

**HORRINGER-cum-ICKWORTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE
COMMUNITY CENTRE, HORRINGER ON MONDAY 19th FEBRUARY 2018**

Present: Cllrs C Knight (Chairman – arrived 7.25 p.m.), J White (Vice Chairman),
Mrs R Walker, P Crofts (arrived 7.30 p.m.), P Hamill, J Dearsley & P fuller
C Cllr Mrs K Soons, Mrs M Bottomley (Clerk).
15 villagers

Apologies: None

The meeting was opened and initially chaired by Cllr White at 7.15 p.m.

PUBLIC FORUM - Suffolk County Council School Transport Consultation: villagers/parents expressed their concern over planned implementation of the consultation. If implemented, a number of parents would be affected as they were unable to drive to the changed school destinations; Ickworth Primary would possibly lose a teacher and teaching assistant due to the financial rearrangements; the school would be required to cope with additional cars offloading youngsters; parents were concerned at the additional cost they were expected to pay. Discussion and questions were debated as to the possible savings SCC would allegedly make. All villagers were encouraged to express their concerns to SCC and to seek further professional advice. Parents were encouraged to make all their views known through the formal process. The County Councillor agreed to actively pursue their concerns. There were a number of other parish councils in her area expressing similar concerns. Consultation would close on the 28th February.

Missing bollard at the top of Meadow Drive.

Villagers left the meeting with the Public Forum closing at 8 p.m. One villager remained.

Cllr Knight took the chair for the remaining meeting.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr White - Item 7 Planning

DISPENSATIONS - None

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 15th JANUARY 2018

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

The meeting recessed for the next item.

REPORTS

C Cllr Mrs K Soons – agreed to obtain a quote to reinstate the missing bollard query raised in Public Forum. Understood this would come under SCC Highways. Provided further update on the school consultation; A143 potholes – specifically noted one on the second double bend going out of Horringer. Chairman to email her with details and to also report “on line”. If no response to provide her with the report number to take the matter further.

Cllr Crofts referred to the pond work deferred from 12th February to 26th February and the footpath not done between Manor Lane/Hornings Park and the path Godfreys Cottages and agreed to send the County Councillor further information.

C Cllr Mrs Soons left at 8.30 p.m.

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Community Council – report circulated covering Community Council roof; gutters/fascias; scrubber/drier; curtains; rubbish bins misuse.

Clerk to write to the Chairman thanking her for her report. And to advise that once she has had a chance to sort out the financial situation, to contact the parish council again and the application will be considered on its merits.

The meeting reconvened.

Play area - Cllr Dearsley reported that all furniture was o.k. but needed cleaning. Assistance required for this. Cllr Hamill kindly agreed to liaise with Cllr Dearsley on the matter.

Chairman's report – The Annual Parish Meeting has been booked in the main hall of the Community Centre for Friday 18th May. No speakers. Teas and coffees will be served by the WI at 7.15 p.m. The Parish Council meeting will follow after the APM but will only cover essential items such as Planning, cheques for payment etc. The agenda will be kept to a minimum.

Information on the structure/shed at The Beehive has been passed to Enforcement, SEBC.

Cllr White reported on an article in a newspaper on Japanese Knotweed and agreed to circulate this to all councillors for information. The Chairman agreed to pass a copy of the cutting to the Borough Councillor – T Clements.

Clerk to liaise with the Chairman on continuing with the quarterly review and the accounts.

GDPR – waiting for further information from SALC/LCPAS. Clerk to check.

Notice Board/National Trust – discussing this via Mrs Cullingworth.

Councillors commented on the new look for the Horringer Diary.

The Meadow Drive notice board was not leaking. It was condensation.

It was noted there had been “hawkers” bothering villagers.

A villager mentioned the Ickworth 10 mile path walk had no provision for bikes however the villager used the National Trust park. Suggest there should be a cycle path that would make things easier. Discussion followed on the National Trust contributing to a cycle path. It was hoped that the parish council could put pressure on SCC. Clerk to write asking what was happening and to request a progress report. (andrew.woodin@suffolk.gov.uk).

All councillors had received an invitation from the WI to celebrate their Centenary Thanksgiving celebrations on 5th April and Cllr White advised he may be able to attend.

PLANNING

The following application was considered:-

- 0286/18** **Langstone, Manor Lane:** 1no.Leylandi reduce height by 50%.
PC Comment: support – proposed by Cllr Mrs Walker, seconded by Cllr Knight – all in favour.
- 0277/18** **30 Hawthorn Drive:** Two storey side extension and single storey rear extensions (following demolition of existing rear conservatory)
PC Comment: support – proposed by Cllr White, seconded by Cllr Knight – all in favour.

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FINANCE

- 639 **Risk Assessment:** Financial Risk assessment circulated and approved unanimously.
- 646 **Workplace Pension:** Clerk to continue chasing for documentation to finalise entry and exit.
- 652 **Precept breakdown:** Discussion on how the figures for Horringer and Ickworth were worked out and for next year it was agreed the forms should be forwarded to the Chairman prior to agreeing a breakdown of the sum required.
- 653 **Cheques:** It was proposed by Cllr Knight, seconded by Cllr White that the following cheques be issued. All in favour:-

Chqs

1822	Litter Picker	£ 144.00
1823	Clerk (expenses)	£ 28.84
1824	J W Warren Electrical (Post Office)	£ 58.80
1825	Bream Builders (Phone box	£1,722.00
1706	Haughey Parish Council (Stationery)	£ 36.69
S/O	Personnel	£ 238.38

Current A/c £ 37,185.38 Income (Interest/rent/Admin £235.43) Reserve A/c £9,533.42

Receipts & Summary sheet circulated all councillors. (Variance column included)

VILLAGE MATTERS

- a) **Village Sign** - work ongoing and it was hoped the thatcher would start towards the end of February.
- b) **Telephone box** – Hart, carpenter had been approached and he intended visiting the phone box later next week to provide a quote for the shelving. The Clerk had been unable to contact S Williams.

Following a meeting with SEBC Cllr Crofts advised that the Planning Department seemed fairly keen for the phone box to be relocated subject to a planning application being submitted. Costs involved for relocation needed to be determined and BT would need to be contacted to establish if they were able to undertake the work and contribute towards the costs. The National Trust may be able to assist in helping labourwise. The electricity supply also needed to be resolved.

- c) **Knotweed** – a reminder had been sent to the County and Borough councillors for an update on their investigations.
- d) **Fencing by pond:** discussed earlier in the meeting with C Cllr Mrs Soons who would be looking into the matter.
- e) **Footpath College Close/Manor Lane:** Clerk to chase for a response from Highways to their letter sent in January. C Cllr Mrs Soons also to be copied in to the correspondence.

CORRESPONDENCE

Brochures for circulation

Ickworth Park Primary School – thank you letter

DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 19th March 2018.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.28 p.m.

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