

## HORSLEY PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE ONLINE MEETING OF HORSLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 20 JULY 2020 AT 7.00PM (Draft Minutes Subject to Council Approval)

**PRESENT:** Cllr M D Senior, Chairman of the Council together with C Roe, C Turnbull, S Lynch, D Lillie and Mrs S Glover.

In attendance: Mrs M Senior, Clerk to the Council

#### 720.01 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

- a) **Public Rights of Way.** Maurice Holliday had sent in his footpath report which was noted.
- b) **Speeding.** Several emails had been received regarding speeding in the village. A petition is circulating to be presented to the Parish Council at a later date. It was noted that the Community Speedwatch Scheme is on hold due to Covid 19. Speeding will be discussed in further details once the petition has been received. Signs 'SLOW CHILDREN PLAYING' were requested on Mill Way.
- c) **State of footpaths and roads.** Complaints had been received by several residents over the poor state of the footpaths, roads and various road signs around the village. These had all been reported to NCC however due to the current pandemic only essential services are being carried out by NCC.

**720.02 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – County Councillor Mrs K Quinn

**720.03 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – Cllr C Roe declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 0720.07b regarding planning application 20/01515/FUL.

**720.04 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18<sup>th</sup> MAY 2020.** It was proposed by Cllr M D Senior, seconded by Cllr C Turnbull and AGREED that the minutes of the meeting held on **18<sup>th</sup> May 2020** be signed as an accurate record.

#### 720.05 ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 13<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2020.

- a) **Village Issues.** Minute 520.10 refers. The following work had been carried out since the last meeting.
  - 3 bus shelters in the village cleaned out. The bus stop opposite the Crown and Anchor had been pointed.
  - 2 litter bins installed at the east and west end of the village.
  - Goal posts painted and new nets bought.
  - Play area repairs carried out including: Zip slide seat replaced; all equipment cleaned; skate ramp surface part repaired; bird deterrents installed on toddler swing frame; all fixings checked and replaced where necessary; climbing frame had been cordoned off due to unsafe climbing area.
  - NCC have replaced, repaired and renewed various signs around the village.

**720.06 CORRESPONDENCE** received since the May meeting had been circulated to all councillors by email and noted.

- a) **WILDFLOWER VERGES.** A request for the grass verges to be left as wildflower areas was received. This could only be achieved in certain areas due to the 3 year grass cutting contract. The Parish Council agreed in principal to certain areas being turned into wildflower areas and will look into this further.
- b) **HERBICIDES.** Email received from a resident expressing concerns over the use of glyphosate on the neighbouring fields. The local farmers do use glyphosate during July and the resident has requested an alert system to be set up. It was agreed that Cllr C Turnbull would advise when he was to spray the fields and Mrs Senior would advise the residents accordingly.

SENDER	DETAILS
Highways England	A69 Bridge End Improvements – Update June 2020
RoSPA	Play area inspection report
Northumberland County Council	Northumberland Local Plan Examination: Consultation on additional evidence
National Assoc of Local Councils	Rebuilding Communities – Online Event Series
Residents	Concerns over speeding
Resident	Concerns over herbicides used by local farmers
Resident	Grass verges as wild flower areas

#### Information Items

Sender	Subject
NALC	Weekly eNews
Campaign to Protect Rural England	Newsletter – Summer 2020
Highways England	A69 Bridge End Hexham update at 3 July 2020
Community Action Northumberland	CAN eNews – July 2020

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### 720.07 PLANNING

- a) **PLANNING DECISIONS.** Details of the planning decisions as circulated were AGREED by all Councillors and are listed below.
- b) **PLANNING APPLICATIONS.** Details of the planning applications as circulated were AGREED by all Councillors and are listed below. It was noted that an enforcement notice had been issued to the owner of Horsley Banks Farm in relation to the unauthorised building to the south of the plot. It was also noted that planning application 20/0179/VARYCO and 20/00008/FUL related to the same building which had not been built in accordance with the plans.

REFERENCE	ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION	DECISION
20/00008/FUL	Land north and east of Horsley Banks Farm	Proposed change of use of existing building to 1no dwelling	Decision awaited
20/01065/FUL	Horsley Village Church, Horsley Main Road	Installation of a set of sandstone steps to provide safe access to the main east entrance of the church.	GRANTED
19/04535/FUL	North Side Farm, Oatens Bank	Proposed erection of a manager's house (restricted occupancy)	WITHDRAWN
20/01515/FUL	Land at south west of South East Farm	Erection of single dwelling with associated access and landscaping	Decision awaited
20/01794/VARYCO	Land North and East of Horsley Banks Farm	Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) pursuant to planning permission 17/00229/FUL to allow amendments made during construction	Comments to be submitted by 31 July 20

### 720.08 FINANCE

- a) **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.** It was proposed by Cllr M D Senior, seconded by Cllr C Turnbull and AGREED to approve the expenditure on the list circulated.
- b) **RISK ASSESSMENT.** The risk assessment circulated to Councillors was noted and the recommendations made therein to cover the Council were proposed by Cllr M D Senior, seconded by Cllr Mrs S Glover and AGREED. A risk assessment had been prepared in relation to the reopening of the play areas. This was proposed by Cllr M D Senior, seconded by Cllr C Roe and AGREED.

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	NET OF VAT	VAT	CHEQUE AMOUNT	CHEQUE NO
Amazon	Play area repairs	31.85	3.31	28.54	BACS
Amazon	Play area repairs	8.99	1.50	7.49	BACS
Amazon	Play area repairs	28.46	2.75	25.71	BACS
Net World Sports Ltd	Goal nets	80.93		80.93	BACS
Wylam PC – OJBC	Admin Fee re accounts	10.00		10.00	BACS
Wylam PC – OJBC	1 <sup>st</sup> instalment contribution	450.00		450.00	BACS
Mrs A Senior	Salary	361.27		361.27	SO
Mrs A Senior	Play area inspection	75.00		75.00	BACS
Adrian Jackson	Grass cutting	625.00		625.00	BACS
HM Revenue Customs	PAYE	90.40		90.40	001003
Mrs A Senior	Play area repairs & seat repairs	91.67	1.20	90.47	BACS
Playsafety Ltd	Play area annual inspection	160.20	26.70	133.50	BACS
J C Accountants	Internal audit fee	37.20	6.20	31.00	BACS
<b>Income</b>					
Lloyds Bank	Bank account interest	0.41		0.41	09.06.2020
Lloyds Bank	Bank account interest	0.40		0.40	09.07.2020

### 720.09 VILLAGE ISSUES

- a) **REPORTS ON VILLAGE ISSUES AND HIGHWAYS MATTERS**
- **Mill Way.** It was noted that NCC was carrying out drainage work along Mill Way. This will improve the water running off the fields.
  - **Gulleys.** Mrs Senior is keeping in contact with NCC who are to advise when the gully wagon will visit Horsley.
- b) **TO RECEIVE PLAY AREA INSPECTION AND AGREE WORK IDENTIFIED.** The Annual Play Area inspection had been carried out by RoSPA and various repairs had been identified. It was noted that the ramp and climbing wall on the large climbing frame had warped and some of the timbers had rotted. The cost to replace the various sections £2232 + VAT. It was proposed by Cllr Mrs S Glover, seconded by Cllr C Turnbull and AGREED to repair the climbing frame. This would be a considerably cheaper option than having to replace or remove the old equipment. It was noted that the skate ramp has a 5mm transition between the ramp and the tarmac. This will need to be rectified. Cllr S Lynch to look into getting this repaired.

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- c) **LITTER PICK.** It was noted that several residents have adopted sections of the village and pick up litter in these areas regularly. Thanks were expressed to all residents involved. Litter picking equipment is available to all residents, if required.

### 720.10 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON COMMITTEES

- a) **OVINGHAM JOINT BURIAL COMMITTEE.** The next meeting is to be held in the cemetery on Tuesday 21 July 2020. The groundworks contract had been awarded to Adrian Jackson for the coming 3 years. Stability testing is due to be carried out and some works on the trees which are overhanging neighbouring properties. Dogs fouling in the cemetery continue to be a problem.
- b) **EAST TYNEDALE PARISH AND TOWN COUNCILS FORUM.** Due to the current situation, all meetings of the Forum have been cancelled until further notice.

**720.11 ANY URGENT ISSUES (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)** Nothing to report

**720.12 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.** The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held online on Monday 21st September 2020 at 7pm. The link will be circulated and made available to residents 7 days before the meeting. The advice from NALC/SLCC is still for Parish Councils to meet remotely.

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Signed as an accurate record