

Full Parish Council – Minutes
Unconfirmed

HORSTED KEYNES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the
Meeting of **HORSTED KEYNES PARISH COUNCIL** held on **Tuesday 8th November** at
7:30 pm held in the Village Hall

PRESENT: Cllrs S Webster (Chairman)
Cllr C Forman (Vice Chairman)
Cllr D Colville
Cllr P Miles
Cllr K Coulson
Cllr N Cross
Cllr H Dunstan
Cllr S Soper
Cllr R Clarke

Also in attendance: Cllr G Wall (WSCC), Cllr L Stockwell (MSDC) Cllr P Brown (MSDC)
17 Members of public
Clerk
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56.PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Several residents raised concerns and points about the License and draft Variation of the License between the Trustees of the Recreation Ground and the Tennis Club. The License was being considered by the Trustees at a meeting following the Parish Council meeting where residents had been invited to observe. Concerns raised by residents included concerns about the daylight hours clause and that Clause e of the draft Variation did not have a place in the license. The Chairman of the Parish Council advised that all points had been noted and would form part of the Trustees considerations at the later meeting.

57.APOLOGIES – Cllr M Palmer

58. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members are invited to make any declaration of personal or prejudicial interests that they may have in relation to items on the agenda and are reminded to make any declarations at any stage during the meeting if it then becomes apparent that this may be required when a particular item or issue is to be considered:
NONE

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59. MINUTES

RESOLVED - to agree the minutes of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday 11th October 2022 be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

60. REPORTS

To receive a report from County Councillor – Cllr Wall was in attendance and provided an update on all County matters. Council Tax was expected to be the same as last year. QVH trust merger was no longer happening. Social Care remained challenging government funding hadn't come through yet. The integrated care system was up and running. Ukraine Refugee- dedicated care remains in place, lots of work was still being undertaken. County Council were looking at how to help vulnerable people with warm hubs and government grants. Flu and Covid jabs continued to be rolled out to vulnerable groups The MSDC Waste Trial had an 83% take up with 67% being recycled. Cllr Wall also agreed to meet with a local resident and Cllr Clarke to consider some highway issues and in particular drainage issues in the Parish. He was also happy to assist with any of the current footpath and bridleway issues where required. Cllr Miles would liaise where necessary with the Clerk.

To receive a report from the District Councillors: - Cllr Brown provided an update – he advised that the District Council was consulting via Regulation 18 on the District Plan – the consultation period ended 19 December. This was a six-week consultation. Cllr Brown said that the Net Zero Carbon Emissions Plan was put to the Scrutiny Committee for Planning, Economic Growth, and Net Zero in October. Cllr Brown expressed that the plan was not complete and that it lacked ambition. Cllr Brown also suggested that Horsted Keynes Parish Council would also like to appoint a representative to attend the North Mid Sussex Cluster Meetings with regard to Highways.

Cllr Stockwell was present and also provided an update including information regarding the Winter Support Guide.

To receive a report from Parish Councillors: Cllr Coulson advised that the Bonfire Society had held a successful evening on the 5th of November and had raised some money for the Martindale Centre. Cllr Coulson also reported that the border sign at Keysford lane had been knocked over.

Cllr Colville reported that the Defib had been delivered. If used, the Defib would need a new battery. The Cabinet needs connecting. (The Electrician was booked for 22nd November)

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Cllr Clarke reported that there had been some road flooding along Birch Grove Road – this was due to drainage.

Cllr Clarke also advised that he would be donating a tree to the Village.

Cllr Miles advised that he was meeting with the newly appointed WSCC Access Ranger to consider the work needed re: footpath at the Church through to the school. Cllr Miles had also made two reports through the Clerk with regard to footpath issues in the Village. (access issues mainly) Any updates regarding these footpaths would be reported in due course. The HACKERS were undertaking work at the Martindale. Cllr Miles also reminded the meeting that Jon Martin had been shortlisted for an award at Mid Sussex Applauds. Lastly Cllr Miles reported that Cllr Stockwell had informed the Parish Council that the re-introduction of the rubbish freighter was not possible. This was a shame but noted.

Cllr Webster advised that she would be pulling a group together after Christmas consisting of local groups to organise a celebration/event for the Kings Coronation.

61. FINANCE & GOVERNANCE

RESOLVED – to note and agree the Bank reconciliation and list of payments and receipts for October 2022

62. TGR & H COMMITTEE

The TGR Committee had met in person for the first time in many months with a full Committee. The TGR & H Committee had agreed their list of responsibilities, and this was available on the Parish Council website.

RESOLVED – To enter into a contract of maintenance with Sovereign Play for the upkeep of the play equipment (details held on file). The cost would be £39.99 per month and would be a 3-year contract unless the Parish Council decided to withdraw within the first year.

RESOLVED to ask the TGR & H Committee to consider which size flagpole to purchase for the Green and report back to the next Parish Council meeting with further details.

RESOLVED – to recommend to the Finance & Governance Committee that reserves are used to purchase a SID for the Village.

63. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr Forman gave a brief update about the Neighbourhood Plan. The Consultation period finished the day before (7th November) and now a submission pack was being prepared for the Examiner. It was noted that Andrew Ashcroft had been appointed as the Parish Council's Examiner.

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It was possible that the referendum could happen at the same time as the May elections but depended on the timetable the Examiner had in mind. A further update would be given at the next meeting.

64. PLANNING

(See Planning Minutes)

65. GENERAL

RESOLVED to request that the Clerk report that the Parish Council supported the adaptation of restricted byway Birchgrove Lane and School Lane Horsted Keynes DMMO 10/20

RESOLVED to appoint Cllr Colville as the representative on the Post Office Committee

RESOLVED – that the following items would be considered at future meetings:

- Coronation
- Flagpole
- Appointment to North Mid Sussex Cluster
- Queens Canopy Tree and donation of Tree
- Mobile Communication
- Highways and parking congestion

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To note that the next meeting will be held on Tuesday 13 December 2022 at 7:30 PM

PUBLIC COMMENTS

A resident reported that Station Road was congested with parked cars making it dangerous.

The Clerk suggested that this was a police matter.

Cllr Colville suggested that perhaps some photographic evidence was needed and sent to PCSO.

Cllr Forman suggested that this would be a good example of something that could be discussed at the Mid Sussex North Cluster meeting

A Resident suggested that the Councillors should attend more training. The Clerk did advise the Councillor of training available, but it was noted that some in house group training would be helpful.

The meeting ended at 8:40pm.

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