



HORTON KIRBY AND SOUTH DARENTH PARISH COUNCIL
Parish Office, Village Hall, Horton Road, South Darent DA4 9AZ

7th November 2025

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 3rd November 2025 in the Village Hall, South Darent at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr I Blackamore Chair, T Moyle Vice, N Gurr, D Hollands, D Mitchell, D Wakefield and A White.

District Cllrs: L Ball, A White

Members of the Public: 12 including DRiPS representative M Dunn.

In Attendance: L Johnson Parish Clerk

82 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Page was absent.

83 Declarations of Interest

Any updated completed Disclosable and Non-Disclosable Pecuniary Forms to be given to the Clerk. (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 (SI 2012/1464) Localism Act 2011 Received from Cllrs Blackamore and Wakefield.

Action: Clerk to notify SDC and post on website.

84 Minutes

The amended Minutes of the last meeting held 6th October 2025 were signed to confirm they are a true and accurate record of the meeting's proceedings.

85 Clerks Report

Minute 64 Matters Arising

Minute 131: Strip of land at East Hill/Paddock Close. SDMC report that their solicitor sent information to ours on. Contacted solicitor 6/10

119 Public Questions

6th Oct – Laura Trott has contacted SDC for a stop notice on land Mussenden & School Lane

Reply attached – standard cut & paste letter

School Lane mobile home – Planning Enforcement Manager SDC 31st October 2025

153 Reports from District Councillor

Westminster field defibrillator – BHF turned down request but have sent offer of saving £370 on defib and cabinet package. Deadline 31st May 2026. Cost is £1000 or £1166.67 ex vat – 3 Year Finance Plan

86 Police Matters – *Appendix 2*

PC Guest or Collins were unable to attend. A November newsletter was received and will be displayed on the Parish Council's website and noticeboard.

Keep Reporting – It Matters

Your reports help us build intelligence, respond effectively and keep the community safe. Whether it's suspicious behaviour, antisocial activity or crime, please don't hesitate to report it. Every piece of information helps:

- For non-emergencies call 101 or report online. <https://www.kent.police.uk/ro/report/>
- In an emergency dial 999.
- Speak to PC Guest or PC Collins during patrols or future community events.

87 Report from District Councillors – *Appendix 3*

Cllr Alan White read out his monthly report which included items about the ongoing SGN road closures including School Lane, Arriva bus route, Anti-social behaviour, parking on double yellow line outside the pharmacy and the PC newsletter.

Cllr Ball remarked that Sevenoaks District Council were receiving more 'PiP' Planning in Principle planning applications with the recent change from Green to Grey belt and all Councillors were having to learn how to fully understand them.

The business case for each of the models submitted for Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) across Kent & Medway are to be released on Wednesday 5th November. Sevenoaks District Council will be publishing its own Committee Report on the LGR submission to Government.

88 County Councillor

Absent. No report had been received.

89 Questions from the Public and Correspondence

Cllr Mitchell mentioned that a member of the public, via social media, had asked if the Parish Council would discuss what they can do to help with complaints about Devon Road surgery. Parish Councillors can request items to be added to an agenda by completing the appropriate form available from the Parish office.

A request to the council had been received from Mr Boddington of Horton Kirby on behalf of the **Community Car Scheme - *Appendix 4***.

A not for profit scheme run entirely by volunteers, it now covers Horton Kirby & South Darenth as well as Eynsford, Farningham and Lullingstone. Offering to support those who struggle to attend appointment due to insufficient access to private or public transport. They are looking for more volunteers who generously use their own cars and give of their time to drive patients to their appointments. Expenses are reimbursed.

Cllr Blackmore said the Parish Council would be more than happy to support the scheme and would actively promote on social media, noticeboards and the newsletter.

90 HK&SD Solar Farm Working Group – *Appendix 5*

The Parish Council received and accepted the report and its recommendation updating matters relating to the:

- Horton Wood Project.
- HK & SD Community Villages Trust which had been given approval by the Charity Commission. Registration Number 1215349. A copy of the Trust Deed is now being held in the Parish office.
- Chimmens Solar Farm project. The Working Group recommended that Option 'A' proposal be accepted as the substantive part of the agreement and that the Working Group be authorised to conclude the negotiations with RES Ltd, in consultation with the HK&SDCVT Trustees.

There were no questions.

91 Anthony Roper Trust

The Trust receives funds which can be given to individuals or organisations within Farningham, Crockenhill, Horton Kirby & South Darenth for educational needs, pensions and the poor. Cllr Hollands proposed, Cllr Blackamore seconded and all were in favour and therefore

Resolved: that Cllr Moyle was nominated to continue as trustee on behalf of HKSD Parish Council for a further four year period.

92 SGN Road Closures in Horton Kirby

Cllr White explained that he had requested SGN to look at delaying the School Lane closure until Spring 2026, rather than the first two weeks in January and to further help residents, asked the Council to consider leaving Westminster field car park open so that they could park overnight rather than taking the long diversion through narrow lanes.

Cllr White had also put the question to the Fighting Cocks pub in The Street and was waiting for a reply. He advised that the pub had been most accommodating and would allow SGN to create another spoil/equipment site which would help the contractor to make up time on the project.

Action: Update Council when alternative dates had been confirmed.

93 Parish Councillors

Councillors had recently completed a Parish Council Skills Audit to identify strengths and weaknesses and help plan future training.

Cllr White had requested an update on Councillor activity since the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council May 2025.

Action: Clerk to send summary of audit to Cllr Wakefield who would draw up a succession plan which would then be discussed by Councillors.

94 Financial Matters Schedule of Accounts

The schedule of accounts were received and approved. There were no questions.

Action: Cllrs Mitchell and Moyle to authorise electronic payments to be made.

Budget Setting

Clerk had postponed to 1st December meeting

95 Planning 25/02727/FUL

Land East of Boyneswood
Mussenden Lane
Horton Kirby
Kent

Erection of single storey detached bungalow with new entrance and access, paved parking area and hard standing. New fencing, solar panels, septic tank and rainwater harvesting tank.

Action: No objection/no comment

25/02964/HOUSE

Rashleigh Lodge
Horton Road
Horton Kirby
Kent DA4 9BN

Erection of outbuilding for storage.

Action: No objection/no comment

96 Committee Minutes

Approved Minutes from June and August 25 for the ROS Committee and March & June 25 for the Halls Committee were received.

97 Newsletter/Events/Social Media

Newsletters - Clerk thanked Cllr White for preparing and distributing Newsletters and leaflets to the volunteers and Horton Kirby households.

Fireworks event - Cllr Hollands said that after hearing reports of low pre-ticket sales, he was concerned about low numbers for the Parish Council's fireworks event on Sunday 2nd November.

However, his fears were allayed with the event being well attended, over 1200 people, and enjoyed by all. He thanked the army of volunteers that had been recruited and trained in helping to set up, marshal and tidy up afterwards.

Thanks go to Danny from The Bull pub for donating crowd barriers and labour to set up and remove afterwards.

Phoenix fireworks were also praised for the professional display they put on.

District Councillor Ball addressed the council and said that Dave was to be commended on the excellent job he did.

98 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 1st December 2025.

The meeting finished at 8.18pm

Chair: _____ Date: _____