

HORRINGER-cum-ICKWORTH ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE ON WEDNESDAY 30th APRIL 2014

Present: Cllr J White (Vice Chairman) & Mrs M Bottomley (Clerk)
30 villagers attended, County/Borough Cllr T Clements & PCSO J Morton.

Apologies: Mr J Cannon

The Chairman welcomed villagers to the meeting and thanked the WI for providing the refreshments for everyone.

DR ANDREW MASON - SARS

MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Vice Chairman read out the annual Parish Meeting minutes for last year held on the 22nd April 2013. Approval that they were a true and accurate record was proposed by J Cannon, seconded by J Dearsley. All were in favour and the minutes were duly signed.

REPORTS

County Cllr T Clements: written report circulated to all villagers present. VAS would be in the village in the next week or two and also a speed watch would be taking place. Equipment shared with Barrow. Pedestrian / children crossing discussed.

Borough Cllr T Clements: report had been previously circulated. Update on Vision 2031. The Borough had again frozen the Council tax. Spoke of sharing services with Forest Heath District Council and the major restructuring which had taken place in October. SEBC continued being successful in waste management. Abbeycroft Leisure were continuing to deliver St Edmundsbury's leisure services and appeared to be going from strength to strength.

Police – PcsO J Morton – 25 Crimes recorded for the year against 35 crimes recorded in the previous year. Breakdown on reported crimes over the last 12 months include:

- 2 x Burglary – other building
- 3 x Assault occasioning ABH
- 1 x Theft in dwelling
- 1 x Theft from motor vehicle
- 1 x Theft of motor vehicle
- 1 x Criminal Damage - other
- 2 x Driving motor vehicle with excess alcohol
- 1 x Criminal damage – dwelling
- 1 x Possession of class 'B' drug
- 1 x Obstruct/ resist a Police Officer
- 1 x Common Assault
- 2 x Cause Harassment/ Alarm/ Distress
- 6 x Theft – other
- 2 x Burglary – other building

There have been a number of changes in the team over the last 12 months. The Safer Neighbourhood Team now consists of PS 696 Jay, PC 161 Tate, PC 1639 De Jongh, PCSO 3232 Ruston, PCSO 3257 Cogman, PCSO 3267 Morton, PCSO 3268 Teakle and PCSO 3314 McDaid.

PCSO 3267 Morton/ PCSO McDaid & PC 161 Tate are the dedicated officers for the village.

Full report circulated. (Officer left at 8.35 p.m.)

Community Council – verbal report by Peta Cook. The Community Council had noted the Fire Officer's recommendations for the whole building to be alarmed and not just a portion.

Primary School – Ms Anne Morley - Head Teacher, Ickworth Park Primary School provided a verbal report and of particular note that the school in September would have 194 pupils.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial summary circulated to all villagers present along with a brief explanation of some of the income and expenditure. There were no queries.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – in the Chairman's absence, the Vice Chairman read out the report which had previously been circulated to those present.

PARISH MATTERS

Thanks given to Cllrs Dearsley and Fuller for their continued monitoring of the play area and equipment.

Ongoing negotiation in respect of footpath from Horringer through to Bench Oak and problems encountered in respect of ownership of the land.

Enforcement issue in respect of a property in Sharpe's Lane. The Enforcement team of SEBC were continuing to monitor and take action when necessary.

Suggestion to display "speed" signs on waste bins in the village. The Council will look into this. Query on speeding issues in Westley Lane – the Vice Chairman outlined what the Council had managed so far and that legislation prevented further work. However the Council would continue to monitor the area and recommend work where permitted. Speeding traffic in Sharpe's Lane also discussed

Cycle track to Bury – ongoing with support from the County Councillor and Horringer PC.

Posts – Meadow Drive – to stop further parking on the green. Permission is given by Lord Bristol and the parish council has no control on this matter.

Approach road to the Community Centre – Old School House - the hedge was growing thicker, visibility was a problem and needed to be cut back. Noted.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next Annual Parish Meeting would be advised in due course.

The Vice Chairman thanked everyone for coming along and the meeting closed at 9.50 p.m.