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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HORNE PARISH COUNCIL**

**ON THE 20TH SEPTEMBER 2021 AT 7.30PM**

**IN THE CENTENUARY ROOMS, SMALLFIELD**

1. **TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Colin white, Kevin Bourne

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS OR PREDETERMINATION**

None

**3. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS**

None

**4. TO RECEIVE, ADOPT AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 19th July 2021**

Members approved the following sets of minutes, which were signed as a true and accurate record

**5. TO RECEIVE COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

5.1 County Councilor Reports

Lesley Steeds confirmed she was to pay for out of her allowance for works to be carried out on repairs needed to the corner of Church road / Croydon barn lane.

5.2 District Councilor Reports

Mick Gillman spoke about the recent planning policy meeting and the change of planning staff. A new chief planning officer has been on temp basis.

Local plan – MG confirmed a letter has gone to the inspector, explaining the M25 motorway junction 5/6 study will not to report on time and a 15 year plan suggested to the inspector, MG explained this would enable the district to run with sites the inspector is happy with.

**6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES FOR REPORT AND NOT ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA**

None

**7.CLERKS REPORT**

Clerk to set up what’s up group for Parish councilors

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**8. ADMINISTRATION**

8.1 Clerk Training ILCA to CILCA Qualification.

Council supported the expenditure £144

8.2 To review and agree the budget for the provision from the internal audit services for the 2021-22 financial year. £325 plus VAT , plus travel ( approx £75)

The Council supported the expenditure for the internal audit.

**9. PARISH ENVIRONMENT**

9.1 To receive an update on highways. Including road repairs and sight lines from Chairman, it was suggested by Lesley that council could encourage as many public as possible to engage in reporting potholes on the online portal – Clerk to share details on social media.

9.2 Church Road speed limit proposal

This now has to go to a further committee to be agreed – HPC are aware there is no funds in the budget for this project at this time. MG to follow up on Horne Council behalf. – Clerk to send MG the reports needed.

9.3 Cricket Club update.

Uk power network delay – highways are refusing a temp traffic light installation due to there already being a set of lights on west park already, Lesley emailing to chase.

9.7 Litter Pick - 13th November

**10. PLANNING**

10.1 For Noting - applications received during August

2021/1218 No objections but it was noted Cllrs feel the site is unsuitable for domestic dwellings

2021/297 - No Objections

2021/1068 - No Objections ——

2018/2227/Cond3 No Objections —-

2021/1344 - No Objections

2021/1379/NC - No Objections

10.2 Planning Applications for discussion

2021/1531

This is a repeat of a plan that had been refused by planning and went to appeal which was lost.

Cllrs did not want to support this change of usage application and it was decided to repeat the previous objection. Noting vexatious application as this has previously gone to appeal and been thrown out.

Layby – Sign to No parking Horne Parish Council Land – Clerk to investigate sign purchase

**11.FINANCIAL**

11.1 Council approved monthly payments for August and September

Clerk Salary / HMRC / Hollyhurst payroll

11.2 Council approved finance document up to end of August 2021

**7.CLERKS REPORT**

I have enjoyed these first 2/3 of months as the Clerk, I have learnt lots and still lots to learn!

I am pleased to confirm I have completed my ILCA qualification.

I would like to now complete the ILCA to CILCA course. The cost of this is £144.

I have re launched the Facebook Horne page so it is now a business page not a personal profile page as it was previously. I will post once or twice a week and if any Cllr spots any useful social media posts on other groups they think would be useful on our page please do send me details.

**9.3 Rubbish Collection**

Statement from BIFFA regarding rubbish collections in the parish.

*The national shortage of HGV drivers has begun to impact our rubbish and recycling service. We are working closely with Biffa, our waste collection contractor, to minimise disruption and prioritise the key services of food waste, rubbish and recycling.*

*As a result, garden waste collections were being suspended, initially for two weeks from Tuesday 24 August.*

Garden waste collections have restarted with minimal disruption in Horne reported. Updates are sent regularly which Clerk has shared on social media networks and Horne website.

**11.3 AGAR - For Noting**

The AGAR report submitted earlier this year has had an ‘Except For’ matter on our report:

Section 1, Assertion 3 has been incorrectly completed. The smaller authority has confirmed it has not complied with certain laws and regulations during 2020/21. The Internal Audit Report confirms financial regulations were not followed in relation to income received for granting of easement.