

**Minutes of Horseheath Parish Council Meeting held on  
Thursday 11 March 2013 at 7:45 p.m. in the Village Hall**

**Present:**                 **Stuart Miller (Chairman)**                         **Denise Lindsell (Vice Chairman)**  
                                  **Tori McKillen**   **Christine Newman**  
                                  **Ninian Bickerton**

**In Attendance**       **John Batchelor (County Councillor)**   **Richard Barrett (District Councillor)**  
                                  **Roger Hickford (District Councillor)**   **One Parishioner**  
                                  **Bernard Yallop (Parish Clerk)**

The meeting began at 7:46 pm.

- 1. Apologies for Absence** Richard Southwell sent his apologies.
- 2. Parishioners' Question Time** No questions were asked at this early stage of the meeting.
- 3. District and County Council Items of Interest**

*3.1 District Council – Richard Barrett*

South Cambridgeshire District Council tax has been the seventh lowest in the country. This year the Government has permitted it to increase the tax on a Band D property by £5, which is equivalent to a 4.3% increase. All the other district councils will be increasing their taxes as well and South Cambs will remain in seventh place.

The spring edition of the South Cambs Magazine has been delivered. Any household that has not received a copy should contact the call centre, which is now up and running.

*3.2 County Council – John Batchelor*

The County Council has increased its tax by 1.99% as permitted by the Government.

BT has been the contract to upgrade broadband for rural areas in Cambridgeshire that are not commercially viable. The improved speed will be somewhere in the range 2 Mb/s to 20M b/s and will be delivered by 2015.

John announced that Pauline Jarvis who has been unwell for some time following an accident was standing down as District Councillor. He would be standing for both County Councillor and District Councillor in our area at the May election.

*3.3 A1307 Meeting – Roger Hickford, District Councillor*

The Chairman asked Roger if he would like to give his short talk at this stage of the meeting.

He talked about the recent A1307 panel meeting. Unfortunately Horseheath was not able to send a representative.

Roger said the excuse the Hanchett End developer gave for not making a contribution towards the A1307 was that he would not be able to carry out the development otherwise. There would be another consultation this summer, followed by a report and more development.

**4. Minutes of Parish Council Meeting on Monday 17 January 2013**

The minutes were agreed and signed. The meeting also agreed the report of the Sub-Committee Meeting held on Monday 28 January. The sub-committee made the final decision on the precept for 2013/14.

**5. Matters Arising**

*5.1 King's Stone* The Chairman said that he had mailed several people who would be likely to provide money towards the project. He had already received some positive replies.

*5.2 Road Pinching and 30 mph Stickers* Richard Southwell sent a request for the stickers soon after the last meeting.

*5.3 Notice Board in Cardinals Green* Clive Germany has agreed to improve the design and make the current board workable either by adding a cloth pin board (which he already possesses) that can withstand the weather or by obtaining cork tiles if they are still available at Ridgeons (which would be the best solution).

*5.4 The Venture* At present printing costs are £60 per issue, advertisements cost £5 each and there is usually room for 7 advertisements in the 16 page booklet. That means a loss of £25 per issue or £150 in a year. An increase in advertisement charges and in the number of advertisements could reduce this loss or even turn it into a profit. The Chairman said that it was up to the editors to find ways of keeping the publication solvent in the long term, it was not the parish councils responsibility.

**5.5 Overhanging Trees and Hedges at Alington Terrace** It was confirmed at the meeting that Dawn Gouldstone was referring to the hedge situated on the corner of the Cardinals Green triangle just before the yellow salt bin, which is on County Council land and is therefore its responsibility. At the previous meeting John Batchelor said that he would ask Highways to deal with it. The Chairman thought that it was the trees at 4 Alington Terrace that Dawn was referring to, which need cutting back especially the tops which obstruct high vehicles. He had contacted David Luckham who has agreed to carry out the necessary work.

**5.6 Councillor Vacancy** The Chairman said that several people had been asked if they would like to fill the vacancy and had refused. Simon Selanki is still at the deciding stage.

**5.7 Burial Ground Access** The diocese have offered a licence that lasts for 25 years instead of 5. There seems to be no advantage in changing to a 25 year term because it would require obtaining a Faculty and the parish council would be responsible for the legal expenses of both parties involved. The Chairman is now considering obtaining permission to use the shortest route between West Wickham Road and the Burial Ground, install a lay-by for the hearse to park in and a low cost pedestrian pathway across the glebe land, which is currently used for allotments. This should reduce the cost considerably and he would like to proceed as soon as he has permission.

## **6. Planning**

### **6.1 Parish Council**

S/0119/13/FL Erection of 3 affordable dwellings following demolition of existing garages at land adjacent to 9 Audley Way for Hastoe Housing Association was approved.

### **6.2 District Council**

S/2354/12/VC The district council granted permission for variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of planning consent S/0476/12/FL for erection of replacement dwelling and garage following demolition of existing dwelling at Mill House, Linton Road for Mills and Covey.

## **7. Finance**

**7.1 Change of Mandate** Following the resignation of Dawn Gouldstone the Lloyds TSB mandate is in the process of being updated.

### **7.2 Receipts**

| Date         | Drawee                  | Amount         | Remarks            |
|--------------|-------------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| 09/10/12     | Burial A/c #1           | £0.04          | Interest           |
| 09/11/12     | Burial A/c #2           | £0.05          | Interest           |
| 29/11/12     | Saffron B/S             | £459.96        | Interests on Bonds |
| 10/12/12     | Burial A/c #1           | £0.05          | Interest           |
| 31/12/12     | Saffron B/S Savings A/c | £24.71         | Interest           |
| 09/01/13     | Burial A/c #1           | £0.05          | Interest           |
| <b>Total</b> |                         | <b>£484.86</b> |                    |

**7.3 Payments** The following payments have been made since the last meeting:

| Date         | Ch No. | Payee               | Amount         | Remarks                           |
|--------------|--------|---------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|
| 11/02/13     | 535    | Cambridgeshire ACRE | £30.00         | Subscription                      |
| 22/02/13     | 536    | Kleen               | £30.00         | Clean Windows of two Bus Shelters |
| 01/03/13     | 537    | BD Yallop           | £465.30        | Clerk's Salary, for Jan, Feb, Mar |
| 22/03/12     | 538    | HMRC                | £116.32        | PAYE for Jan. Feb, Mar            |
| <b>Total</b> |        |                     | <b>£641.62</b> |                                   |

**7.4 Transfers** On 12/02/13 £1,000 was transferred from the Treasurer's A/c to the Burial Fund A/c.

**7.5 Account Balances** On the dates shown in the table, the balances were:-

|  |                |
|--|----------------|
| Petty Cash (18/01/13)                            | £43            |
| Treasurers Account (02/01/13)                    | £12,777        |
| Burial Ground Access Fund Account #1 (09/01/13)  | £1,099         |
| Burial Ground Access Fund Account #2 (12/02/13)  | £19,866        |
| Village Sign Maintenance Fund Account (03/09/12) | £4,333         |
| <b>Total</b>                                     | <b>£38,118</b> |

#### *7.6 Report of Finance Sub-Committee Meeting on Monday 28 January*

A sub-committee meeting was held on Monday 28 January to discuss finance and agree the precept for 2013/14 bearing in mind that the parish council will receive a grant of £387 from the government via the district council, and that there is no guarantee that it will receive a grant for minor road improvements. The meeting proposed that the report should be published on the website, immediately after the minutes of the previous meeting.

#### **8. Website**

The clerk found two phishing emails intended for the parish council (the employer) on the website, so it was not addressed to an individual, and it gave the impression that a refund of PAYE could be obtained by contacting the sender, who pretended to be HM Customs & Revenue. CAPALC have been informed.

#### **9. Correspondence**

##### *9.1 Letter from Patricia Smith*

In her letter she points out that the narrow segment of road at Cardinals Green that goes from the post box to the A1307 via White Chimneys and the top end of Howards Lane, is not being gritted even though it is on a school bus route. She asks that this matter is put right before the next winter in 2013/2014 by asking Highways to return it back to a secondary route for gritting.

**10. Date of Next Meeting** The next meeting will be on Monday, 11 May 2013 at 7:45 p.m.

The meeting ended at 8:23 pm.