

**MINUTES OF AN ANNUAL MEETING OF HORRABRIDGE PARISH
HELD ON Tuesday 21st MAY 2019 at 6.30pm
AT HORRABRIDGE VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT: Cllr's P Beard (Chairman), A Moorhead, E Hemsil, T Lear, M Huda, C Edmondson, S Roche, F Peart and 16 members of the public

The Chairman opened the meeting at 6.30pm

1. Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 29th May 2018 for approval

The minutes of the previous year's Annual meeting were duly agreed by all present.

2. Chairman's Report

The past year has been disappointing as far as achievements are concerned; we as a council renewed the burial ground driveway, installed the disabled swing which is proving to be a hit with wheelchair users both from the village and from visitors, and the toddlers equipment was also renewed.

I feel our aims to seek funding for other projects such as replacing the pavilion and renewing fencing and surfaces have been hampered by the amount of time the clerk and councillors have had to spend on conference calls and dealing with time consuming emails. I'm hoping that with new policies being introduced this will resolve this issue.

Finally, thank you to our staff for without their determination, the village and its facilities wouldn't be the place it is today.

3. Finance Report

Cllr E Hemsil reported that the council had now opened a separate account for the projects money and the project money balance had been transferred.

4. Planning Report

Cllr S Roche informed everyone that 17 applications had been received over the past year. All but one had been supported; 009/19 regarding a Certificate of Lawfulness for Magpie Leisure Park which had been refused.

During the last year Dartmoor National Park had issued a new plan. HPC had been asked for its comments and had duly provided its comments.

5. Questions from members of the public

Q: Who is responsible for the rubbish dumped behind the Salt shed and Pavillion?

Ans: Cllr A Moorhead explained he was trying to arrange a removal but it would cost approximately £300.00

Q: Why are cheques not signed in front of parishioners anymore?

Ans: The Clerk explained that, according to general practice; as long as the Council has **agreed** payment of the cheque (emergency payments accepted) it can be signed at any time.

Q: Does the Parish Council hold the Deeds to the Recreation Field and if so, has it been registered as Common Land?

Ans: Cllr E Hemsil explained that the Land can only be used for Recreational purposes and funding so CANNOT be classed as Common Land.

Q: Hedges within the village have been cut back. Should they NOT be cut during 1st March – 31st July ?

Ans: Cllr P Beard explained that residents had requested the trimming of brambles ONLY and this had been performed recently.

Q: What is happening with the Truck? In order to use the gritter, a suitable vehicle must be found as a replacement.

Ans: Cllrs E Hemsil and M Huda are investigating the best type of vehicle to replace.

Q: Please can we have NO more discussions about DOG MESS!

Ans: The outgoing Chairman explained that the end of this topic could not be guaranteed.

Cllr E Hemsil stated that the matter would probably continue for years.

Q: A member of the public expressed his dissatisfaction with the present Clerk and outgoing Chairman; (in his opinion) many mistakes were being made. He did not offer a list of the mistakes he had identified.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.15pm

Signed: Date:
Chairman