

SOUTH HANNINGFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a council meeting held on Thursday 1st December 2022 in Ramsden Heath Village Hall.

Present: The Chairman and Councillors Marsello, Whitehead, Huntington, Mitchell, Bonnett, Walker, Vickers, Burgess and Cerson. The Clerk kept the minutes.

- 1. Apologies for Absence –** Councillor Coveley.
- 2. Declaration of Interests –** None.
- 3. Public Participation –** No members of the public were present.
- 4. Approval of Minutes dated the 3rd and 17th November 2022 –**
Proposed by Cllr Marsello, Seconded Cllr Bonnett.
- 5. Clerk and Councillors Report -**
3rd November
 - a) 5b-The Clerk reported she has received many compliments regarding the newly installed palisade fencing, on the Recreation Ground.
 - b) 10a-The Clerk reported that Barbara Stanton has received new members for the Luncheon Club, following the snippet, which was sent out with the Christmas Cheer vouchers.
 - c) 10b-In answer to Cllr Mareello's question, the Clerk confirmed that the CCTV is up and running in Hawkswood Rd.
 - d) 10e-The Clerk reported that Coffee with Cops will be held on Tuesday 10th January 2023 between 2-4pm in Ramsden Heath Village Hall.
 - e) 10k-The Clerk reported that 31 residents have donated their Christmas Cheer voucher to the Billericay food bank.**17th November**
 - a) 7b-The Clerk reported that the Christmas tree lighting was very well attended, considering England were playing football that evening.
 - b) 7f-The Clerk confirmed the whips, canes and guards have been delivered.
 - c) 7i-The Clerk reported that Spencer Clarke has not answered her

email regarding a date for visiting the CCTV control room at Chelmsford City Council.

6. Planning -

- a) 22/02037/FUL – 71 Park Lane, Ramsden Heath – Single storey side extension – Cllr Whitehead declared a non-pecuniary interest. No comment.
- b) 22/01915/FUL - Quiet Ways, Hawkswood Road, Downham – Raise roof to create first floor extension with dormers to front and additional windows to side elevations – No Objection.
- c) 22/05207/TPO – 3 Broad Mead, South Hanningfield – Oak tree T30, crown reduction to previous pruning points to a maximum reduction of 3.5m. Reason: the existing programme of management to ensure the continued health and well being of a veteran tree – No Objection.

7. Finance -

a) Ratification of Cheques and Online Payments – Proposed by Cllr Cerson, Seconded Cllr Vickers:

Lemon Fencing	Palisade fencing & mesh panel	£ 5868.00
R Thomason	Salary	£
A Moule	Maintenance	£
M Holt	Maintenance	£
J Moule	Salary	£
105328	Replacement Cheque	£ 118.24
105329	Petty Cash	£ 71.84

b) Report from Cllr Whitehead, Chairman of the Finance Committee

– Cllr Whitehead advised members that we are currently on budget. Capital projects include a new tractor, zip wire and basketball court extension. The Clerk will need some clerical assistance and it was agreed to employ someone to help on a trial basis for 3 months. The Precept will be discussed at our next meeting of the 15th December, and the Finance Committee recommend not to increase next year's precept figure.

8. To Discuss the “20s Plenty for Us Campaign” and decide whether this is a scheme we would like to proceed with – After lengthy discussion, members agreed for this to be included in next year's Newsletter, asking residents if they would like to see the parish as a 20mph zone. Once the replies are received, we will see whether we should join the campaign. Cllr Cerson will write an article for the Newsletter.

9. **Update on the 2023 Guest Speaker** – It was agreed that Cllr Cerson will ask the CEO of Chess Homeless.

10. Matters for Information -

- a) Last week the Clerk had sent members the questions we ask at our Parish Councillor interviews. It was agreed that Cllr Whitehead will amend some of the questions in preparation for the 8th December.
- b) Cllr Mitchell advised members that our Transport Representative, Peter Thurgood is currently having difficulty obtaining information from Essex County Council Transport Department. They have stopped the 552 from visiting Ramsden Heath, (now stopping at Potash Rd) and the number 10 bus to Basildon has been suspended altogether, due to the ongoing gas main works in Church Road. The services for the 13A and 14 and the 256 can no longer turn at the White Horse for access. Members were in full agreement that the bus companies could turn around in the Sports Field Car Park. The Clerk reported that Cllr Grundy has also been informed of this situation.
- c) Cllr Huntington reported he had seen advertised that the gas main works will be extended to the 17th February 2023.
- d) Cllr Marsello updated members on the SHPA land registry documentation.
- e) Cllr Cerson thanked members for their generosity in donating to Chess, instead of sending Christmas cards this year.
- f) Cllr Vickers reported the hedge had been cut in South Hanningfield Rd.
- g) Cllr Whitehead gave his apologies for the next meeting.
- h) Cllr Mitchell gave his apologies for the 8th December.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.18pm.

Approved as a true record.

Signed.....Dated.....