

HORSLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ONLINE MEETING OF HORSLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 18 JANUARY 2021 AT 7.00PM

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

In attendance: Mrs M Senior, Clerk to the Council
Karen Quinn, County Councillor

0121.01 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

- a) **Speeding.** Further emails had been received regarding speeding in the village. It was noted that the previous speed survey carried out by NCC had not captured the required data and therefore they are carrying out an additional survey.
- b) **Grit piles.** It was noted that the grit heaps had not been replenished on Mill Way despite having been reported several weeks ago. County Councillor Mrs K Quinn will chase this up on behalf of the Parish Council. It was also noted that Northumbrian Water grit Mill Way up to the entrance of the Water Works. It was AGREED to contact Northumbrian Water and ask if they could grit to the bottom of Mill Way.
- c) **Dog Fouling.** Reports of increased dog fouling within Horsley had been reported. Cllr M D Senior had witnessed someone leaving bagged dog waste by their car. This had been reported to NCC with the car registration number however they were unable to take any action as they do not have access to the car owners' details. Any incidents of dog fouling should be reported via the online form to NCC.

0121.02 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Cllr R D Lillie

0121.03 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Cllr Mrs S Glover declared a personal interest in item 121.09b regarding planning application 20/03530/FUL.

0121.04 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16TH NOVEMBER 2020. It was proposed by Cllr M D Senior, seconded by Cllr C Turnbull and AGREED that the minutes of the meeting held on 16th NOVEMBER 2020 be signed as an accurate record.

0121.05 ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 16TH NOVEMBER 2020.

- a) **Play area.** Minute 1120.10 refers. The play area lock on the maintenance gate is still to be replaced.
- b) **State of the roads.** Minute 1120.05 refers. The state of the road at the west end of the village had been reported together with the various potholes in the centre of the village.

0121.06 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT. County Councillor Karen Quinn gave her verbal report on matters at Northumberland County Council. Karen advised that she is not standing for re-election in May 2021 and the Parish Council thanked Karen for all her help over the last 4 years.

- a) **Covid-19.** Covid-19 cases are slowly coming down in Northumberland. The vaccine rollout is being very well organised with many over 80s already vaccinated. Although schools are closed it had been reported that the online learning has improved from 2020.
- b) **Highways.** Thanks to Karen, communication between the Parish Council and NCC Highways has improved and the Parish Council now has a direct contact with the department.
- c) **Elections.** Elections are going ahead in May.

0121.07 CORRESPONDENCE received since the November meeting had been circulated to all councillors by email and noted.

- Northumbrian Water – Work at Horsley Treatment Works – update
- Footpath Report - Water tables are very high so many footpaths are muddy. The disappearance of the finger post on the bridleway that shows the entrance to Horsley Wood from the Wylam road has been reported. Spital ford area is very muddy and overgrown in places. There is a problem with the stone stile two fields over from Water Lane on the Ovingham path. It is in a bad state having been damaged by walkers. The Whittle Burn has been fenced off from the conservation site below Nafferton farm almost to the ford at Spital. A gap has been left for the right of way after you cross the burn where the two streams meet.
- NALC – Weekly eNews
- Clerks and Councils Direct – Publication No 133 – January 2021

0121.08 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.

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	NET OF VAT	VAT	CHEQUE AMOUNT	CHEQUE NO
Horsley Village Church	Donation – Christmas Tree	20.00		20.00	BACS
D Henderson	Repairs to bus shelter	50.00		50.00	001004
M Cook (Parkinsons UK)	Mole trapping	75.00		75.00	001005
Mrs A Senior	Clerical services	365.87		365.87	SO

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Mrs A Senior	Play area inspections	75.00		75.00	BACS
Spanglefish	Website hosting	78.00		78.00	BACS
Adrian Jackson	Grass cutting	575.00		575.00	BACS
Corbridge Parish Council	SLCC Subscription 2021	30.95		30.95	BACS
Great North Air Ambulance	Grant Aid	150.00		150.00	1006
Sport Tynedale	Grant Aid	50.00		50.00	1007
Income					
Lloyds Bank	Interest	0.06		0.06	09.12.20
Lloyds Bank	Interest	0.05		0.05	09.01.21

- b) **TO ACCEPT AND APPROVE THE ACCOUNTS UP TO 31 DECEMBER 2020.** It was proposed by Cllr M D Senior, seconded by Cllr C Turnbull and AGREED to accept and approve the accounts up to 31st December 2020. It was noted that the balance of the accounts as at 31st December 2020 was £10039.63.

0121.09 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 large vehicles to Horsley Water Works were travelling through the village. This will be reported to Northumbrian Water.

REFERENCE	ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION	DECISION
20/02779/VARYCO	Slate House, Welton	Variation of 17/1760/LBC to change approved plans (condition 2) for works to 1st floor of farmhouse including introduction of mezzanine, reinstatement of recess, relocation of new door opening to link and details of mortar (condition 3), windows (condition 8) and doors (condition 9) for internal alterations to barn and dwelling.	GRANTED
20/03530/FUL	13 Horsley Wood Cottages	Construction of a 3.5m extension to existing kitchen	GRANTED
20/03564/FUL	Jayner, Horsley NE15 0NU	Proposed demolition and rebuilding of domestic garage	GRANTED
20/03371	The March Barn, Welton	Retrospective planning for existing boundary wall, size and height as per plan	No objection
20/03845/FUL	Horsley Banks Farm	Change of use of stable building to 1no residential dwelling with associated access and amenity space	Objection
20/04021/LBC	Dukes Cottage, Horsley	Listed building consent: Conservatory to rear	No objection
20/03820/FUL	Horsley Water Treatment works	Erection of kiosk and safety shower	No objection

0121.10 VILLAGE ISSUES

a) REPORTS ON VILLAGE ISSUES AND HIGHWAYS MATTERS

- **Broadband.** The Parish Council had been contacted by The Hearth who have been looking at the Community Fibre Broadband Scheme with Openreach. Vouchers are available to help homes and businesses in rural areas of Northumberland to get access to much faster and reliable internet connections. Residents and businesses can visit the Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme website to find a list of suppliers in the local area. <https://gigabitvoucher.culture.gov.uk>.
- **Water Treatment Works.** Report of plastic waste blowing from the treatment works had been received. The plastic bags are stuck in trees and bushes on the boundary of the site. Crofts well is also overflowing and the spoil heap is growing. These issues will be reported to NWL.
- **Litter picking.** The Parish Council had received an offer of help to litter pick from the son of one of the Councillors. Equipment will be provided. The Parish Council welcomes any offer of help to keep Horsley tidy.
- **Play Area.** NWL is yet to remove the soil heap in the play area. This will be chased up.

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0121.11 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON COMMITTEES

a) **OVINGHAM JOINT BURIAL COMMITTEE.** Nothing to report.

0121.12 ANY URGENT ISSUES (FOR INFORMATION ONLY. Nothing to report.

0121.13 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held online on Monday 8th March 2021 at 7pm. (Please note change of date from usual 3rd Monday of the month. 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.

Signed as an accurate record