



Minutes

Meeting:

Horningsham Parish Council

Place:

Horningsham Village Hall, BA12 7LL

Date:

Thursday 16th January 2025

Time:

7.00 pm

Attendance: Councillors: Glover (Chairman), Crossman (Vice Chairman), Green, Martin, Radley,

Seals, Simpson, and Windess

Officer: Parish Clerk Storrar

Unitary Cllr. Parks attended but had no specific report to give.

Public Question Time

Two members of the public were present. No members of the press or media were present. Unitary Cllr. Parks advised that work was due in Cock Road beginning 27th January 2025.

48/2025

Apologies – Cllrs. Jones and Williamson.

49/2025

Declaration of interest or dispensations – None

50/2025

To receive and sign the full council meeting minutes on 5th December 2024

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 5th December 2024 were signed as a true record of meeting. Voted unanimous in favour.

51/2025

Chairman's announcements

The Council is delighted that Stephanie Storrar has accepted the role of Horningsham Parish Clerk. Councillor Green is stepping down as acting Clerk in light of the successful recruitment.

52/2025 Appointment of new Clerk

Stephanie Storrar has accepted the post from 6th January 2025 at a starting salary of £18,50 per hour, 6 hours per week. This was approved by the Staffing Committee.

It was resolved by full council that the appointment be approved.

53/2025 Planning applications

The Parish Council responded to the consultation with no comment.

54/2025 Planning decisions

None

55/2025 Parish Steward

Members will continue to send requests for tasks to Cllr. Windess who will keep a list and will report that to the Parish Steward who will be visiting on 27th January 2025. The Parish Council welcomes reports of any issues in the village which can be taken up on their behalf.

56/2025 Exception reporting

Play area: weekly and monthly inspections have taken place and there were no issues
Defibrillator: regular inspections carried out. There were no issues.

Tennis Court: white lines need repainting

Open Spaces:

Litter pick: it was resolved to hold a litter pick on Sunday 16th February 2025. Details will be published in the Horningsham News and on the Facebook Community Page. Volunteers would be welcome.

Salt bins: some salt has been used; empty Wiltshire Council salt bins will be reported. Salt bags owned by the parish will be distributed.

Five gullies: these will be identified and the what3words location sent to Lee Haine at Wiltshire Council

Asset Register: this is currently being updated

Grounds maintenance: No issues or news relating to grounds maintenance. The volunteer work to clear the wall opposite the churchyard on Church Street was successful but still needs to be cleared up to the War Memorial.

Noted.

57/2025 Precept 2025-2026

Members discussed expenditure for the next financial year.

Future projects were considered but the Council prioritised minimising the precept increase. Small commitments such as moving the noticeboard to a more central location, replacing the War Memorial gate, and basketball lines on the tennis court were supported and approved. It was discounted to purchase mobile football posts. It was decided to use the existing nets and posts at a likely cost of £200.

It was agreed not to go ahead with any fencing around the common.

Members set the annual precept requirement for the year April 2025 to March 2026.

The request to Wiltshire Council is for £32,150, equivalent to £194.06 per Band D property. This is an increase of 5.12%, equivalent to £9.46 extra per year for a Band D property.

Proposed Cllr Radley, seconded Cllr Simpson. Voting unanimous in favour.

58/2025 Approval and signing of Parish accounts for the month of December

Bank opening balance £17,210.72

Bank closing balance £16,740.18

The Parish accounts will be updated for the next meeting.

The meeting closed 8.13 pm

The dates of the 2025 full Parish Council meetings are 13th March, 15th May (followed by the Annual Parish Meeting), 26th June, 25th September, 6th November and 11th December.

Date of the next Parish Council Meeting:

Thursday 13th March 2025 at 7 pm. Horningsham Village Hall. All welcome.

Signed.....

Date.....

