

**Minutes of a meeting of Horrabridge Parish Council held in the Village Hall
On Tuesday 14th January 2025 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 T Lear, Cllr A Moorhead, Cllr M Glinn, Cllr A Mansfield, and Cllr J Blackmore

In Attendance: Caroline Ellis – Clerk
Cllr West (WDBC)
4 Members of the public

170:24/25 **Apologies for absence** – None.

171:24/25 **Declarations of Interest** – None.

172:24/25 **Public Participation** – It was reported a light was missing from the bridge. Cllr Moorhead explained the telegraph pole by post office has been replaced, but no streetlight had been fitted. He would contact SWEB for an update.

173:24/25 **Confirmation of the minutes of the Parish meeting held on Tuesday 10th December 2024** – On the proposition of Cllr Huda, seconded Cllr Blackmore the Council **RESOLVED** to agree the minutes of the Tuesday 10th December 2024 Parish Council Meeting and was a true record and was signed by the Chairman.

174:24/25 **Planning** – The Council noted the following decision of the Planning Authority.

461/24 Erection of five dwellings, land adjacent to Highlands, Whitchurch Road, Horrabridge PL20 7TX

Refusal

The Council noted the previously circulated revised National Planning Policy Framework.

It was noted that DNPA Planning Enforcement were aware of planning breach infringement in the garden adjacent to the bridge and were investigating.

175:24/25 **Finance** – The bank reconciliation, Trial Balance, and Budget Report dated 31st December 2024 was reviewed and on the proposition of Cllr Blackmore, seconded Cllr Huda the Council **RESOLVED** to approve.

Payments, Clerk's and staff salaries, was reviewed and on the proposition of Cllr Lear, seconded Cllr Huda, the Council **RESOLVED** to approve.

On the proposition of Cllr Huda, seconded Cllr Roche, the Council **RESOLVED** to renew the fleet insurance with Zurich at a cost of £616.58

On the proposition of Cllr Huda, seconded Cllr Moorhead. the Council **RESOLVED** to vire the following from Earmarked Reserves to General Reserves.

Truck £4000
Sit on Mower £3000
By Election £2800
Play Equipment £6000
Village Hall £6000
Street Furniture £1500

- 176:24/25** **Budget 2025-2026** - On the proposition of Cllr Hemsil, seconded Cllr Huda, the Council **RESOLVED** to approve the previously circulated budget for 2025-2026.
- 177:24/25** **Precept 2025-2026** – On the proposition of Cllr Hemsil, seconded Cllr Huda, the Council **RESOLVED** to approve the precept of £74,591
- 178:24/25** **Meeting Schedule 2025/2026** – On the proposition of Cllr Lear, seconded Cllr Glinn, the Council **RESOLVED** to approve the meeting schedule dates for 2025-2026.
- 179:24/25** **Grant Application** – On the proposition of Cllr Blackmore, seconded Cllr Lear, Cllrs Huda and Moorhead declared an interest, the Council **RESOLVED** to award a grant of £100 to Horrabridge Sewing Maskateers.
- On the proposition of Cllr Glinn, seconded Cllr Moorhead the Council **RESOLVED** to award Horrabridge Teens Hangout/Tavistock Methodist Circuit a grant of £152
- On the proposition of Cllr Huda, seconded Cllr Glinn the Council **RESOLVED** to award Citizens Advice a grant of £100
- 180:24/25** **Internal Auditor** – On the proposition of Cllr Huda, seconded Cllr Lear, the Council **RESOLVED** to appoint Penny Clapham to conduct the internal audit for the financial year ending 31st March 2025 at a cost of £85.00 plus mileage.
- 181:24/25** **Polices** – On the proposition of Cllr Blackmore, seconded Cllr Mansfield, the Council **RESOLVED** to adopt the following amended policies
- Allotment Health & Safety Policy
 - Press & Media Policy
 - Asset Register Policy
 - Training & Development Policy for Employees & Councillors.
- 182:24/25** **Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, Devolution White Paper** – The Council noted the previously circulated Devolution White Paper which was published on 16th December 2024
- 183:24/25** **Consultations** – The Council noted that Councillors and Clerks were requested to respond to the following consultations.
- Local Audit Reform: A Strategy for Overhauling the Local Audit System in England. Closing date 29th January 2025
 - Strengthening The Standards and Conduct Framework for Local Authority in England. Closing date 26th February 2025
- 184:24/25** **Village Hall Week 17th – 23rd March 2025** - The Council resolved to hold an event in the village hall on 22nd March 2025. Organisations who regularly hire the village hall would be invited to attend to promote their events. Cllrs Blackmore and Mansfield offered to help to organise the event.
- 185:24/25** **Open Spaces Report** – Cllr Glinn reported the Snow Warden volunteers had been successfully deployed during the recent cold weather. Thanks to the Handyman for keeping the salt bins topped-up. There was enough salt in storage for the rest of the winter. The stores would be reorganised on completion of the Pavilion. Cllr Glinn had contacted DCC Highways Officer regarding the conditions of the roads but was told there was no budget. Cllr Moorhead reported the drains and verges in Jordan Lane need to be kept clear due to water run-off. In places the hedges were overgrown and blocking access to the drains. This

would be reported again to Highways. Cllr Glinn reported South West Water had repaired a drain pipe in the fields behind Chichester Court, this may have led to the property being flooded. The new owner of the field behind Chichester Court and Copperfields, and DPNA were considering a new access gate. Improvements would be made to the public footpath to disperse flood water. The gravel on the footpath next to Fillace screen is still in good repair. No storm damage to report. The signpost on the green had been re-instated. Cllr Glinn would check the sandbags had been returned.

- 186:24/25 Progress Reports** – Cllr Moorhead reported he attended the AGM for the Community Association. Their bank balance was healthy and they were considering replacing the lamps in the hall.
- 187 :24/25 Borough and County Councillor Reports** – Cllr West reported DCC were seeking permission to delay the May 2025 elections due to the Devolution White Paper. Cllr West explained the possible implications to Town and Parish Councils with the Devolution White Paper.
- 188:24/25 Councillor reports and items for future agenda** - Cllr Lear reported there was a car rally on the previous Saturday at 2am in the morning. The vehicles were speeding through the village. Whitchurch Road gullies had been cleared. Cllr Blackmore requested the painting of the hall to be completed in time for the Village Hall Week. Cllr Hemsil asked if any Cllrs were aware if HRSA were planning to build a new storage facility. There was a post on social media asking for donations for new storage. Cllrs would investigate.
- 189:24/25 Public Participation** - It was reported the railings at the bottom of School Lane had been removed as they were rusty, and they were no longer needed in that location. The dog waste bin had been re-installed.

Next Meeting 11th February 2025

Closed at 20.35

Councillor M Huda
Chairman

DATED: