

**HORRINGER-cum-ICKWORTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE
COMMUNITY CENTRE, HORRINGER ON MONDAY 15th FEBRUARY 2016**

Present: Cllrs C Knight (Chairman), J White, Mrs R Walker, P Crofts, P Fuller & J Dearsley
Mrs M Bottomley (Clerk). County/Borough Cllr T Clements
1 villager

Apologies: none

PUBLIC FORUM - environmental problem regarding current ditch clearance. Brown Bin collection for Parish Council

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Crofts - Item 10 The Beehive & Item 9 Planning
Cllr White - Item 9 Planning

DISPENSATIONS - None

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 18th JANUARY 2016

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

SUMMARY OF MINUTES FOR 18th JANUARY 2016

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.

The meeting recessed for the next item.

REPORTS

County report - covering parishioners having their say on council services; budget savings proposed; tour of Britain's £4.5m boost to regional economy; future of Suffolk fire and rescue service consultation; Stonewall workplace equality index for SCC; Education round-up; raising the Bar Awards 2016 – nominations now open. Report attached.

C Cllr Clements then left the meeting at 8.10 p.m.

The meeting reconvened.

Community Council – the yellow lines reinstatement is being dealt with – otherwise nothing to report.

Play area report – report submitted. Planning application submitted by Contractor in respect of removing tree from site. Contractor will remove tree and risings once planning has been approved.

Chairman's report – Copy letter from of DAS circulated regarding the access route via the Community Council. Clerk to send final draft reply drawn up by Cllr White – proposed by Cllr Knight, seconded by Cllr White – all in favour.

Clerk to obtain an update on progress in respect of the leaking roof of the Old Post Office.

Chairman confirmed he had contacted Ms Hasler regarding the Christmas tree.

Chairman to respond to letter from parishioner concerning speeding/highway matters raised.

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Community Council to be chased about painting yellow lines in the car park as noted in the Risk Assessment currently being undertaken.

STREET LIGHTING

Formal letter had been written and a response from SEBC circulated and noted. A Smith (Planning) to be invited to the next meeting to enable councillors to discuss this and other problems. Clerk to arrange meeting either for March or April.

THE POND, COLLEGE CLOSE

Havebury Housing advised they were obtaining a valuation for the site and had noted that the Parish Council was interested, in principle, in acquiring the area in question. Havebury would be in touch again shortly.

PLANNING

The following applications were considered by councillors:-

- 0117/FUL National Trust, Ickworth Park:** (i) change of use from dwelling house to holiday let (ii) installation of an external oil tank
PC comment: support (proposed by Cllr White, seconded by Cllr Knight, 5 in favour, 1 abstention)
- 0118/LB National Trust, Ickworth Park:** (i) installation of external oil tank and (ii) internal alterations.
PC comment: support (proposed by Cllr White, seconded by Cllr Knight , 5 in favour, 1 abstention)
- 0092/16 14 Meadow Drive:** single storey rear extension to dining room and infilling of rear roof overhang to utility room.
PC comment: support (proposed by Cllr Crofts, seconded by Cllr Dearsley – 5 in favour, 1 abstention).
- 0177/16TPO Horringer PC, Playground, Holly Close:** Fell 1 Sycamore (T1 on plan)
PC comment: support

THE BEEHIVE

Appeal date confirmed for 16th March in Cambridge at 2 p.m. Last week the group (now a limited company) had made a formal offer to purchase the property but this had been rejected.

FINANCE

- 591 **Risk Assessment:** Assessment forms finalised and signed off. It was noted that the Scrubber was no longer usable. Remove from list. Proposed by Cllr Dearsley, seconded by Cllr Knight. All in favour.
- 605 **Cheques:** It was proposed by Cllr Knight, seconded by Cllr White that the following cheques be issued. All in favour:-

<u>Chqs</u>		
1606	SEBC (election expenses)	£ 21.34
1607	Clerk Clerk (expenses)	£ 33.66
1608	Litter Picker	£ 134.00
1609	Anglia Block Paving	£5472.00
1610	SEBC – cancelled	£ 0.00
1611	St Leonards PCC (grant)	£1000.00

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1612	SSE (electricity old PO)	£ 17.55
S/O	Personnel (February)	£ 256.52

Current A/c £20,946.40 Income from Post Office/Whepstead PC/Interest £1,047.91
Reserve A/c £9,533.42.

VILLAGE MAINTENANCE

- a) Path/Six Bells** Work satisfactorily completed. Payment authorised. Remove from Agenda
- b) BT phone box** Ongoing.
- c) Japanese Knotweed** SEBC Legal Department drafting suitable letter to be sent by the Clerk in respect of the properties involved.
- d) Grit Bin** Clerk to chase for response from SCC regarding location of grit bin at Orchard Way/10 The Elms footpath.
- e) Emergency Plan** To be completed by the March meeting.
- f) Recycled notice board** Clerk to organise purchase of notice board from Eco Services at a cost of £699 plus VAT and delivery. Proposed by Cllr Knight, seconded by Cllr White – all in favour.
- g) Bins** 50 litre dog bin ordered to replace the existing one at the BT Kiosk site. Original bin to be relocated to Brick Kiln once approval received from ROW/Highways.
- h) Christmas tree** Action completed – remove from agenda.
- i) Grass cutting** SEBC had quoted £2,270.42 to carry out grass cutting in the village. An alternative quote had been obtained and found to be less expensive. Cost from Mcgregor Services was £1,960. Acceptance proposed by Cllr Knight seconded by Cllr Fuller – all in favour – provided Public Liability was available. Clerk to organise.

CORRESPONDENCE

SCC Highways – closure of Glebe Close for repairs in February. (circulated)
Cllr Fuller updated members on SCC approval for a morning crossing patrol across the A143.
SEBC – Consultation Review of SEBC Area Working parties. Tabled

DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 21st March 2016

Cllr White presented his apologies for this meeting

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.50 p.m.

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