

**Minutes of a meeting of Horrabridge Parish Council held in the Village Hall  
On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 7.30pm**  
(also available at [www.horrabridge-pc.gov.uk](http://www.horrabridge-pc.gov.uk))

**Present:** Cllr M Huda (Chairman), Cllr S Roche (Vice Chairman), Cllr E Hemsil, Cllr T Lear, Cllr C Edmondson, Cllr D Farrar, Cllr Moorhead, Cllr Glinn, Cllr Mansfield, Cllr Emptage, Cllr Hussey and Cllr Blackmore

**In Attendance:** Caroline Ellis – Clerk  
Cllr Viney - WDBC  
1 member of the public

**171:23/24** **Apologies for Absence** – Apologies tendered by Cllr Mansfield due to work commitments, Cllr Farrar, ill health, Cllr Sanders DCC, work commitments and Cllr West, WDBC.

**172:23/24** **Apologies without Absence** - None

**173:23/24** **Declarations of Interest** – None

**174:22/23** **Public Participation** - None

**175:23/24** **Confirmation of the minutes of the Parish meeting held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2023**– On the proposition of Cllr Huda, seconded Cllr Hemsil, one abstention, the Council **RESOLVED** to agree the minutes of the Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2023 Parish Council Meeting and was a true record and was signed by the Chairman.

**176:23/24** **Planning** –  
**The Council noted the following decisions of the Planning Authority**  
**0309/23** Storage use, land to the North of The Old Station, Horrabridge, PL20 7RQ  
**Refusal to Issue a Certificate of Lawful Use or Development.**

**0435/23** Creation of porch, replace garage with single storey side extension and widen driveway. 28 Chapel Lane, Horrabridge PL20 7SP  
**Grant of Conditional Planning Permission**

**177:23/24** **Finance** – The bank reconciliation, Trial Balance, and Budget Report dated 30<sup>th</sup> November 2023 were reviewed and on the proposition of Cllr Huda, seconded Cllr Emptage, the Council **RESOLVED** to approve.  
Payments, Clerk's and staff salaries, were reviewed and on the proposition of Cllr Edmondson, seconded Cllr Roche, the Council **RESOLVED** to approve.

**178:23/24** **HRFT** – On the proposition of Cllr Huda, seconded Cllr Hemsil, the Council **RESOLVED** to approve underwriting the Pavilion Project to match fund the Football Foundation Grant for the sum of £45,000 subject to the VAT being zero rated on the build.

Cllr Lear arrived

**179:23/24** **Budgets** – The Council had no questions or comments on the draft budget and would approve at the January 2024 meeting.

- 180:23/24 Policies** – On the proposition of Cllr Huda, seconded Cllr Roche the Council **RESOLVED** adopt the following polices without any amendments.
- Health and Safety Policy
  - Internal Control Policy
  - Document Retention Policy
  - Privacy Policy (Data Protection)
- 181:23/24 Beating the Bounds** – On the proposition of Cllr Huda, seconded Cllr Edmondson, the Council **RESOLVED** to approve to defer the event until 2025.
- 182:23/24 Christmas Trees**- Cllr Emptage reported the event was well supported by the residents and was a great success. She thanked the volunteers who helped and was pleased to say they were under budget.
- 183:23/24 Bridge Magazine** - Cllr Edmondson reported she attended the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2023 and there were 5 people present. Local businesses had been approached and agreed to advertise. The magazine would include news articles from the school and other organisations and it would be published monthly.
- 184:23/24 80<sup>th</sup> DD Anniversay** – On the proposition of Cllr Moorhead, seconded Cllr Huda, the Council **RESOLVED** to approve a budget of £1000.00 for the event.
- 185:23/24 Village Hall Refurbishment** - Cllr Roche informed the Council that Cllrs Edmondson, Cllr Moorhead and himself would be meeting on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2023 to discuss the works needed.
- 186:23/24 Overgrown Hedge, footpath to the rear of Chichester Court** – Cllr Edmondson reported she had contacted Annington Homes regarding the overgrown hedge and was waiting for a reply.
- 187:23/24 Grit Bins & Snow Warden Scheme** – The Council agreed to defer this to January 2024 meeting.
- 188:23/24 Average Speed Camera** - The Clerk informed the Council she had contacted the Neighbourhood Highways Officer regarding possible average speed cameras. It was explained that it is was a very expensive measure, and without any evidence of speeding it was unlikely DCC would install average speed cameras.
- 189:23/24 Fillace Lane** - The Clerk reported she had received correspondence from a member of the public. Due to the unevenness of Fillace Lane, he had walked his dog through Weir Park. He understood there were signs that no dogs were allowed, but he was a responsible dog owner and he would not let his dog foul in the park and was always kept on a lead. It was safer for him to walk in the park as he had previously slipped in Fillace Lane. Unfortunately, he was threatened by a member of the public who said he should not be walking in Weir Park and was very abusive towards him. He explained the reason and she still was very abusive. The Council agreed this was an unfortunate incident and the individual was not acting on behalf of the Council. The Council agreed if dog owners were respectful and kept the dog on a lead there was no reason that a member of the public could not walk through Weir Park for their own safety. The Clerk would write to the resident and inform him of the decision.
- 190:23/24 Martyn's Law** – The Clerk informed the Council it was announced in the Kings Speech on 7<sup>th</sup> November, a new Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Bill, also known as Martyn's Law, which was a new piece of legislation being discussed in Parliament would require certain venues to fulfil necessary but proportionate steps

according to their capacity to mitigate the impact of a terrorist attack and reduce harm.

**191:23/24 Traffic & Parking Issues** – The Clerk and Cllr Glinn were due to meet with the Neighbourhood Highways Officer on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023, to discuss this matter.

**192:23/24 Consultation – Vision and Strategy for West Devon** – The report and been circulated to the Councillors for comments.

**193:23/24 Open Spaces Report** – Cllr Glinn reported the ride-on mower had been serviced and new blades fitted. Next time the service was due, if the Council liaised with HFC Vincent Tractors, would service both mowers with no travel costs. The overgrown hedge at the corner of Pencreber Road and Graybridge Road had been cut. The cattle grid gate latch on Knowle Down had been reported and is now repaired. Cllr Glinn had met SWW regarding the re-siting of the green cabinet. The works to commence 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023. The rear gardens of some properties in Chichester Court had been flooded with clean water, not foul. SWW had been contacted but they believe it to be DCC Highways drain. It had been reported to DCC and Cllr Sanders had been advised. This would be also brought to the attention of the Highways Office on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

**194:23/24 Progress Reports-** Cllr Moorhead asked if the Church Clock was working as the bell had not been heard. It was confirmed that it was working. Cllr Edmondson reported the street light at Tilly Bridge was not working and an elderly lady had tripped and fallen. This had been reported. Cllr Edmondson reported 14 snow warden volunteers had signed the agreement. She had requested more volunteers to cover Chichester Court, top of Copperfields , Old School Lane, Upper Fillace Park, Station Road and Manor Gardens.

**195:23/24 Borough and County Councillor report** - Cllr Viney reported there were several grants available from WDBC including helping residents with their energy costs and Community Resilience Grant to support community facilities. WDBC were offering free parking after 3pm on Thursdays and Fridays in Tavistock (not Guildhall)

**196:23/24 Councillors reports and items for future agenda** – Cllr Moorhead asked if the condition of Walkampton Road could be discussed at the next meeting. Cllr Blackmore was concerned about a large puddle on the footpath by the Youth Club as children have to walk thorough it to get to school.

**197:23/24 Public Participation -** It was brought to the attention of the Council, next year Horrabridge Rangers would be celebrating 100 years. It was proposed to hold an event to celebrate the occasion with an exhibition in the Village Hall and an event in Weir Park.

Next meeting 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024

The meeting was closed at 8.55pm

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**Councillor M Huda**  
**Chairman**

**DATED:**