

**HORRINGER-cum-ICKWORTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE  
COMMUNITY CENTRE, HORRINGER ON MONDAY 24<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2017**

Present: Cllrs C Knight (Chairman), J White, P Crofts, J Dearsley,  
P Fuller, Mrs R Walker. Mrs M Bottomley (Clerk).  
C Cllr T Clements (arrived 7.50 p.m.)  
1 villager, Mr D Parker (SEBC) & Mrs K Soons (Conservative candidate)

Apologies: None

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Mr D Parker (Leisure & Cultural Services Manager, SEBC) – discussion on tree works being undertaken without notification to the PC/parishioners. Suggestions given as to how situation could be improved. General inspection carried out by SEBC every 4 years and agreement given that the Clerk/PC will be contacted with details & proposed work when this happened. Tree management strategy in place. Mr Parker to ascertain circumstances of the Meadow Drive incident and he then left the meeting at 8.14 p.m.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr C Knight - Item 12 (b)  
Cllr J Dearsley - Item 11 (ii)

DISPENSATIONS - None

**CO-OPTION OF APPLICANTS**

There had been two applications for the vacancy however only one applicant had responded with details which had been circulated to councillors. Cllr Fuller proposed acceptance of Mr M Hammill, seconded by Cllr Dearsley. All in favour. Cllr Hammill was then invited to join the meeting having signed his Declaration of Acceptance.

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 20th MARCH 2017**

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

**SUMMARY OF MINUTES FOR 20th MARCH 2017**

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

The meeting recessed for the next item.

**REPORTS**

**County /Borough report** – general discussion and March report to be submitted in due course. Abbeycroft – looking at terms with the Borough. Discussed capital spend to take place. Re-opened the gymn recently which has proved a big advantage. The Fornham build has been deferred until next week because Members insisted on various amendments. 30% affordable homes – schemes variable.

The Chairman thanked C Cllr Clements for his support during his term of office for SCC. The meeting noted he would be continuing his work as a Borough councillor.

The dog signage had now been received by Cllr Dearsley.

**Community Council** – Councillors were advised that the cost of repairing the old Post Office roof was £1,850 plus VAT. Contractor to deal direct with the Council's lessee. Cllr White proposed

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acceptance for the work to proceed, seconded by Cllr Knight – all in favour. Report for the APM to follow shortly.

The meeting reconvened.

**Play area report** – monthly report submitted. Purchasing a “novelty” waste bin for the area was agreed. Clerk to arrange delivery of item to Cllr Dearsley.

**Chairman’s report** – Emergency Plan now completed but items in the Emergency box to be updated. Cllr Fuller agreed to deal with the first aid items. There had been no volunteer to act as Co-ordinator.

APM - Chairman to shortly circulate draft speech for the APM. Distribution of the APM poster discussed. Brief agenda/essential agenda items for the APC to follow the APM. Play Area fund raisers to provide a report for the APM.

630 The Pond was discussed and because there had been no progress from authorities regarding possible costs for the Pond it was proposed by Cllr Knight not to proceed with the purchase of the pond. Seconded by Cllr Crofts – five in favour, one against, one abstention. Clerk to write to Havebury.

This information also to be mentioned at the APM.

The tenant of the Post Office has made the last monthly payment earlier as requested. Clerk to continue to monitor the situation.

S Boor has responded regarding the A143 and road markings query. Work is in progress.

Repairs to the driveway to the church – situation investigated and Lord Bristol indicated he was happy with the condition of the roadway but would permit repairs to be undertaken if the council agreed to do this at their own cost.

Horringer Diary – deadline 5<sup>th</sup> May for issue June/July edition. Cllr Mrs Walker to include information on the Emergency Plan, the Pond and the co-option of a new councillor. Any articles received to be forwarded to her.

## PLANNING

**DC/16/1966/FUL** **National Trust, Ickworth Park:** (i) construction of multi-use trail (ii) upgrade of existing surfaced tracks and paths (iii) resurface existing compacted earth path (iv) widening of existing surfaced paths and (v) construction of new trail to make circular route – as amended by plans 03/04/2017.

PC comment: Support ( proposed by Cllr Knight, seconded by Cllr White – 6 councillors in favour, 1 abstention.)

**DC/17/0540/TE1** **Six Bells, The Street:** Determination in respect of development by Telecommunications Code systems operators – upgrade of existing base station including installation of 1no. replacement and 1no. new, equipment cabinets along with ancillary development.

PC comment: Support

**DC/17/0706/TPO** **Regnum Cottage, Sharps Lane:** TPO 042 (1977) – (i) T1 Horse Chestnut, reduce by 3 metres (ii) T2 – 4 Horse Chestnut , reduce by 5 metres and remaining crown reduced and shaped by 2 metres (iii) T3 – Horse Chestnut, reduce height by 5 metres and remaining crown reduced and shaped by 3

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metres (iv) T4 – Horse Chestnut, reduce by 5 metres (v) T6 – Horse Chestnut, fell (vi) T6 – Horse Chestnut, reduce by 5 metres (viii) T7 – Ash, reduce by 5 metres and reduce remaining crown by up to 3 metres. Reduce low heavy limbs by e metres (other works – T8- Hazel, Coppice (not part of TPO)

PC comment: Support ( proposed by Cllr Knight, seconded by Cllr White – 6 councillors in favour, 1 abstention.)

#### TREES ON BOROUGH COUNCIL LAND

Already covered in Public Forum.

#### PLAY AREA REFURBISHMENT

Clerk to write letter to Mrs H Bream confirming financial support of £5,000 to enable the Play Area Working Party to raise further funding for the refurbishment.

#### FINANCE

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

<u>Chqs</u>		
1703	P Fuller (meeting)	£ 20.00
1704	Litter Picker ( March)	£ 144.00
1705	Clerk (expenses)	£ 23.30
1706	Horringer CC (grant)	£3,000.00
1707	Good Neighbour Scheme (donation)	£1,000.00
1708	SEBC (Bin Collection)	£ 291.20
1709	McGregor (grass cuts)	£ 228.00
1770	SALC (payroll)	£ 45.00
1771	P Fuller (signage at PO)	£ 24.73
S/O	Personnel (April)	£ 225.95

Current A/c £ 27,534.86 Reserve A/c £9,533.42.

Receipts & Payments summary circulated

632 **Grass cuts:** McGregors to be requested to undertake addition cuts on the A143 (Westley Lane to Gt Horringer Hall) and Low Way. Proposed by Cllr Fuller, seconded by Cllr Knight – all in favour.

633 **Grant application:** Forms received from the Project Manager, of “Peal Appeal” bells refurbishment asking for a donation towards the cost of an automatic winding to the church clock, Horringer, St Leonard’s. Cllr Crofts proposed £500, seconded by Cllr Fuller. Five in favour, 1 abstention. Clerk to draft a suitable letter.

634 **NALC/SALC salary award:** In line with recommendations Cllr Knight proposed the increase, seconded with Cllr Crofts – all in favour. Increase effective from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017.

635 **Change of details:** Form completed and signed advising the bank of the change of account for the Clerk.

#### VILLAGE MAINTENANCE

- a) **Repair of village sign** - quotation received from the Village Sign People in the amount of £790 and acceptance was proposed by Cllr Knight, seconded by Cllr Fuller. All in favour. Discussion then as how to remove sections of the sign, whether scaffolding would be needed etc. Clerk to write accepting the quote.

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- b) **Phone box** – quotation received from Bream Builders & Contractors in the amount of £1,177.00 plus VAT. Acceptance proposed by Cllr White, seconded by Cllr Fuller – all in favour.
- c) **Old Post Office** – the tenant had expressed a view that the “no parking” sign location and size was unsuitable. However the meeting agreed it was the only place possible and would remain as is. Clerk to advise tenant.
- d) **Japanese Knotweed:** Clerk to check what action SEBC had taken subsequent to the initial letter sent to the relevant occupants of the properties concerned.

CORRESPONDENCE

Voluntary Network – request for financial contribution. Since the Society was not a local organisation, councillors were unable to grant any funding.

Suffolk Housing Society – exchange request. Unanimously approved.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 15<sup>th</sup>May 2017. (APM followed by short APC meeting)  
Apologies received from Cllr Crofts

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.50 p.m.

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