

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HORRABRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL; ON TUESDAY 9TH NOVEMBER 2021 AT 7.30PM
(also available at www.horrabridge-pc.gov.uk/)

PRESENT: Cllrs M Huda (Chairman), S Roche (Vice Chairman), C Edmondson, E Hemsil, M Glinn, T Lear, D Farrar and A Moorhead
C Ellis (Acting Clerk) and 3 members of the public

PUBLIC OPEN SESSION

A member of the public brought to the attention of the council there had been a lot of anti-social behaviour in the village, including deliberate damage to a fire door at the Community Hall at the school and breaking the key-safe at the Youth Club. The incidents had been reported but the member of the public would like to know if the Parish Council were aware and would like to arrange a co-ordinated response to future incidents. Cllr Edmondson explained that incidents that she had witnessed were reported. Cllr Edmondson would publish contact details to make the public aware of where they report these matters. A co-ordinated response would be encouraged and dates and times of previous incidents would be made available to Cllr Edmondson. The Council thanked the member of the public for the suggestion.

A member of the public, who attend the Council meeting on 14th September 2021 regarding hedgehog deaths on A386 attended. He had made enquiries to DCC Highways regarding signage but was told it had to be on private land. It was proposed that he spoke to local residents to ask if they would be willing to have a sign on their land. It was suggested he made a request for a grant from Horrabridge Parish Council to help with the cost of the signage.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.40pm

113:21/22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies from Cllr Sanders was approved.

114:21/22 ABSENCE WITHOUT APOLOGIES

None

115:21/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

116:21/22 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 12th October 2021

The Council **resolved** to agree the minutes of the Tuesday 12th October 2021 Parish Council Meeting and was a true record and was signed by the Chairman.

117:21/22 PLANNING

The Council noted the following decisions of the Planning Committee meeting held on 19th October 2021.

0517/21 Change of use of land for keeping of horses and associated works including the siting of two mobile buildings and creation of access track (retrospective) at Sky Star Paddock, Jordon Lane, Horrabridge.

The Council unanimously **resolved** to support the application.

The Council noted the following withdrawn application.

0403/21 Horrabridge Primary and Nursery School. Conversion of the school playing field into sand dressed multi use games area (MUGA)

The Council noted the recent decision.

0503/21 Erection of solar array, Parsonage House, Horrabridge
Grant of Conditional Planning Permission

118:21/22 FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Bank Reconciliation dated 31st October 2021(App A) and Payments (App B) was reviewed and **approved** by the Council. The Council **approved** the payment to Green Scheme Solutions Ltd, for the replacement play equipment, would be paid from the Reserve Bank Account. The Council **approved** the payments and the Clerk's and staff salaries.

The Council **approved** the Budget and Monitoring (App C) dated 31st October 2021.

The Council **resolved** to approve the payment of £240 for tree works in Weir Park and £400 for tree works in Fillace Park supplied by Budds Tree Services.

The Council **resolved** to accept the quotation supplied by Budds Tree Services for pruning back and making safe a broken tree limb on an acacia tree in Weir Park at the cost of £160.00.

The Council **resolved to** approve the emergency service work to repair boiler in village hall at a cost of £75.00 + VAT. Repair/service completed by DC Besgrove.

The Council **resolved** to approve £2000 grant to Horrabridge Youth Club

119:21/22 CLERKS REPORT

The Council noted that Horrabridge Parish Council had been awarded £2,500 from Cllr Sanders' Locality Budget towards the cost of the recently installed play equipment in Weir Park. They thanked Cllr Edmondson for applying for the grant.

120:21/22 PROGRESS REPORTS

It was reported that the bus stop window on Tavistock Road, had been vandalised but the broken panes had been removed to make safe. Cllr Moorhead reported branches needed to be trimmed around the street lights on Graybridge Road. Cllr Moorhead reported that some boards needs replacing on Tilley Bridge. The Clerk would investigate to see who is responsible for the repair.

Cllr Edmondson reported the defibrillator pads had been replaced.

121:21/22 OPEN SPACES REPORT

Cllr Edmondson reported to the Council that they were not able to close the road during the Remembrance Day Parade, but a PCSO would be attending. Cllr Edmondson explained that the Christmas tree lights had been had been checked and was working but extension lead for the star had been vandalised and needed to be replaced. It was suggested that the tree be topped and pruned in the New Year after the lights had been removed.

122:21/22 TO APPOINT A NEW MEMBER OF THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

On the proposition of Cllr Edmondson, seconded Cllr Farrar, the Council **resolved** to appoint Cllr Roche as the member of the Personnel Committee.

123:21/22 AIR AMBULANCE NIGHT LANDING SITE

Cllr Roche reported a meeting with Devon Air Ambulance had been held and a suitable site location was established. Cllr Roche was to circulate to the Council, a recent email he had received. Residents local to the proposed site would be informed. The labour would be covered in grant funding but Horrabridge Parish Council would pay for the materials at an estimated cost of £3000. The next stage would be for a planning application to be submitted.

124:21/22 REMEMBERANCE DAY PARADE

The Councillors was asked to meet outside the Village Hall at 10.30 on 14th November 2021. The Chairman would lay the wreath and the Chairman and Councillors to attend the Church Service. Cllrs Huda and Glinn offered to obtain a Chapter 8 Traffic Management Certificate for next year's parade.

125:21/22 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

The date the lights would be officially turned on would be 1st December 7.30pm. Local shops would be asked if they would like to decorate their shop with lights supplied by the Parish Council. Funding would be sought to replace the light for Christmas 2022.

126:21/22 ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR AND VANDALISM

A single point of contact was agreed. Cllr Edmondson would publish details of how members of the public can report issues. Cllr Huda reported that a youth group had been working with children after school and had been very successful. They have requested to use the Village Hall, on a Tuesday, to be able to continue the group during the winter months.

127:21/22 TREE PLANTING SCHEME

Cllr Glinn confirmed that the trees supplied by The Woodland Trust would be arriving in November. They would be supplied with a stake and guard. The trees were to be planted in Fillace Park to replace diseased ash trees. A Copper Beech tree was to be planted in Weir Park to replace an ash tree. Cllr Glinn would like to donate an apple tree to the village.

128:21/22 RAT INFESTATION BEHIND TORBRIDGE ROAD

One rat was caught. The drainage had been re-routed and does not seem to be the problem. Devon Highways own the land and they will investigate and report.

129:21/22 ROAD HEDGE CUTTING

No report

130:21/22 PARKING ON THE JUCTION OF PENCREDER ROAD & GREYBRIDGE ROAD

Cllr Sanders was to report. Deferred to the next meeting.

131:21/22 ADDITIONAL TREE WORKS

Items covered in 127:21/22

132:21/22 BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS

No reports.

133:21/22 COUNCILLORS REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

1. A budget meeting was to be held on 16th November 2021 and the budget to be agreed at the December 2021 meeting
2. Cllr Hemsil requested a map of the new part of the burial ground and for the regulations to be on the Horrabridge Parish Council website.
3. Cllr Edmondson confirmed that everyone on the snow warden list was available. Cllr Glinn can provide a list as Cllr Edmondson would not be available for 4th December 2021 to 3rd January 2022.
4. The salt grit bins may need inspecting and replenishing.

Exclusion of the Press and the Public. To resolve that in accordance with Section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and reason of the confidential nature of the remainder of the business, the Press and the Public be excluded from the meeting.

134:21/22 Complaint regarding overgrown hedge in Pencreber Road and Riverside Close

The Council agreed a letter to be written and sent to the homeowner.

135:21/22 Staffing Matters

Cllr Edmondson reported that a member of staff had recovered from an unexpected stay in hospital and he had now returned to work. The Personnel Committee would also be meeting with a member of staff on 15th November 2021 to discuss her wellbeing and how the Council would help to facilitate her return to work.

DATE OF THE SEPTEMBER PARISH MEETING TUESDAY 14th December 2021

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.05pm

Signed:

Date:

Cllr Huda, Chairman