

**HORRINGER-cum-ICKWORTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE  
COMMUNITY CENTRE, HORRINGER ON MONDAY 16th NOVEMBER 2015**

Present: Cllrs J White (Vice Chairman), Mrs R Walker, P Crofts, P Fuller &  
Mrs M Bottomley (Clerk). C Cllr T Clements .

Apologies: Cllrs C Knight, J Dearsley and Police.

<p><u>PUBLIC FORUM</u> - <u>No matters raised</u></p>
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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Crofts – Item 10

DISPENSATIONS - none

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 19<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2015

It was resolved that the minutes be approved as a true and accurate record and signed accordingly having amended the date from 10<sup>th</sup> October to 19<sup>th</sup> October. Proposed by Cllr Mrs Walker, seconded by Cllr Fuller – all in favour by those who were present at the meeting.

SUMMARY OF MINUTES FOR 19<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2015

Having amended the date, it was resolved that the summary was an accurate record and signed accordingly. Proposed by Cllr Fuller, seconded by Cllr Ms Walker – all in favour.

The meeting recessed for the next item.

REPORTS

**County report** - provisional GCSE results released indicates Suffolk’s 16 year olds have performed better than the national figure for the first time since 2007. Most five year olds in Suffolk are “school ready” according to new figures published by the Department of Education. 8% increase in the proportion of Suffolk children achieving a good level of development at the end of reception – this puts the county above the national average at age five. SCC is seeking views on its proposed admissions policy for the 2017/18 school year. Consultation runs until Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2015. To view the consultation and have a say on the proposals visit [www.suffolk.gov.uk/consultations](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/consultations).

Suffolk businesses turned out in their hundreds to support the second annual Suffolk Skills Show – an event reaching over 4,500 young people.

Suffolk CC is inviting bids from the county’s publicly-funded schools for money to enable projects that will boost the attainment of disadvantaged students.

Document regarding a safe cycle route Horringer to Bury forwarded to councillors and also a Fit Villages activity on our doorstep. Clerk to forward the Fit information to the Community Council. Clerk to write regarding VAS signs in the village and when they will next be put up.

Discussion on planning Meadow Farm, Sharpes Lane. Parish Council to write to Enforcement, SEBC expressing concern over the removal of trees on land N.East of Hill Cottage and the progress on lighting at Hornings Park.

Cars being parked on the verge in Manor Lane was discussed – Clerk to contact Police and SCC Highways.

C Cllr Clements left the meeting at 8.05 p.m.

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**Community Council** – press release thank you for the contribution to energy efficiency work at the CC. Annual village supper 18<sup>th</sup> December. Request for administrative financial support in respect of The Beehive.

**Police** – no report.

The meeting reconvened.

**Play area report** – report submitted. No response from contractor as to remedial action and the cost for the surface repair. Clerk to chase Stuart Bradnam as to when the shrubs and weeds will be dealt with.

Councillors looked at one brochure detailing “animal” waste bins but felt the cost was excessive. Clerk to research other providers.

**Vice Chairman’s report** – the precept meeting was agreed for 7.30 p.m. on 7<sup>th</sup> December. Clerk had typed up the lease agreement for the new hirer of the Old Post Office at an agreed rental of £200 per month. The electricity meter reading had originally been estimated by SSE but had now been amended.

#### STREET LIGHTING

SEBC had responded that the matter was now in the hands of SCC Highways (Mr A Last) who were writing one more time to the Management Company at Hornings Park (Mr Kevin Size) as to adopting the lights.

#### PARISH PLAN

The Community Council had referred to all the groups and clubs but no response had yet been received.

#### PLANNING

The following applications were considered by councillors:-

**2170/15LB      The Old Rectory, The Street:** (i) single storey rear extension (following demolition of existing conservatory) (ii) removal of an internal partition (iii) enlargement and replacement of an existing internal door.  
PC comment: support (proposed by Cllr Fuller, seconded by Cllr Crofts – all in favour)

2262/15/HH      **The Old Rectory, The Street:** (i) single storey rear extension (following demolition of existing conservatory)  
PC comment: support (proposed by Cllr Fuller, seconded by Cllr Crofts – all in favour)

**2053/15HH      Manor Grove, Manor Lane:** Detached garage.  
PC comment: support (proposed by Cllr Fuller, seconded by Cllr Crofts – all in favour)

#### THE BEEHIVE

An application had been received from Friends of The Beehive for £500 to support administrative expenses. Cllr White proposed the payment, seconded by Cllr Fuller. Three councillors in favour, one abstention.

#### FINANCE

591      **Risk Assessment:** Defer to December meeting.

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597 **SALC audit report:** circulated to all councillors. It was recommended the current budget position should be reported and minuted at each council meeting.

**BDO audit report:** circulated and noted minor issue of grant in incorrect box and minute reference not entered in Sections 1 & 2. Notice of completion of audit duly displayed on Notice Board.

599 **Cheques:** It was proposed by Cllr White, seconded by Cllr Fuller that the following cheques be issued. All in favour:-

Chqs		
821	Litter Picker	£130.00
822	Clerk (expenses)	£ 19.89
823	Came & Co. (insurance)	£443.62
824	Haughley PC (paper/Drum 1/6 <sup>th</sup> )	£ 25.49
825	W O'Kelly (Beehive)	£500.00
S/O	Personnel (November )	£256.52

Current A/c £26,978.91 Reserve A/c £9,533.42.

#### ACCESS BY VILLAGER ACROSS COMMUNITY CENTRE

Remove this item from the agenda.

#### VILLAGE MAINTENANCE

- a) Sale of Speed stickers** Whepstead Parish Council have been invoiced for 50 speed stickers.
- b) Path/Six Bells** Work scheduled to commence early December. The meeting agreed that the affected properties should be advised and an apology given for any inconvenience caused. Cllr Fuller to provide the addresses.
- c) BT phone box** Ongoing.
- d) Japanese Knotweed** Clerk to write to the Legal Department advising the properties involved and requesting the appropriate action is taken for the plant to be removed.
- e) Grit Bin** Clerk to request the bins in Meadow Drive and Manor Lane to be filled. Site of bin in Orchard Way/10 The Elms footpath – permission to be sought with SCC Highways/resident.
- f) Emergency Plan** Ongoing. Sue Herne - SCC, is the contact for Emergency Planning – conferences and meetings.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

The Lease had been drawn up and a rental of £2,400 per annum agreed. Clerk to issue monthly invoices in advance from date of occupancy and to advise tenant of banking arrangements. Cllr White advised that the lease had been issued for two years and signed by himself and the Chairman. Energy Performance Certificate to be organised by the Clerk. The Chairman would be writing to the Community Council regarding the acceptance of a local resident as a tenant but to thank them for their interest.

**Scouts** – request for further donation. To be considered at the precept meeting.

**B Thaxter** – speeding in Westley Lane

DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 14<sup>th</sup> December 2015.

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