

**Minutes of a meeting of Horrabridge Parish Council held in the Village Hall
On Tuesday 9th July 2024 at 7.30pm**
(also available at www.horrabridge-pc.gov.uk)

Present: Cllr M Huda (Chairman), Cllr S Roche (Vice Chairman), Cllr E Hemsil, Cllr A Moorhead, Cllr Glinn, Cllr M Hussey, Cllr T Lear and Cllr J Blackmore

In Attendance: Cllr Viney (WDBC)
Cllr West (WDBC)
Caroline Ellis – Clerk

050:24/25 Apologies for Absence – Apologies tendered by Cllr Mansfield (ill-health) and Cllr Farrar (personal) was approved.

051:24/25 Absence without Apologies - None

052:24/25 Declarations of Interest – None

053:24/25 Public Participation – Cllr West (WDBC) wished to show his support to HPC regarding the Traffic Management Plan the Council are planning for Horrabridge and Walkhampton were interested implementing the same scheme. He also supported the ‘20’s Plenty’ signs and suggested applying to WDBC for funding.

054:24/25 Confirmation of the minutes of the Parish meeting held on Tuesday 11th June 2024 – On the proposition of Cllr Huda, seconded Cllr Moorhead, the Council **RESOLVED** to agree the minutes of the Tuesday 11th June 2024 Parish Council Meeting and was a true record and was signed by the Chairman.

Cllr Lear arrived.

055:24/25 Planning –

24/0036 – Tree works (conservation area) – Clouteron Farm, Jordon Lane, Horrabridge PL20 7QF

On the proposition of Cllr Roche, seconded Cllr Huda, the Council **RESOLVED** to support the application.

0266/24 – Erection of forestry building at land adjacent to 12 The Old Station, Horrabridge,

On the proposition of Cllr Roche seconded, Cllr Huda the Council **RESOLVED** to submit a neutral response to the application.

The Council noted the following decision of the Planning Authority:

24/0030 – G1, two lawson cypress: Crown raise to achieve a clearance of 5.5m above ground level. 36 Devon Oaks, Horrabridge

Grant of Consent

056:24/25 Finance –

- The Bank Reconciliation, Trial Balance and Budget Report dated 30th June 2024 was reviewed and on the proposition of Cllr Huda, seconded Cllr Blackmore, the Council **RESOLVED** to approve.
- Cllr Huda declared an interested as he submitted an expenses claim. Payments, Clerk’s and staff salaries were reviewed and on the proposition of Cllr Moorhead, seconded Cllr Hussey, the Council **RESOLVED** to approve.

- The Council noted the Clerk would arrange the August payments and payroll, under the delegated scheme, due to no meeting being held in August. Payments would be circulated to the Councillors and would be minuted at September's meeting.

057:24/25 **20's Plenty** – It was suggested prices were obtained for 15 to 20 signs at A3 size. The primary school would be approached to see if the children would be interested in becoming involved. A grant would be requested from WDBC toward the cost of the signs.

058:24/25 **Policies** – On the proposition of Cllr Huda, seconded Cllr Glinn, the Council **RESOLVED** to approve and adopt the following amended policies.

- Volunteer Policy & Agreement
- Meeting Attendance Policy
- Grant Awarding Policy
- Biodiversity Duty Objective
- Delegation Scheme

059:24/25 **New 'No Dog Signs'** – The Clerk informed the Council of the quotations she had received. It was suggested more quotations be requested for a smaller size and to be fixed to the wall and not 'free standing'.

060:24/25 **Rural Services Network** – The Council agreed not to subscribe this year but would consider the subscription next year.

061:24/25 **VE Day 80th Anniversary** – The Council noted the date for the event on 8th May 2025 and would consider holding an event.

062:24/25 **Christmas Tree Lights** – The Clerk read a report from Cllr Farrar as she had obtained costing for the lights. 5m lengths at £17.99 or 10m at £32.99. It was suggested to hold fundraising events to finance the cost. A 'Just Giving' page would be considered.

063:24/25 **Truck** – The Clerk read a report from the Handyman. The truck had passed the MOT but with some advisories. Cllr Glinn reported some of the advisories had been done by himself and he would obtain a quotation for the further work required.

064:24/25 **Open Spaces Report** – Cllr Glinn reported National Grid had dug a section of Weir Park to carry out high voltage repairs. Barriers would remain in place to allow the grass seed to take. The pot-holes in Walkhampton Road had been patched but the recently repaired pot-hole by the bridge was already showing signs of breaking up. This had been reported. The defibrillator had been used on Sunday. The pads had been replaced with the spare, and he asked the Clerk to purchase new replacement pads.

065:24/25 **Progress Reports** – Cllr Roche reported HRFT would receive a final decision regarding some funding this week. He asked two people to volunteer to be on the contact list. It was agreed to add Cllr Moorhead and the Clerk. Cllr Glinn suggested Solar Panels would need to be supplemented by either a Ground Source Heat Pump or Heat Pump.

066:24/25 **Borough and County Councillor Reports** – Cllr West circulated a leaflet outlining the responsibilities of local councils. There was funding for unpaid carers, he would forward details to the Clerk.

067:24/25 Councillor reports and items for future agenda – It was asked if Weir Park play equipment inspection be added to the next agenda.

068:24/25 Public Participation - Cllr Viney (WDBC) reported there was a Landscape Recovery Project from Horrabridge to Walkham Head. It was a 2-year research and development plan then would be a 20 year project. WDBC had appointed a Wildlife Warden.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm

Next meeting 10th September 2024 (no August meeting)

**Councillor M Huda
Chairman**

DATED: