

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HORSLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 25th September 2023 AT 7.00PM IN HORSLEY WI HALL

PRESENT: Cllrs M D Senior, Chairman of the Council together with Cllr C Roe, Cllr C Turnbull, and Cllr S Glover. County Councillor Holly Waddell also in attendance.

923.01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies was received from Cllr D Lillie and Cllr S Lynch.

923.02 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of Interest received.

923.03 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was agreed to approve the minutes of the Meeting held on 17th July, one amendment to be noted from Cllr M D Senior on 723.05 Point 4, change subbie to subcontractor for reference.

• **PUBLIC TO RAISE MATTERS IN RELATION TO HORSLEY PARISH**

- **Footpaths Report** Finger posts at two points have been repaired although noted Gallows Hill walkway hasn't been cleared yet as previous years.
Bridle Way in the Wood Cottages and is still closed as responsibility from NWL, Clerk will enquire when this will be open as still closed as sewage issue.
- **Lighting from NWL.** It was hoped this would be reduced from August doesn't look any changes yet, looking to speak to new contact once announced from contactors as Joan at Bentleys is retiring.
- **Gutters on village near clearing** These are filling up and need clearing, Clerk will speak to NCC.
- **Hedges East side of village towards High Barnes Bridge** Cllr C Turnbull will approach John Bramwell to see if he can help.
- **Sign Down at West End village opposite High Barnes Farm** Reported still on list to be repaired.
Also noted Fifty Trees planted around village and only a couple have not taken hold with few different varieties.

923.05 MATTERS ARISING & REVIEW OF ACTIONS

- **Installation of Interactive Sign** Highways have been contacted over installing the signs but suggested we try Alston Electricals to see if they can help and speed process up.
- **Lead Lane Gate** County Cllr spoken to Tim Fish and hopefully this will be done in next few weeks.
- **Road Surface of Horsley Village.** This has been added to LTP for 2023 and Clerk will add on this that the traffic through village has been worse to other nearby road closures recently and hopefully put us further up list.
- **White H Lines bottom of Dunslaw Croft.** This was requested from highways and to request one at the bottom of the Hearth has been requested but County Cllr said this maybe could be done under the Small Scheme.
- **Karbon Homes.** Cherry Tree Gardens, Maintaining Hedges, Clerk to attend inspection with John Gray from Maintenance section what needs doing likely program in October. Confirmed memorial seat had been destroyed looking into replacement continuing.

923.06 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

County Councillor Holly Waddell recently reported 1st Meeting at County Council under new constitution which would have 10 minutes debate on each item then 10 minutes for questions, there has been complaints as meeting on took 1 hr 20 minutes as usual take over 3 hours at least and felt this wasn't enough time needed to discuss important issues report from Highways was everything going well and update was given on new equipment.

923.07 CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence on attached list was provided below.

SENDER	MOST OF THESE HAVE ALREADY BEEN FORWARDED TO COUNCILLORS BY EMAIL
Mandy Senior	Email Thanks to Council
CAN England	Newsletter
NALC	August news - e
NALC	Weekly news - e
Community Action Northumberland	Monthly CAN news - e

923.08 FINANCE

It was AGREED by Cllr M D Senior to approve the expenditure on the list circulated below.

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	NET AMOUNT	VAT	GROSS AMOUNT	PAYMENT METHOD
HM Revenue and Customs	PAYE	151.40		151.40	BACS
Horsley WI	Hall Rent – May	20.00		20.00	BACS
Mr A Turnbull	Clerical Services	404.82		404.82	BACS
AJ Gallagher	Hiscox Insurance	1745.26		1745.26	BACS
Adrian Jackson	Grass Cutting	525.00		525.00	BACS
Elan City	Interactive Signs x 2	4479.98	896.00	5375.98	BACS
INCOME					
Northumberland CC	Precept Sept 2023	6000.00		6000.00	BACS
Lloyds Bank	Interest September	9.59		9.59	BACS

923.09 PLANNING

Details of the planning proposals as circulated to all Councillors and are listed below.

REFERENCE	ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION	DECISION
23/01909/FUL	Site Of Former Building South of The Lodge Horsley Northumberland	Part retrospective: Agricultural Building	Refused
23/01857/FUL	The March Barn Welton Northumberland NE18 0LJ	Construction of a detached car port and boundary wall	Granted
23/03240/FUL	Land East of Horsley Banks Farm Horsley Newcastle Upon Tyne Northumberland NE15 0NS	Change of use of stable building to 1no. residential dwelling, with associated access and parking	Pending
23/01531/FUL	Horsley House Horsley Newcastle Upon Tyne Northumberland	Conversion of existing garage/barn to domestic activity spaces. Provision of new windows, floor, and insertion of new rooflights. Connecting to main house via door to Conservatory.	Granted
23/03445/FUL	Land West of Horsley Banks Farm Cottage Horsley Northumberland	Conversion of Biomass storage building to residential unit (retrospective)	Pending
23/03151/FUL	The Lodge Horsley Banks Farm Horsley Newcastle Upon Tyne Northumberland NE15 0NS	Proposed extension of existing holiday cottage	Pending

VILLAGE ISSUES

- **Village Notice Boards.** Was agreed Lion & Lamb notice board taken over by the pub, requested that Parish Council sign is removed.
- **Horsley Play Area.** Cllr S Lynch will continue to maintain and report on Play Area going forward and will meet

Clerk on Site to discuss what needs doing, also possible future payments will be made end of year donation to a local food bank.

- **Library Bus.** Reported had communal buses I use for this but reported they are not fit for library but understand 2 buses available to Morpeth area could one of these made available to Hexham area for use of use of village, County Cllr investigate this.
- **Village WI Hall.** Reported that there is new committee going forward of 10 to be trustees and looking for funding for ongoing costs and repairs and a request for a £50 Donation for Parish Council which was agreed also County Cllr mentioned there is a community chest which also may help for funding.

923.11

REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATION OF COUNCILLORS

Quick summary was given from Cllr M D Senior from Ovingham Burial Board with concern around the cottage on the site to maintain.

923.12

ANY URGENT BUSINESS

Just a note that there will be a Jumble Sale at Village Hall 14th October 2023.

923.13

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Next Meeting due to be held on Monday 13th November 2023