

**HORRINGER-cum-ICKWORTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE  
COMMUNITY CENTRE, HORRINGER ON MONDAY 19th OCTOBER 2015**

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

Apologies: Police.

<u>PUBLIC FORUM</u> - Planning application 1303/15 and noise complaint
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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – none

DISPENSATIONS - none

PLANNING

1303/15 Meadow Farm, Sharpes Lane: proposed equestrian buildings & storage barn

Councillors discussed this application at length and agreed the application was contrary to Policy DM13, and did not comply with Policy DM32. Inadequate information had been provided on the impact of the proposals on the local landscape and nearby residential properties. Additionally inadequate information on traffic generation and vehicular movements resulting from the development.

For these reasons councillors objected to the application. Draft letter confirming points raised to be drawn up and circulated prior to sending to SEBC. Proposed by Cllr White, seconded by Cllr Crofts – all in favour.

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 21<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER 2015

It was resolved that the minutes be approved as a true and accurate record and signed accordingly. Proposed by Cllr Dearsley, seconded by Cllr White – all in favour by those who were present at the meeting.

SUMMARY OF MINUTES FOR 21<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER 2015

It was resolved that the summary was an accurate record and signed accordingly. Proposed by Cllr Dearsley, seconded by Cllr White at length – all in favour.

The meeting recessed for the next item.

REPORTS

**County report** - report covering leaders of SCC launching a bid to find locations for short stay stopping sites; Graduates taking first step on teaching career ladder in Suffolk; Health teams in Suffolk launch new childhood illnesses app and Suffolk smokers urged to sign up to Stoptober to boost chances of quitting.

Discussion continued on Fit Villages activity – aim to set up sport or physical activity sessions using local facilities such as village halls. Grant claim form available. Devolution; moving forward with cycling lanes/paths; education improvements and direct control of funds to build more houses.

**Community Council** – report attached covering energy efficiency work at the Community Centre the costs and grant funding achieved; new cooker; village consultation on The Beehive; hiring charges; terms and conditions; future events.

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**Police** – two crimes since the last meeting – burglary overnight of a shed and theft of electric cable supply to spotlights on St Leonards Church. Full report attached.

The meeting reconvened.

**Play area report** – submitted. Bolts had been tightened. The edging was cause for concern and the Clerk was waiting to hear from a contractor as to what remedial action could be taken. The Clerk had written to Stuart Bradnam requesting the shrubs be trimmed and the weeds dealt with and since no response had been received she would chase him on the matter. Nothing further had been heard from villagers in respect of refurbishing the play area.

**Chairman’s report** –there was one village enquiry to rent the former post office and it was also noted that the Community Council had expressed an interest. Following a brief discussion it was considered that there was a need to negotiate a commercial rent with the villager and if this was not accepted then the council should pursue the matter further with the Community Centre.

Cllr Knight proposed a rental of £200 per month, seconded by Cllr White – five councillors in favour. Cllr Crofts abstained having declared an interest.

Replacing the small bin with a larger dog bin was also needed at the BT exchange. Clerk to organise purchase of a red dog bin. Also to purchase another for Brick Kiln.

Cllr Mrs Walker agreed to write something for the Horringer Diary.

#### STREET LIGHTING

SEBC and SCC Highways to be contacted regarding the contractor of Hornings Park as to enforcement of repairing the light.

#### PARISH PLAN

Defer to December meeting

#### PLANNING

The following applications were considered by councillors:-

- 1964/15**      **Forge Cottage, The Street:** T1 apple tree – fell and replace.  
PC comment: support (proposed by Cllr White, seconded by Cllr Knight – all in favour)
- 1953/15**      **22 Meadow Drive:** Conversion of garage with single storey extension to form granny Annex  
PC comment: support – and only use as annexe of existing dwelling and not separate (proposed by Cllr White, seconded by Cllr Crofts – all in favour)
- 1844/15**      **2 College Close:** 1no Norway spruce – reduce height by approx 5 metres (16ft)  
PC comment: support (proposed by Cllr White, seconded by Cllr Knight – all in favour)

Application refused by SEBC:

- 1479/15**      **Land NE Hill Cottage, The Street:** New dwelling and garage

Discussion on procedural matters when considering a planning application and when to call a planning meeting between council meetings – such as in August when the council did not meet. It was proposed by Cllr Knight that the original arrangement still stood i.e. two councillors were required to call a meeting if an urgent response to SEBC was needed before the normal planned

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Parish Council meeting. Seconded by Cllr White. 4 councillors in favour, Cllr Fuller abstained with Cllr Crofts against.

### THE BEEHIVE

The meeting was advised that the owners have lodged an appeal. A full public hearing has been requested and this would take place in either January or February next year. Public Meeting scheduled for 13<sup>th</sup> November in the Community Centre to announce results of the consultation and to discuss the way forward.

Hawthorne Leisure have been asked to tidy up the frontage and they have responded that they are trying to employ a contractor to take care of the grass.

Friends of The Beehive were still arranging to open a Bank account so the Council's cheque No. 1593 for £100 had been returned. Instead the Council were asked to make a payment of £100 direct to SPC printers.

### FINANCE

591 **Risk Assessment:** forms to be forwarded to Cllr Dearsley who hoped to complete the assessment for the November meeting.

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

Chqs		
1593	Friends of The Beehive (donation)	£100.00 Cancelled
816	Litter contractor	£130.00
817	Clerk (expenses)	£ 44.70
818	Southern Electric	£ 5.32
819	BDO (audit)	£240.00
820	SPC Printers (Beehive)	£100.00
S/O	Personnel (October)	£256.52

Current A/c £26,978.91 Income £47.93 Reserve A/c £9,533.42

597 **SALC audit report:** defer to November meeting.

### ACCESS BY VILLAGER ACROSS COMMUNITY CENTRE

No further action to date.

### VILLAGE MAINTENANCE

- a) Sale of Speed stickers** Whepstead Parish Council to be invoiced for 50 speed stickers.
- b) Path/Six Bells** Work was scheduled to commence middle of November.
- c) BT phone box** Work in hand
- d) Japanese Knotweed** SEBC to be advised and to take action as it is understood this is now a legal requirement for the plant to be removed
- e) Grit Bin** 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.

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CORRESPONDENCE

Brochures circulated

Suffolk Constabulary – police attendance at meetings. Noted

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

16<sup>th</sup> November 2015.

The Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 10.35 p.m.

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