**HORNINGSHAM ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

**Minutes of a meeting of Horningsham Parish held on**

**Monday 30th May 2024 in Horningsham Village Hall**

**Present:** Chairman Councillor Elizabeth Glover, Councillor Paul Jones, Councillor Ken Windess, Councillor George Williamson, Councillor Matt Simpson, Councillor Steven Seals, Councillor Annemarie Green, Councillor John Radley, Councillor Amy Grafton Mitchell, Stephannie Storrar Chair of the Governors, Helen Taylor Parochial Church Council, James Oborne Chairman Cricket Club, Village Hall Committee and Horningsham News.

Clerk Sarah Jeffries PSLCC, and 1 parishioner was also present.

**Chairman:** Councillor Elizabeth Glover.

**24/001 Apologies for absence**

Horningsham Tree Warden, Longleat Land Agent, and the Police Community Support Officer.

**24/002 Approval of minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 18th of May 2023**

The minutes of the Parish Meeting on the were approved as a true and accurate record.

**24/003 Matters arising from the last meeting.**

No matters were brought to the attention of the Chairman.

**24/004 Reports for Consideration from the Unitary Councillor**

Unitary Councillor Bill Parks spoke to the meeting about his position and asked that if there was anything he could help with please just email, phone or just make contact. He mentioned that he has provided a report from Wiltshire Council, a copy is attached to these minutes.

**24/005 Chairman’s Report**

Chairman Councillor Elizabeth Glover read out her report to the meeting. A copy is attached to these minutes.

**24/006 Police Report**

PCSO Lukasz Kolasinski 70901Police Community Support Officer

had sent a report which was readout, A copy is attached to these minutes.

**Unitary Councillor Bill Parks left the meeting at 6.17pm.**

**24/007 Clubs and Groups Reports**

**Horningsham School Chair of Governors**

Horningsham School Chair of Governors Stephannie Storrar gave a report on the behalf of the Governors and the Head Mistress. A copy of the report is attached to these minutes.

**Longleat Estate Manager**

Ben Short MRICS FAAV Land Agent had provided a report, Vice Chairman Councillor Stephen Crossman read out the report. A copy of the report is attached to these minutes.

**Parochial Church Council Report**

Helen Taylor from the Parochial Church Council read her report on the meeting, a copy is attached to these minutes. The Chairman thanked her for her report.

**Luncheon Club Report**

Lesley Trollope had sent a written report. The Chairman read out the report. A copy of this report is attached to these minutes.

**Tree Warden**

The Tree Warden had sent his apologies as the self-appointed Tree Warden. He would send a report to the Parish Council, to report back any progress he makes with a tree maintenance and planting program within the village for Parish Council approval.

**Fayre Committee Representative Stephen Crossman**

Councillor Stephen Crossman gave a verbal report. The fair is the biggest fundraiser that the village has. It supports 8 organizations in the community, the money they receive is certainly a necessity within the budgets they need. The fair this year is on the 9th of June and is looking to be a busy fair if everything they have booked turns up.

They have a D Day theme is running through the fayre, with various displays which are being orchestrated to bring pictures of the Royal School children who were evacuated to Longleat House during the war, they have various military vehicles coming along and a vintage tractor is coming along used in 1944, the reason it has very small mud guards was metal became scares during the war years as every scrap was used for making spitfires etc.

The village fair goes from strength to strength, but it does need more volunteers to come and help. It’s one of those events which touches every member of the village. Everyone benefits from its income, if any volunteers can spare half an hour or an hour it would be very welcome.

They are in a good place as the fayre makes £8,500 to £10,000 pounds a year. They are building a separate fund for special grant projects that groups and clubs may wish to apply to the Village Fayre Committee for funding for, be it from a problem arisings in the organization. The Village Fayre has a working budget in place that is healthy.

**Horningsham Hall**

The Committee representative James Oborne reported that he has stood down as Chairman, he wants to thank the Parish Council on the behalf of the Hall for the two grants, the Coronation party grant, and the grant for the grounds upkeep.

Their AGM was last week, it was sadly, poorly supported, the hall is there to benefit the Community with events. It is a charity; it is there to improve the conditions and lives of the inhabitants of Horningsham. They are trying to keep the building standing it is almost 100 years old and needs attention. They spent £5,000 on emergency repairs to the roof in January, raising £10,000 in the past 3 years and sadly other issues have occurred with the building.

In terms of decorating, there was a good volunteering effort which finished last summer and a generous donation from Longleat for the building and some picnic tables etc. and there were many charities fund raising events the bonfire night supported by the Bath Arms and the Coronation party to raise money for the hall. The coffee mornings are well attended, a weekly ping pong night is proving popular.

They wish the hall to be free to use for entertainment in the Community. Most of the local organizations support the hall using it, they are grateful for all those who use the hall and hope more events will be arranged.

The Halls financial position is good, and various grants help this is helped by the full-time rental of the upper hall room. The new Chairman is Mr. Andy Dean, and the Committee are very happy Councillor Annemarie Green is now the Council representative and a grant funding position has been made on the Committee and is hoped to bring in future grant funding streams.

**Horningsham Cricket Club**

The Cricket Club Chairman James Oborne reported that Horningsham has had Cricket club since 1861 in the village. The team and club are extremely busy, and the captain organizes 16 games a year based in Wiltshire Dorset and Somerset and around the country. There has been a huge investment in equipment for the cricket club pitch covers were purchased which sadly leak, 9 players live in the village. The team is open to all ages and the youngest Horningsham resident to play is 14 years old. The oldest player is 78-year-old this year. They only play for fun, it was so lovely one game, a recent match with Dorset school, they wrote back on how much fun the match had been, the Committee were pleased to receive such a thank you letter.

**Horningsham News**

No report has been received. A member of the editorial team James Oborne was present and asked to speak, he asked that the Community please read it.

**Neighborhood Watch**

Matt Simpson reported that he had very little to report, his work had sadly clashed with the local meeting. It was mentioned that the previous watch leader is still listed with Wiltshire Council. He has been busy with his work move, he advised the meeting that the neighborhood watch app is instant communication and please use it. He has a few ideas re neighborhood watch and emergency power issues etc. for the future.

# Bath Arms

A tough year for hospitality increased costs and the living wage rise, but the pub is still doing well they have had lots of positive national-based press. They have their spa cabin facility and are offering massages beauty products and beauty treatments. They have locals’ discounts, and these are actioned with a card so please ask for one in the pub. They are supporting the village fair proving a bar.

**22/008 Matters raised – for discussion only.**

Nothing was brought to the attention of the meeting.

**22/009 Chairman’s Closing Speech**

The Chairman thanked everyone for such interesting reports and for reporting the community and your time and effort and announced that Thursday 22nd May 2025 would be the date of the next Annual Parish Meeting. Hopefully more people will come along next year, and I hope you all come to the Village Fayre.

**The meeting finished at 7.00pm**