

**HORRINGER-cum-ICKWORTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE  
COMMUNITY CENTRE, HORRINGER ON MONDAY 20<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2017**

1. Apologies were given by Marilyn Bottomley, Colin Knight and Terry Clements.
2. Councillors Ruth Walker and John White declared interest in item 7 on the agenda – planning application SCC/0199/17.
3. There were no dispensations.
4. Councillor Fuller proposed approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2017, seconded by Councillor Crofts.
5. Summary of the minutes from 16<sup>th</sup> October 2017 had not been received.
6. Reports:
  - a) C.Cllr – Mrs K Soons had sent her report in advance, which included the proposed Council Tax increase of 1.99%. She reiterated the importance of reporting problems with Highways online in the first instance and agreed to follow up the council’s concerns about the damaged railings around the pond in the village. Karen also provided contact details to enable the council to follow up resident’s concerns about the condition of the path between Manor Lane and Hornings Park estate.
  - b) B.Cllr – Terry Clemens had sent apologies but the chairman informed the meeting of comments in an e-mail report from him. Councillor Dearsley confirmed the Borough Councillor had given £400 towards the church clock repairs.
  - c) The Community Council confirmed that the village fireworks had raised circa £1,400.
  - d) Councillor Dearsley presented his report on the play area, for which there are no action points at present but the equipment will need to be cleaned in the Spring.
  - e) The Chair had sent his report in advance, which confirmed action points completed from previous meetings and that the Parish Council were happy to support an Armistice event in 2018 alongside other village organisations.
7. There was one application for planning approval, SCC/0199/17 for Horringer Pre-School. As a Trustee of the Pre-School, Councillor Walker gave an overview of the project and the reasons behind the need for a replacement building. All remaining councillors who had not declared were in favour. It was agreed Councillor Walker would draft an additional letter to show the council’s support for the application.
8. Finance –
  - i) The cheque for the Litter Picker, £144, was signed by Councillor White (having already been signed by Councillor Knight prior to the meeting).
  - ii) Councillor Dearsley has already reviewed some of the village assets in advance of the Risk Assessment and will be suggesting that the Parish Council consider repairs to the bus stop roof that is situated at the top of Meadow Drive. In addition, Councillor Dearsley confirmed that the grit bins are full, apart from the one in Orchard Way, which he has informed the Council of so it can be appropriately filled. It was agreed the Financial Assessment would be postponed pending completion after review by the Chairman.

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iii) Councillor White confirmed that a new 2 year lease agreement starting on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2017 had been given to the tenant using the Old Post Office site, for her to agree and sign. This lease is on the same basis as previously with an annual rent of £2,400. Councillor White will arrange signature of this alongside Councillor Knight.

9. Village Maintenance

a) The company who are repairing and repainting the main section of the village sign hope to have this back in place by the Spring. Councillor Walker confirmed that the thatcher has now looked at the thatching of the sign in more detail and is concerned the weight of the new thatch may make the sign unstable. Councillor Walker agreed to liaise with a local builder to see they could give a professional opinion in this respect and assist with removing the sign temporarily for any necessary repairs.

b) The Council await a response from villagers following the latest article in the Horringer Diary for ideas about the future use of the telephone box.

c) In Marilyn Bottomley's absence there was nothing further to report about Japanese Knotweed in the village.

d) As per item 6a) C.Cllr Karen Soons agreed to follow up the Councils previous correspondence to Suffolk County Council in respect of the damaged railings near the village pond.

10. Correspondence – a letter had been received from a resident detailing concerns about areas of the roadside pathways opposite Godfrey's Cottages that are unsafe and narrow. Councillor Crofts confirmed he had made some investigations into the Suffolk County Councils policies and procedures in relation to footpath maintenance and it was agreed that Councillor Crofts would draft a letter from the Parish Council questioning why these procedures had not been followed.

11. The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 18<sup>th</sup> December 2017 which will be the council's precept meeting.

12. The meeting closed at 8:55pm.

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