

Horringer-cum-Ickworth Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on Monday 17th June 2019
In Horringer Community Centre

Present: Cllr Crofts (Vice - Chair), Cllr White, Cllr Hammill, Cllr Fuller and Cllr Walker

No members of the public were in attendance

Mrs. Michelle Thompson (Parish Clerk) took the minutes.

Cllr Crofts welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1	<p>Record Councillors' Apologies for Absence: Apologies received and accepted from Cllr Knight</p>
2	<p>Declarations of Interest: Nil</p>
3	<p>County Councillors' Report: Cllr Soons updated the Council on the self-help scheme which would benefit the village by providing training enabling them to carry out certain tasks within the village. Cllr Soons reported on a meeting with Cllr Crofts and Highways Matthew Fox about the lack of visibility due to the quality of the grass cutting at Gypsy Lane/A143, as there have been several accidents, the 30mph signs are constantly ignored and speeding is a constant problem. The Parish Council has asked for this to be reviewed. Cllr Soons agreed and said that Mary Evans is very supportive on this subject, although Highways need to be convinced as there have also been several incidents at Glemsford Road and Westley Crossroads as well. Cllr Soons went on to discuss her locality grant given to the Parish and it was resolved by the Parish Council that £2000 was to be designated for the Parish Council and £1000 to be given by the Parish council to the Community Council for roof repairs on the understanding that if not used, it should be returned to the P.C.</p> <p>Borough Councillors Report: Cllr Clements reported that since the merging of the two Councils there has been a lot of changes and their main priority is to concentrate on what we are doing for the young people in Villages. Instead of building five bedroom houses, there should be a focus on affordable houses that the younger generation can afford to either rent, lease or own. Councillors want to encourage people to come into school and local community to give talks, providing positive feedback to help fight crime and drugs misuse. He went on to say that with the backing of MP Jo Churchill they are trying to enable the elderly to live a good quality of life and help the young too.</p> <p>Community Council Report: A report was presented to the Councillors at the meeting, it outlined the National Trust's intention to make a claim to the Land Registry for Prescriptive Right of Access to</p>

	<p>their land from the Community Centre at the junction of A143 to the gated entrance to their land adjacent to the Centre. The National Trust's representative outlined that the road belongs to Lord Bristol (<i>see attachment</i>)</p> <p>Public Forum: No members of the public in attendance.</p> <p>4 To consider the approval of the minutes of the last meetings: Cllr White proposed signing the minutes of the meetings held on 17th June 2019 be approved and signed as a true record seconded by Cllr Walker, all in agreement.</p> <p>5 Reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i Play Area Report: At the last Parish Meeting Councillors to take back the responsibility of the Play Park and Cllr Hammill very kindly offered to take on that role. The May Report was circulated and Cllr Walker proposed allowing the Play Park Committee to disband and the Parish Council to take back control of the play equipment and any funds that are left; all in agreement. Discussions took place around the Fencing of the Play Area. ii Chairman's Report: The Vice- Chair reported on behalf of The Chair that the Parish Council should consider electing a representative to attend Community Council Meetings. Cllr Walker very kindly volunteered. However, Cllr Crofts Suggested a rotation of attendance may be considered. <p>After the appointment of the new Clerk the Chair recommended that the Bank Statements should now be sent to the Clerk to assist her with the Preparation of the financial reports for the monthly Parish Meeting. Also, it was advised that the Clerk assists with adding another signatory to the Parish Bank account due to Cllr Dearsley resigning. It was agreed to add Cllr Crofts.</p> <p>At the Meeting in May it was discussed there was a need for Litter Picking in Horringer: Cllr Crofts reported that they should look into using a private contractor for about 4 litter picks a year. The possibility of using McGregors Garden Services was suggested or asking if they could recommend a contractor for this kind of work. The Clerk is to look into obtaining some quotes and also to find out the scheduled day of litter collections for Horringer, to update Council at the next meeting.</p>	
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6	<p>Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request for prescriptive right of access & ditch/drainage issues: The Parish Council has nothing further to report back on this issue and no further correspondence has been received from the National Trust. • Telephone Box: Cllr Crofts advised no further progress, although he reported that he had a meeting with Breams to agree the final position of the telephone box as Historic England have been very particular on this matter. Breams said that they could not prepare a plan and so Cllr Crofts said that he would put something together and submit it before the next meeting. with the method statement and., when completed, this will be submitted to the Planning Authority. 	
7	<p>To Consider Fencing for the Play Area: At the May Meeting Councillors discussed the possibility of getting extra fencing to prevent balls going into residents' gardens. A quote was obtained but it was thought beneficial to request two more for comparison. The Clerk was asked to look into this. They also discussed getting quote for a net.</p>	
8	<p>Horringer Clerk's New Email Address: The new clerk circulated her email address prior to the June Meeting so she could be contacted before the meeting. The email address is;- thehorringercumickworthclerk@aol.com</p>	
9	<p>Highways Community Self Help: Cllr Crofts reported back from the launch of the Community Self Help Scheme at the last meeting. The Information on this new scheme set up by Suffolk Highways was circulated to the Councillors beforehand so they could have an insight into what was involved. Cllr Soons had outlined earlier in the meeting the advantages of the schemes, as villagers would be able to take control of situations themselves. The Clerk was asked to look into registering the Parish Council and report back at the July meeting.</p>	
10	<p>To Consider Litter Picking in Horringer; Further to the earlier discussion. The new clerk is to obtain costings.</p>	
11	<p>To Consider Defibrillator at Village School: It was agreed at the previous meeting that the school was a good central location for a second defibrillator. Cllr White approached the school at the Governors Finance Meeting and they were interested. No further updates will be given as we are now awaiting their decision. It is was suggested a 50 /50 contribution.</p>	

12	<p>To Consider Purchase of a New Closed in Noticeboard at the Front of Community Centre: The Parish Council considered assembling a noticeboard at The Community Centre. They looked into the possibility of financing it with some of the surplus money from the roofing project. The Clerk was asked to obtain quotes and will report back at the next meeting</p>	
13	<p>To Consider Temporary Signage Meadow Drive: A temporary sign will be assembled in Meadow Drive to direct people to the location of the Summer Fayre, which is to be held on the school field. Cllr Walker spoke to the land Agents of the Bristol estate to see if they can put the old sign on the green with arrows in the direction of Meadow Drive.</p>	
14	<p>Correspondence: A letter was received from a young resident expressing concerns over the lack of the provision of a Post Office and a shop within the village and the effects on her family. The Councillors will look at whether the local Public Houses can sell any provision and if the Good Neighbour scheme can help. The Clerk would prepare a draft reply and circulate it to Members.</p>	
15	<p>Planning:</p> <p>i. Application DC/19/1074/HH 5 Meadow Drive – Two storey side extension (following demolition of existing garage/office) and single storey rear extension (following demolition of existing conservatory): Council discussed Cllr Walker proposed no objection seconded by Cllr Fuller all in agreement no objection.</p> <p>Application DC/19/1174/TPO 25 Hawthorne Drive TPO303 (1973) Tree Preservation Order 2no Maple (T2 and T7 on plan area A1 on order) Fell (ii) 1no Sycamore (T4 on plan area A1 on order) Fell (iii)1no. Pine (T1 on plan area A1 on order)(iv) 1no Elm (T3 on plan areaA1on order) (v)1no Holly (T5 on plan area A1on order)fell</p> <p>Application DC/19/1230/TCA 25 Hawthorne Drive Trees in a Conservation Area Notification - 1no Sycamore (T6 on plan) Fell</p> <p>The Parish Council had no objection.</p> <p>ii On–line Consultee Access Cllr Crofts advised the Council on the service they provide suggesting we should make use of it</p>	

<p>16</p>	<p>iii Drop in Sessions Cllr Crofts felt that these were of benefit and the workshops provided would be of benefit to the council</p> <p>Finance Report and to consider payments to be made: The Clerk confirmed receipt of interest of £1.62, Friends of Holly C (Play Park) of £2,500, VAT refund of £5472.03 SCC Grant of £2158 and rent from the Old Post Office of £200. Total Income for June of £10,331.65</p> <p>i. S. Brown Salary and Expenses: - A Cheque no 1902 was raised £594.60</p> <p>ii. HMRC A cheque no: 1903 was raised for £129.00</p> <p>iii. McGregor Garden Services inv 3716 May Grass Cut: A cheque no: 1904 was raised for £492</p> <p>iv. Horringer Good Neighbour Scheme – Grant A cheque no: 1905 was raised for £1,000</p> <p>v. No further invoices had been received.</p> <p>Reserve account @ 8.1.2019 £9,533.4 Current account @ 5.6.19 £45,240.73</p> <p>17. Councillors’ reports and items for future agenda: It was agreed that the new clerk’s salary continue to be paid through SALC on a quarterly basis.</p> <p>In the previous minutes the clerk discussed the possibility of purchasing a Parish Council computer. This is being looked into once more and quotes will be obtained.</p> <p>The provision of Identity badges for Parish Councillors was discussed and the purchasing of Badges will be put on the Agenda for the forthcoming meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Walker advised there may need to be a temporary sign at the top of Meadow drive to place on the next agenda.</p> <p>Date of Next Meeting – The date of the next scheduled meeting was confirmed as Monday, 16th September 2019.</p> <p>There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.30pm</p>	
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