

**Minutes of a meeting of Horrabridge Parish Council held in the Village Hall
On Tuesday 10th December 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 M Glinn and Cllr J Blackmore

In Attendance:

Caroline Ellis – Clerk
Cllr C West (WDBC)
2 Members of the public

154:24/25 **Apologies for absence** – Apologies tendered by Cllrs Mansfield and Lear due to personal reasons was approved by the Council. Cllr Viney (WDBC) also tendered her apology.

155:24/25 **Declarations of Interest** – None

156:24/25 **Public Participation** – At the meeting of the Horrabridge Twinning Group, on 15th November 2024, it was proposed, 16 in favour and 1 against, to disband the group. This was due to lack of numbers, aging members and travel costs. It was proposed to visit Tilley Sur Seules in June 2025. A meeting would be called after the visit, to disband the group. The Twinning Group wished to thank Horrabridge Parish Council and WDBC for their financial support.

28 hedgehog road deaths were reported this season. A request was made to relocate warning signs to the bottom of Manor Estate, requiring permission from a resident as the signs need to be on private land. An additional sign was proposed for Whitchurch Road.

157:24/25 **Confirmation of the minutes of the Parish meeting held on Tuesday 12th November 2024** – On the proposition of Cllr Blackmore, seconded Cllr Roche, the Council **RESOLVED** to agree the minutes of the Tuesday 12th November 2024 Parish Council Meeting was a true record and was signed by the Chairman.

158:24/25 **Planning –**
On the proposition of Cllr Roche, seconded Cllr Huda, the Council **RESOLVED** to SUPPORT the application.

0461/24 Erection of five dwellings at land adjacent to Highlands, Whitchurch Road, Horrabridge PL20 7TX

The Council noted the following decisions of the Planning Authority

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

No objection.

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

Refusal of Prior Approval

- 159:24/25** **Finance** – The bank reconciliation, Trial Balance, and Budget Report dated 30th November 2024 was reviewed and on the proposition of Cllr Huda, seconded Cllr Blackmore, the Council **RESOLVED** to approve.
- Payments, Clerk’s and staff salaries for December 2024, was reviewed and on the proposition of Cllr Huda, seconded Cllr Roche, the Council **RESOLVED** to approve.
- 160:24/25** **Budget 2025/2026** – The Council discussed the draft budget and would ratify at January 2025 Council meeting.
- 161:24/25** **Election 2025** – The Council noted Devon County Council elections to be held on 1st May 2025
- 162:24/25** **Fire Alarm** – The Council noted works to upgrade the fire alarm would commence on 20th January 2025
- 163:24/25** **Christmas Tree Lighting** – The event had a good turnout and received positive feedback from residents. A suggestion was made to form a resident group to organise fundraising events for purchasing more lights next year.
- 164:24/25** **Legionella Risk Assessment** - The Clerk reported the Legionella Risk Assessment report for the Village Hall had been received with no issues.
- 165:24/25** **Open Spaces Report** – Cllr Glinn reported there had been a request for information regarding Japanese Knotweed in the park and this had been answered. A member of the public had tripped near the screen in Fillace Park. It was reported to the Environment Agency and as a temporary measure they had spread 18mm dust on the path to mask the trip hazard. HPC would monitor. It was reported unauthorised work had commenced in the garden, next to the bridge. DNPA had visited the site and spoke to the owner, but the response was negative, and they would be re-visiting. Work to connect a new sewer pipe in Fillace Lane had been done, and this information had been passed to Glanvills. There was no damage after the recent storm. The Youth Group had been building bird boxes and hedgehog houses.
- 166:24/25** **Progress Reports**– Cllr Roche reported the pavilion work was on budget and progressing well.
- 167:24/25** **Borough and County Councillor Reports** - Cllr West's report to the Council included several updates. WDBC was putting forward motions urging the Government to reconsider changes to Inheritance Tax. The roads were swept last week. The closing date for Winter Fuel Allowance applications was 21st December 2024. Free parking would be available on select days in WDBC car parks leading up to Christmas. WDBC has purchased a thermal imaging camera, which would be available for communities to analyse home energy efficiency. Only eight DCC household waste recycling centres would accept upholstered furniture; Okehampton HWRC would accept it, but Tavistock Crowndale Recycling Centre would not. Available grants were noted.
- 168:24/25** **Councillor Reports and items for future agenda** – Cllr Hemsil reported the Manse had been sold and he asked if the money from the sale of the property would be used in the repairs to the Methodist Church. It was suggested to speak to Cllr Mansfield for an update. Cllr Moorhead reported the fence, in Old School Lane, had been cut and there was one post remaining with a dog waste bin. He requested it was discussed at the next meeting. Cllr Glinn had reported the sign on The Green, had fallen, due to the post being rotten and needed to be replaced.

169:24/25 **Public Participation** - It was suggested using a projector to project lights and images onto the large tree in Weir Park next year. They were disappointed that residents need to travel to Okehampton to dispose of upholstered furniture. It was suggested a skip be located at the recycling centre in Tavistock for the items and be then taken to Plymouth for disposal.

Next meeting 14th January 2025

Meeting closed 8.31pm

Councillor M Huda
Chairman

DATED: