

**Minutes not yet ratified**

**Horrabridge Parish Council**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2018 in the Village Hall

Present: Cllr P Beard (Chair), Cllr A Moorhead, Cllr S Roche, Cllr d Keane.

In attendance: Cllr D Cloke (WDBC), Cllr D Moyse (WDBC & DNPA) and 18 members of the public

**1. Apologies**

Cllr T Lear

**2. Public Question Time/ Public Participation Policy**

SR (acting as clerk) read out a PPP Request from Rachel McGavin “did HPC request to see the accounts of the recipients of the charitable donations (April’s minutes refer)?”

Answer - No.

SR to Mr Alan Berry “as made clear in my email to you, a reply to your Freedom of Information Act request is expected to be provided before HPC’s August meeting”.

Alan Berry and Chris Benfield complained that they were not allowed to ask questions under the new PPP.

Sharon Ellis complained that HPC were being selective in which questions they would answer.

Alan Berry pointed out that the ratification of May’s Annual General Meeting and Annual Public Meeting should not be carried out until the next AGM/APM. The Chairman thanked him for this advice, which is noted.

**3. Declarations of Interest**

None

**4. Ratification of Minutes**

12 June 2018 – the minutes were approved (15c flare should read flair). Proposed AM, sec. DK, unanimous

**5. Police Report**

No Police Report received.

**6.** Decision was taken to hold an August meeting at which it is expected that co-options would take place and a new clerk be present.

**7. Matters arising from June’s minutes**

- a) Grass at Chapel Lane (AM)- Spoken to Handyman and hopefully situation resolved.
  - b) School hedge on Walkhampton Road (PB) – Chairman cut hedge himself.
  - c) War Memorial update (DK) – DK thought memorial in good condition. Had quote to clean letters at £400 + £100 more to clean memorial itself.
  - d) Neighbourhood Plan update (SR) on hold until HPC work eases off.
  - e) Party in the Park update – Paul Moucher kindly volunteers to continue organising although stood down as a Councillor. To take place on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> August between 1pm and 7 pm (to avoid clash with Farmers Market and Bingo). Groups, singers and music booked. Radio Walkham, refreshment tent, ice cream, hot dogs, and candyfloss present. Taekwondo presentation, hay bales organised. There is a potential wet weather plan. HPC providing electricity free, any profits on the day go to HPC.
- 8.** Pavilion update following meeting onsite (DK) – architect will give price for feasibility study. Other architects to be contacted for professional opinions and competitive quotes. **Action AM/PB.**
- 9.** War Memorial restoration (former Councillor Andrew Collins) – Has 2 quotes so far for refurbishment (£5,200 and £3,500), waiting for 2 more. Requires numbers to be treated, stonework cleaned and pointed, to be restored to original condition to hopefully last another 100 years. Has established a Facebook donation page and is fund raising. Asked the Council to underwrite the scheme, but Council would not commit until outcome is much clearer.
- 10.** Chapter 8 Training (PB) – Free places available for 3 Councillors – wait to decide who until co-option has taken place.
- 11.** WDBC/DNPA Councillors Reports. Cllr Cloke WDBC – Community Safety Partnership extremely concerned regarding recent developments with teenagers and drug taking within the district. So called “County Lines” stretch to our area, and although children perhaps resentful of parental control, do you know where your children are and what they are involved in? We all need to be vigilant, particularly in regard of the recent death of a teenager in Tavistock. Seamoor Lottery established and 58 charities have signed up so far and £6,700 raised in the first draw, to go to these charities. To bridge the funding gap in West Devon’s finances, £20million of the £35million authorised to borrow has been invested, mainly in long-term leases in storage and industrial units. DNPA and Liverty are meeting to discuss the future use of Davy House.
- Cllr Moyse (DNPA) – Field rear of Youlden Way will probably be discarded as a suitable site for housing development, final decision possibly November. Franco Farm suggestion may also be unsuitable as there is no direct road access to the rest of the village.

## **12. Planning**

- a) 0289/18 Fillace Lane, erection of 3 affordable housing units - Object.
- b) 0333/18 Office pod adjacent to London House, 22 Station Road – Object.  
Full reports can be read on HPC website under “planning”.

## **13. Finance**

- a) Payment to MST is in dispute, cheque not signed.

- b) Review and adoption of Finance Risk Assessment – SR proposed, AM sec, unan.

#### **14. Open Spaces**

- a) List for Lengthsman – not yet carried out. **Action** PB/AM.
- b) Flood Risk/EA Update (TL) carried over to August meeting.
- c) Japanese Knotweed – Mr Scott Boyd concerned regarding incursion onto a farmer's land from land believed owned by Devon County Council, who say they have no money to remedy. If Japanese Knotweed spreads onto your property, the other party is liable for its eradication. Webmaster will be asked to publicise.

#### **15. Any Other Business**

DK passed on a request from Devon Library Service, "How can we improve our service to rural areas?"

#### **16. Public Participation Policy (5 minutes public time at discretion of Chairman).**

Adam Minns asked if HRFT transfer had been finalised. Chairman replied that 99% to date, would probably discuss at August meeting.

Lyndsey Pollard asked if minutes/agendas could be also put on Facebook, Chairman said he would do so.

Paul Fisher was exasperated by the interference the new mobile mast is causing to Freeview reception in areas of the village, particularly Station Road and Manor Estate. Asked if HPC could contact to Vodafone. **Action** PB

Sharon Ellis was keen on a junior council and its involvement with HPC. Suggested Councillors pay a school visit.

#### **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2018 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8.47pm.