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Little Horkesley Parish Council

MINUTES

of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 15th July 2024

Present: Jonathan Eddis (Chair)
Cllr Hannah Taylor
Cllr Susie Goldring
Cllr Tracy Le Grys
Cllr Jo Morris
Jo Petersen (Clerk)

Apologies

Cllr Lewis Barber

Declaration of Pecuniary or Non-pecuniary interests in relation to items on the agenda

1. Minutes

The minutes of the Meeting held on 20th May 2024 were agreed as an accurate record.

2. Public Questions

None

3. National Grid “GREEN” Pylons Scheme

- a) It was noted that the consultation has been extended and that Sir Bernard Jenkins was re-elected and so will continue his campaigning against the pylons.
The Parish Council are waiting for advice from David Burns on how to respond to National Grid.

4. Playground

- a) Cllr Eddis confirmed that he has not heard back from Mr Devine re the proposed licence for 7 Orchard Cottages.
Cllr Eddis will attempt to contact the residents of 7 Orchard Cottage in order to obtain contact details for the owner of the property, Mr Bird.

- b) The clerk confirmed that the contract with Enovert for the playground funding has been signed by all parties and is just waiting for the 10% 3rd party contribution to be paid by the Parish Council.

Before this is done, the clerk will ask if the amount received can be reduced as the total cost of the project is now reduced due to the removal of the play equipment (see point 4c below). The clerk will obtain costs for the purchase and installation of a new litter bin as the previous one has now been removed.

- c) All Councillors expressed their gratitude to local farmer, David Copsey for removing the play equipment at the playing field. This has saved the Parish Council a huge amount of money and now means that we can proceed with installation of the new equipment.

David Copsey has offered to obtain a quote from a local contractor to remove the current bark and prepare the surface for turfing. Once this is done then the Parish Council will give the go ahead to start installation of the new play equipment.

The clerk will ask the grounds contractor to cut back the hedge at the entrance to the playing field.

5. Roads, Verges and Footpaths

- a) Councillor Taylor confirmed that she has not received any further information from Anglian Water regarding the ditch issue on Water Lane. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Anglian Water next time there is a strong smell of sewage in the area.

- b) At the request of a resident, the large stones on the verge at the entrance to Old Hall Farm were discussed. It was agreed that Chair Eddis would enquire as to who owns the verge, and the purpose of the stones.

The Clerk will report the overgrown verge at Workhouse Road and will email all landowners to remind them that cross field paths need to be maintained.

6. Bus Shelter

- a) The Clerk confirmed that the Book Swap at the Bus Shelter has been completed. Perspex windows have been installed, the entire shelter has been treated with wood stain / preservative, a cupboard for books has been installed, as well as a community noticeboard. All councillors were happy to note that books are already being exchanged and so conclude that this project is a success. The clerk will arrange a social media post to let residents know that it is available for the community and to thank the Love Essex fund for financing the project.

The clerk also noted that she has tidied up the bin at the bus shelter.

The Council thanked the clerk for all her time and effort in renovating the shelter and implementing the book swap initiative.

7. Affordable Housing

- a) The email from Rachel Fahie (RCCE) dated 26th June 2024 regarding the potential for Affordable Housing within the parish was discussed. All councillors agreed that the issue

had been explored in depth over the past few years and concluded that nothing had changed to suggest that suitable sites would be found within the parish if the RCCE were to put out another call for sites. The Clerk will confirm the Parish Council’s decision with Rachel Fahie.

8. Community Defibrillator

- a) Cllr Le Grys, as a Community First Responder, informed councillors of the importance of CPR in the event of cardiac arrest. There are 30,000 cardiac arrests outside of the hospital environment every year. The survival rate decreases by 10% for every minute that CPR is delayed. Once a defibrillator is used, the survival rate increases by 30%.

Councillors discussed the feasibility of installing a defibrillator within the parish, taking into account the potential need, possible locations and funding.

It was agreed by all Councillors that the Parish Council will organise a community event to teach CPR, introduce the proposal of purchasing a defibrillator for the parish and the need to raise funds if it is concluded that it is a feasible idea.

The clerk will work with Cllr Lr Grys to decide on a date and promote the event.

9. Lithium Batteries

- a) Following an email from Ron Bailey (20th May) Councillors asked the Clerk to confirm that Parish Councils are permitted to comment / support political bills.

10. Finance

- a) All Councillors approved the increase of £28.96 in insurance premium due to the new play equipment. The Clerk will arrange payment.

11. Correspondence

Hard Copy publications were circulated between Councillors

12. Items for the Next Agenda

..... (Jonathan Eddis - Chair)

..... (Date)

Date of the next Parish Council Meeting Monday 16th September 2024 (Little Horkesley Village Hall)