables and chairs. This request is being made as a result of successful grant funding from SSDC, which is dependent on a Parish Council contribution.

David Nichols asked Chris Savage, Chair of the Village Hall Management Committee (VHMC), to explain why the grant was needed. Chris said that a grant from SSDC of £1937 was dependent on a financial contribution from the Parish Council. The VHMC was contributing £2000 towards the new tables and chairs. Chris went on to explain that the current chairs were not suitable for film nights and other long events as they were too uncomfortable, although it was planned to retain some of the current chairs for outdoor use or for loaning to other groups. Chris also told members that work was needed to make the toilets accessible to all and for repairs to outdoor rainwater drainage. The VHMC did not have enough funds for all of these activities, hence the grant applications.

RESOLVED: It was proposed by David Nichols, seconded by John Graham and unanimously agreed to award a grant of £750 and to sign a cheque accordingly.

Peter Crocker asked Chris Savage to note that the external lights were often left on in the evening and asked if this could be addressed.

8. Correspondence

a)	01/12/16	Somerset County Council (SCC)	Proposed dates for Speed Indicator Device installations in 2017; to agree that these are acceptable.
It was agreed that these dates were acceptable.			
b)	02/12/16	South Somerset District Council (SSDC)	Draft Street Trading Policy consultation; to agree a member(s) to responds to the consultation.
Members did not wish to comment.			
c)	05/12/16	SSDC	Information regarding the "Great British Spring Clean" taking place between 3 and 5 March 2017; to consider taking part and to agree any further action to be taken.
It was agreed that this matter should be referred to the Open Spaces committee with the recommendation that the litter pick day, scheduled for 11 th March, should be rescheduled to coincide with this the Great British Spring Clean. Action 170109/2: Parish Clerk			
d)	14/12/16	SCC	Notification of a public consultation on school admission arrangements for 2017-18; to agree any action to be taken.
Noted.			
e)	14/12/16	Somerset Community Justice Partnership	To note receipt of a thank you letter relating to the recent £35 grant provided by the Parish Council.
Noted.			
f)	15/12/16	Somerset Association of Local Councils	To note that referendum principles (capping) will not be extended to parish councils during 2017/18.
Noted.			
g)	15/12/16	Avon & Somerset Police & Crime Commissioner	To note receipt of the Police and Crime Plan and nomination forms for the "Be Proud" awards; to agree a member(s) to make a nomination.
It was unanimously agreed to nominate PCSO John Winfield and that the Clerk should submit the nomination on behalf of the Council. Action 170109/3: Parish Clerk			

9. Council Matters

a. To note receipt of more detailed SID information, to hear comments from Dennis Finch and agree any further action to be taken.

Dennis Finch reported that he had analysed 12 days' worth of the additional data from the SID located on the A30 in November, equating to 18700 traffic movements. These had been split it into day and night time, with 0600-1800 as day and 0000-0600 as night for analysis purposes. Dennis had calculated the following:

- 70% of traffic was on the road during the perceived time of Day.
- At 10% greater than the speed limit, 57% of day drivers and 64% of night drivers were speeding.
- At 30% or 9mph greater than speed limit, 26% of day drivers and 31% of night drivers were speeding.
- At 50% or 15mph greater than speed limit, 6% of day drivers and 11% of night drivers were speeding.

These figures showed that more speeding takes place at night.

Michael Player noted that Community Speedwatch and Enforcement cameras did not function at night. Only Police patrol vehicles could catch speeding drivers at night.

There followed a lengthy discussion about the problems of speeding on roads.

b. To note receipt of a letter regarding dog fouling in Lime Kiln Lane and to hear the action that has been taken.

The Clerk reported that Lynette Osment from SSDC Environmental Health has attended on Friday 6th January and put up signs. The complainant and Linda Jones would monitor the situation but some improvement had been noted.

c. To note that SSDC has replaced the broken dog bin at the recreation ground.

The Clerk reported that, despite being told by an SSDC officer that the Parish Council would have to pay for a new bin in this location, Chris Cooper, Streetscene Manager had arranged a replacement free of charge.

d. To note that SSDC will carry out Christmas tree shredding in the Village Hall car park on 16 January 2017.

Noted.

e. To note that the grants secured for the perimeter track and patio do not cover the total cost of the project and to discuss further action to be taken.

Sue Place suggested that the Clerk should apply to Awards for All or Somerset Community Foundation for the balance.

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Ken Courtenay noted that the Parish Council was able to borrow funds from the Public Works Loan Board.

f. To discuss any outstanding highways issues or highways matters which councillors wish to raise and agree any actions arising.

The Clerk had already reported the following:

1 – One of the lights in the illuminated poles at the zebra crossing in Ash Walk has been broken for some time and has been previously reported.

2 – BT had recently installed a new green cabinet in Ash Walk outside the village hall. This included the installation of a “hatch” on the opposite side of the road in the grass verge. The hatch was presenting a tripping hazard and the surrounding area has been left in a muddy mess. BT needed to come back and make the area good.

3 – Several 30 and 40 mph road markings needed to be refreshed at entrances to the village. Also, the 20 mph road marking needed to be replaced near the bus stop in Ash Walk, just along from the school.

4 – An update on the previously proposed improvements to the one-way road markings and additional signage at Furge Lane/Waverly Farm Court was requested.

5 – The hedges at The Pound, on the corner of Whitechurch Lane, were encroaching onto the highway again.

In addition, the Clerk was asked to report:

1 - The 20 mph sign hedge near 7 and 9 Ash walk obscured by residents' hedges.

2 – Flooding at the junction with Marsh Lane and Camp Road had not been resolved.

Action 170109/5: Parish Clerk

Peter Crocker went on to say that he would like arrange a site visit with a representative from County Highways to highlight the on-going problems. The Clerk was instructed to arrange this and Peter asked members to forward any issues to himself or the Clerk.

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g. To hear any matters arising from playground inspection reports.

The Clerk had no matters to report, however, Peter Crocker informed members that, due to changes made by a resident to their fence, the gate and associated post at the Playfield Close entrance to the Recreation Ground needed to be replaced.

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- h. To receive reports from representatives (VHMC, Allotments, Community Speed Watch, Tree Warden, Other) and provide guidance as appropriate**

Allotments – Barry Paginton reported that the tenant of allotment 20 had removed his items from the neighbouring fence, following a complaint from the resident concerned. The resident had passed thanks to the Parish Council for its help with this matter.

10. Finance

- a. To note that the SSDC grant for 2017/18 has been increased since the last meeting and to agree a revised precept request.**

RESOLVED: It was proposed by David Nichols, seconded by Sue Place and unanimously agreed to approve the revised precept request as presented.

- b. To consider a grant request from the Village Hall Management Committee for £750 as a contribution towards tables and chairs. This request is being made as a result of successful grant funding from SSDC, which is dependent on a Parish Council contribution.**

This item was dealt with after item 7a) above.

- c. To approve the cashbook and bank account reconciliation for December 2016 as presented.**

RESOLVED: The Cash Book and Bank Reconciliation for December 2016, as verified by Michael Player, was approved and signed by the Chair.

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

Henstridge Village Hall	Hall Hire Jan to Sept 2016	£127.00
M P Bennett and Son	Flailing at recreation ground	£224.40
Stalbridge Building Supplies	Black sacks	£7.02
Staff	Salaries December 2016	£1,088.90
Staff	Expenses December 2016	£95.94
HMRC	Tax and NICs Dec 2016	£148.16

An additional cheque for £750.00 for the VHMC grant for chairs and tables was also signed.

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 David Nichols agreed as signatories.

- 11. Date of Next meeting** – The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Monday 6th February 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 26th January.

The meeting ended at 21:57.

Agreed and signed by the Chair _____

Date _____