

**HORRINGER-cum-ICKWORTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN
THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, HORRINGER ON MONDAY 16th SEPTEMBER 2013**

Present: Cllrs C Knight (Chairman), J White, P Fuller, J Cannon, Mrs P Davison, J Dearsley,
Mrs R Walker & Mrs M Bottomley (Clerk)
1 villager (Mr T Jones)

Apologies: Mrs P Cook (Community Council) & Police

PUBLIC FORUM - Low Way footpath linking with Sharpe's Lane; Maintenance issue of overgrown footpath to Manor Lane/ not wide enough; Query insurance status for councillor to undertake clearance work.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None

DISPENSATIONS - None

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 15th JULY 2013

Minutes deferred to October meeting.

SUMMARY OF MINUTES FOR 15th JULY 2013

It was resolved that the summary was an accurate record and signed accordingly. Proposed by Cllr Knight, seconded by Cllr Mrs Walker – all in favour.

Councillors agreed to discuss next Item 11 on the Agenda.

HORRINGER CRICKET CLUB

The meeting recessed to enable an in depth discussion with Mr Jones – Chairman of Horringer Cricket Club – regarding the Club's request for financial assistance in respect of maintenance issues. On reconvening, it was agreed a report on the work undertaken recently would be provided and a one off donation of £500 would prove of benefit to the community as well as the club. Cllr Cannon proposed a grant of £500, seconded by Cllr Dearsley. All in favour.

The meeting again recessed for the next item.

REPORTS

County/Borough Cllr Clements – update on the two tier system for schools. Website being set up to assist parents obtain travel information for their children. Encouraging firms to take on apprenticeships, looking at Home Care/ meals. Inter Authority Waste Partnership – to consider an inter-authority waste agreement between the county council, district and borough councils in Suffolk to continue to improve the effectiveness of waste services (collection and disposal) across Suffolk – fly tipping with a grant from Government to assist.

SEBC/FHDC - staffing is settling down now. A lot of staff have shared services/jobs. There is a shortage of planning officers in SEBC and a head of planning is being sought. (Recruitment drive)

Installation of the dragon's teeth at Westley not yet undertaken and have questioned whether we are getting what we have already paid for, Not happy about this. Also queried whether there should be two gates not one. There has been a change of contractors although the same officers are involved.

VAS signage – will check and update at next meeting.

Children's crossing before the junction at Meadow Drive has not moved forward although there had been consultation with the school. However following a discussion with councillors, B Cllr Clements

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agreed that a general sign indicating children crossing the main road irrespective of the school nearby should be progressed.

The Low Way ditch needing to be cleared before it ran along the Low Way path and onto the A143, along with the general status of the footpath was also discussed. It was noted that the land owner would shortly be clearing sections under an arrangement with SCC .

County/Borough Cllr Clements left the meeting at 9.00 p.m. and the meeting reconvened.

Police – there have been 4 crimes in the Parish since the last meeting – 2 thefts from motor vehicles on 13th August and 17th August; 1 criminal damage on the 30th August and an offender (15th September) driving a motor vehicle in excess of the prescribed legal limit of alcohol and involved in a collision with two other vehicles. Speeding data for villages also provided. Villagers can follow police by logging on to twitter @StEdsPolice. Full report attached.

Community Council – the hall cleaner resigned at short notice and the committee are now looking at various options. Bonfire night 5/11/13 - any help would be greatly appreciated in the afternoon/night and to contact the Chairman of the Community Centre. Village Supper- organising going well. Quotes being sought to get the chairs cleaned.

The meeting re-convened.

Play Area - monthly report submitted – all in order. The Annual Report on the play area from SEBC was reviewed and the comments noted. The small split on the swing seats would be checked for any further action required along with the gap under the fencing.

Chairman's report – nothing to report.

PARISH /NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Clerk to contact Planning and invite an officer to the next meeting to chat with councillors on this matter.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following applications were separately considered and supported by Councillors.

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| SE/13/0062/FUL | Honeyball Lodge, Ickworth: Erection of new toilet block as amended by plans received on 1 st August 2013. |
| SE/13/0981/TCA | Thatched Cottage, The Street: Fell one Leylandii tree |
| SE/13/0582/LBCA
& 0581 HHLBCA | The Paddocks, The Street: Internal & external alterations in association with renovations to existing dwelling. |
| SE/13/0507/LBCA | The Paddocks, The Street: Erection of extension to existing outbuilding to link with existing garage and associated alterations. |
| SE/13/0212/TPO | 11 Holly Close: re-pollard at approximately 4m to one sycamore tree (G5 on order)
<u>PC comment</u> Support - proposed by Cllr White, seconded by Cllr Knight – 6 in favour 1 abstention. |
| SE/13/0102/FUL | 1 College Close: (i) change of use of existing police station to dwelling (ii) erection of two storey detached dwelling and garage & (iii) erection of garage to serve existing dwelling (revised scheme). |

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PC comment Support but to query there only being one oil tank shown on the existing drawing and to ask what form of heating would be used for the other property. Proposed by Cllr Knight, seconded by Cllr Cannon – all in favour.

Councillors were unable to comment on the following applications as details were not available on SEBC's planning website. Councillors were unhappy that future applications would appear on the website for inspection but no hard copies would be posted to the Council. Clerk to raise both issues with Planning.

DC/13/0271/TCA **Mulberry Cottage, The Street:** fell one mulberry tree.

SE/13/0251/TPO **Horsecroft Hall, Horsecroft Road:** (i) fell one horsechestnut tree & (ii) remove large limb projecting over road to one oak tree

Parish Council **objected** to the following application for the same reasons previously submitted in respect of SE/12/0994:-

SE/13/0826/FUL **Meadow Cottage, Sharps Lane:** Retention of replacement barn (resubmission of SE/12/0994/FUL)

Applications **granted** by SEBC:-

SE/13/0756/TPO **18 Orchard Way:** (i) fell 2 sycamore trees and (ii) crown lift 4 sycamore trees to 7.3 metres to clear street lights

SE/13/0361/TPO **Ashcroft, 11 Sharp's Green:** (i) Beech tree - reduce limbs away from (amended) garage by up to 2.5 metres; and (ii) Beech tree - reduce lateral growth over garden of Hazel Cottage by 30%

FINANCE

548 **Signatories:** ongoing

551 **Standing Orders:** Review of amendments and changes to Orders agreed. Proposed by Cllr White, seconded by Cllr Cannon – all in favour.

554 **SALC audit report:** previously circulated to all councillors. The recommendation to increase the Fidelity Guarantee was considered but councillors felt that the existing level was adequate. Implementation of the recommended internal control form was agreed.

555 **Grant Policy:** Suggested policy circulated all members for consideration. Agenda next Meeting.

Clerk to also contact Scouts and ask for a progress update on their grant application for the newbuild.

556 **Cheques:** It was proposed by Cllr Knight, seconded by Cllr White that the following cheques be issued – all in favour.

<u>Chqs</u>		
1498	Litter Picker (Clothing)	£ 20.98
1499	Litter Picker (July)	£123.80
1500	SALC (Baker/Cllr guide)	£ 62.00
1501	Litter Picker (Clothing)	£ 17.80
1502	SEBC (black plastic bags)	£ 18.34

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1503	BDO (external audit)	£240.00
1504	Suffolk ACRE (insurance)	£593.03
1505	Clerk (expenses)	£ 66.04
S/O	Personnel (August & September)	£417.56

Income £350 (rent Aug/Sept) Current account: £10,091.26

FOOTPATH ACCESS QUERY (LOW WAY)

Already discussed under Reports – continue to monitor the dog fouling problem. ROW to be contacted regarding the ditch clearance and a sign to define which section was a public footpath.

Cllr Dearsley to re-issue the dog fouling notice on the Notice Boards throughout the village.

CORRESPONDENCE

Various brochures for circulation.

S106 request from resident at Hornings Park. Information circulated to all councillors.

Street light failure – junction of Meadow and Hornbeam Drive. SEBC to fit new lamp.

Book – Penny a Look, Tuppence a Feel: referred advertising publication to Horringer Webmaster/Diary.

MAINTENANCE IN THE VILLAGE

- 1. Footpaths- Bench Oak/Bury St Edmunds:** area inspected on 17th July and councillors had been invited to attend at short notice. No report / correspondence received to date of meeting.
- 2. School sign:** being progressed by C Cllr Clements.
- 3. Additional waste bin request:** Bin ordered from Glasdons.
- 4. BT kiosk:** contractor had been delayed but hoped to start work beginning of October however the meeting was undecided as to whether the renovation should now go ahead. Agenda item for discussion at next meeting.
- 5. Wall by The Street Notice Board/BT exchange:** No response received from the Land Agent for Bristol Estates in respect of ownership. Meeting agreed that J Porter may be able to have a word with the Land Agent .
- 6. Stage 2 of suggested path improvements:** Clerk to again chase the Land Agent for Bristol Estates for a response to the proposal.
- 7. Replacement benches by Church:** Brown recyclable bench (WFD32 £346 plus VAT) – ordered – delivery quoted 10/15 working days. Discussion took place on the possible retention and repair of one of the seats which it had been previously agreed to dispose. Location at the top of Meadow Drive suggested for the new recycled brown bench – replacing the one currently there. The old bench to be put on The Green.
- 8. Overgrown hedges:** the meeting was pleased to note that all owners of properties contacted on this issue had trimmed back their hedges.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 21st October 2013.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.35 p.m.

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