

**Minutes of a meeting of Horrabridge Parish Council held in the Village Hall  
On Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2025 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 Moorhead, Cllr Glinn, and Cllr Blackmore.

**In Attendance:** Cllr C West - WDBC  
Caroline Ellis – Clerk  
1 Member of the public

**190:24/25 Apologies for absence** – Apologies tendered by Cllr Sanders (DCC) & Cllr N Viney (WDBC)

**191:24/25 Declarations of Interest** –Cllr Hemsil declared an interest in 195:24/25 as a planning application related to a neighbour.

**192:24/25 Public Participation** – None

**193:24/25 Resignation** – The Council noted the resignation of Cllr Mansfield. The Chairman thanked for her work during her time as a Councillor.

**194:24/25 Confirmation of the minutes of the Parish meeting held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2025**– On the proposition of Cllr Huda, seconded Cllr Blackmore, the Council **RESOLVED** to agree the minutes of the Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2025 Parish Council Meeting was a true record and was signed by the Chairman.

**195:24/25 Planning** – The Council noted the following decisions of the Planning Authority

**24/0070** – 15a Devon Oaks, Bedord Bridge, Magpie PL20 7RY

T1 – Oak – reduce lowest lateral on southern aspect extending over the BT lines to achieve a clearance of 1m from BT Line. T2 – Remove epicormic growth up to crown break (4m)

**Grant of Consent**

**0343/24** Demolition and rebuilding of detached dwelling, 24 Youldon Way, Horrabridge PL20 7SN

**Grant of Conditional Planning Permission**

**196:24/25 Finance** –

i. The bank reconciliation, Trial Balance, and Budget Report dated 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025 was reviewed and on the proposition of Cllr Moorhead, seconded Cllr Huda the Council **RESOLVED** to approve.

ii. Payments, Clerk's and staff salaries for February 2025, was reviewed and on the proposition of Cllr Huda, seconded Cllr Glinn, the Council **RESOLVED** to approve. Cllr Glinn would dispose of Christmas trees in the future as he could remove them free of charge. Cllr Hemsil reported sand could be obtained from the Environment Agency or DCC. Cllr Glinn had made enquires but was informed it was no longer available for free. The Clerk would investigate.

**197:24/25 Flood Resilience & Incident Response Drop in Session** – Cllr Glinn reported between 10 and 15 parishioners visited the drop-in session. DCC, Highways, Environment Agency and Horrabridge PC Councillors were in attendance. DCC pledged to clear a blocked drain in Jordan Lane. The Environment Agency would assist HPC setting up a Flood Warden Scheme. There were possible leaking dams in Samford Brook above the grid in Bedford Road. Due to the excessive rain the grid design may be altered to stop debris blocking it.

Flood Warden Scheme – The Clerk would investigate.

Lengthsman – The Council agreed to defer this item.

**198:24/25 Co-option** – On the proposition of Cllr Hemsil, seconded Cllr Moorhead, the Council **RESOLVED** to Co-opt Matthew Harvey and the Declaration of Acceptance of Office was duly signed.

**199:24/25 West Devon Mayor Award** – On the proposition of Cllr Hemsil, seconded Cllr Roche, one abstention, the Council **RESOLVED** to nominate the noted person. The Clerk would submit the nomination to WDBC.

**200:24/25 Open Spaces Report** – Cllr Glinn reported following a walk in the village with DCC Highways, they had agreed to fund a new exit for Fillace Lane onto Walkhampton Road. A new crossing 20 meters up the road would allow motorists and pedestrians more time to see each other. Following the recent heavy rainfall, flooding had occurred in Jordan Lane and Bedford Road. Drains were cleared by HPC and residents. One property flooded which was caused by the storm grid in Samford Brook becoming blocked by debris.

**201:24/25 Progress Reports** - It was reported the paint purchased to paint the village hall was not washable. It was suggested to investigate if it could be exchanged. Green Waste Scheme was increasing to £65 per year.

**202:24/25 Borough and County Councillor Reports** – Cllr West reported there would be big implications for Town and Parish Councils with the devolution deal. Cornwall would not be joining Devon in the reorganisation. The elections would be going ahead on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025. WDBC have set their budget for the year at an increase of £7.15 for band D property. More temporary housing had become available. Cllr Sanders was absent but the Clerk read his report to the Council.

**203:24/25 Councillor reports and items for future agenda** – Cllr Lear reported a resident had approached her because her ceiling had fallen in. Cllr Lear together with a neighbour had assisted her. The Football Club wish to hold an event in Fillace Park later this year, as it would be the 75 anniversary of the club forming. They would also like to arrange a litter pick. It was reported the main road maybe shut due to tree works but no official notice had been received. Cllr Glinn reported the Road Traffic Management Scheme had been put on hold as the Seargent had been too busy with other police matters.

**204:24/25 Public Participation** – None

**205:24/25 Part Two – Confidential items**

**On the proposition of Cllr Huda, seconded Cllr Blackmore it was RESOLVED that under section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 that the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following items which are CONFIDENTIAL by virtue of relating to legal and/or commercial matters, staffing and/or the financial or business affairs of a person or persons other than the Council.'**

**206:24/25 Enforcement** - The Clerk read a report from DNPA Planning regarding unauthorised building work. The work did not have Permitted Development Rights and they are investigating.

Next meeting 11<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Meeting Closed at 20.40

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**Councillor M Huda  
Chairman**

**DATED:**