

**Minutes of Horseheath Parish Council Meeting held on
Monday 14 July 2014 at 7:45 p.m. in the Village Hall**

Present:	Stuart Miller (Chairman) Ninian Bickerton Christine Newman	Denise Lindsell (Vice Chairman) Anita de Klerk
In Attendance	Roger Hickford (County Councillor) Bernard Yallop (Parish Clerk)	Richard Barrett (District Councillor) Parishioners, nil

The meeting began at 7:45 pm.

1. Apologies for Absence Richard Southwell and Andrew Fraser sent their apologies.

2. District and County Council items of Interest

2.1 District Council

Richard Barrett said that for the next twelve months the council will have to save a considerable amount of money. Next year it would receive money from the government again so that would relieve some of the pressure. One way of saving money will be done by sharing services with other councils such as Huntingdon District and the City. The services to be shared are Legal, ICT and Refuse. The district council has one of the best reputations for being efficient at recycling and it has to be careful that its standards remain high when it joins up with other schemes. The textile trial at Bar Hill collected only 8 tons, so that idea has been dropped.

2.2 County Council

Roger Hickford said that there was to be a recycling review to improve efficiency. The government was offering £2 million for repairing potholes. The three councils, City, County and District would attempt to combined governance. The Minor Highways Improvement Scheme was back on track. Applications had to be in by 12 September and the panel would meet in late October.

The clerk asked if Roger was going to issue his report again. Roger said that so many people have asked him that question that he was going to issue it again.

Denise Lindsell said that the road drains in front of Alington Terrace blocked up during a recent heavy downpour of rain. Roger said inform Jonathon Clark at Highways. She also said that the pedestrian path past the allotment site needed clearing.

The 30 mph repeater sign in front of Clifford Searle-Baker's property in Haverhill Road needs replacing. Roger said inform Nicola Burdon at Highways

3. Minutes of Parish Council Meeting on 12 May 2014 The minutes were agreed and signed.

4. Matters Arising

4.1 Affordable Housing in Audley Way Completion is due on 28 August. The official opening will be in October. This time people will be notified in advance. All three tenancies are taken up by people with close connections to the village.

4.2 Horseheath Local Highway Improvements Work is progressing slowly. The gates have been installed and painted white.

4.3 King's Stone There have been no further developments since the last meeting.

4.4 Speed Watch The difficulty was finding willing volunteers. Not everyone likes early morning starts. It was recommend that instead of asking for volunteers indirectly through advertising to approach people individually. Using a direct approach a far higher number will say yes.

4.3 Burial Ground Lay-by The Chairman has written a letter to Highways asking for its opinion on installing a lay-by in front of the allotment site in West Wickham Road to serve the Burial Ground that is owned by the parish council. In the letter he asked if the project is feasible, what is the likely cost and whether the County Council would be willing to make a contribution towards the cost.

5. Planning

5.1 Parish Council

S/0579/14/FL Replacements garage (one and a half storey) at Cardinals Pen, Cardinals Green for Hurrell was approved.

5.2 District Council

S/0216/14/FL Single storey side and rear extensions at Swallow Cottage, Howards Lane, Horseheath for Cowell was refused.

S/0200/09/F Dwelling and single garage at The Stables, Haverhill Road. The planning department is investigating differences between the new dwelling and the original plans.

6. Finance

6.1 Receipts

Date	Drawee	Amount	Remarks
15/05/14	Allotment Rent	£35.00	Plot #2
06/06/14	Aon Ltd	£35.86	Premium Discount
Total		£70.86	

6.2 Payments

The following payments have been made since the last meeting:

Date	Ch No.	Payee	Amount	Remarks
12/05/14	574	HJ Paintin	£100.00	Removal of Soil
12/05/14	575	Age Concern	£300.00	Mobile Warden Scheme
12/05/14	576	Kleen	£30.00	Clean two bus shelters
12/05/14	577	Aon Ltd	£774.14	Local Council Insurance
12/05/14	578	Cash	£150.00	Restoring Petty Cash Balance
12/05/14	579	CAPALC	£158.34	Affiliation Fee
12/05/14	580	CommuniCorp	£12.00	Clerks & Councils Direct
05/06/14	581	B Yallop	£469.99	Clerk's Salary Q#1
06/06/14	cash	VH Community Association	£10.75	Refreshments APCM 2014
06/06/14	583	V Seekings	£30.00	Internal Audit Fee
22/06/14	584	HMRC	£117.40	PAYE Q#1
26/06/14	585	NALC	£17.00	Local Council Review
03/07/14	586	E Bickerton	£345.00	Painting Village Gates
03/07/14	587	Friends of Roman Road	£20.00	Corporate Membership
03/07/14	588	1 st Horseheath Brownies	£50.00	Litter Pick
Total			£2,584.62	

6.3 Account Balances On 23/05/14 the balances of the accounts were:-

Petty Cash	£120
Treasurers Account	£20,600
Burial Ground Access Fund Account #1	£780
Burial Ground Access Fund Account #2	£22,067
Village Sign Maintenance Fund Account	£4,372
Total	£47,939

The balance in the Treasurer's A/c was just over £20,000 at the end of May. There should be enough money to pay for the minor road improvements on receipt of the invoice from Cambridgeshire County Council.

6.4 Internal Auditor

The internal audit was completed on Thursday 5 June.

6.5 Annual Return 2014

The completed Annual Return 2014 was posted to the external auditor on Friday 6 June.

6.6 Bus Shelter Improvement Grant

A grant of £1,000 was received to improve the metal bus shelters. Simon Royle painted the two bus shelters so they now look smarter. He said that he was not able to replace the four rear windows, which are extremely difficult to break although they can be disfigured. Garry Ellis at B & C Glass Ltd (Tel 01440 703128), estimated the cost per pane (Lexon Windows) would be about £140 and labour costs £90, excluding VAT. The figure he came up with using the measurement that I gave him was £651.79 + VAT. This will nicely use up the grant. The clerk inspected the bus shelter on 7 July and the new panes had been installed. Unfortunately the middle one has cracked right across from one side to the other.

7. Correspondence

A thank you note was received from Pauline on behalf of the Brownies for the payment for the litter pick.

8. Any Other Business

8.1 Casual Vacancy

The casual vacancy was advertised on the notice board for fourteen days and no nominations were received. The parish council is now able to fill the vacancy by co-option.

8.2 School Bus Stop

At the Post Office a child ran out after alighting from the bus and was nearly run over. A note has been placed on the website to watch out for children crossing the road.

8.3 School Bus Driving Standards in Cardinals Green

Anita de Klerk said that since the change of the school bus company the school buses are being driven aggressively through Cardinals Green. Anita will speak to the bus driver.

8.4 Missing Street Name Plate

The District Council will replace the missing street name plate in Cornish Close.

8.5 Another Dog Bin

Anita de Klerk asked if another dog bin could be installed next to the cricket field by the bus shelter. This was agreed – the clerk to organise.

8.6 Cutting the Footpath on the Cricket Field

Anita de Klerk said that the footpath that goes across the cricket field needs cutting by the stile by the bus shelter. Anita to speak to Les Barker, who is the Cricket Club grounds man.

8.7 Lay-by on A307 by Cardinals Green

There has been another complaint about it is being used as a public toilet. No obvious solution was suggested at the meeting.

8.8 Broadband

There has been no response from Anette Thorpe about giving a talk in September. Anita to investigate and fix a new date.

8.9 Website

Tori will continue to look after the village website until she has prepared a survival kit for someone to take over as webmaster/mistress. The clerk has to sort out payment details with the web hosting company Pixel Internet.

9. Date of Next Meeting The next meeting will be on Monday, 15 September at 7:45 p.m.

The meeting ended at 8:42 pm.