

**Horringer-cum-Ickworth Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2020**  
**Remotely via Zoom**

**Present:** Cllr. Knight (Chairman), Cllr. Crofts (Vice Chairman). Cllr. Walker, Cllr. White,  
 Cllr. Fuller, Cllr. Lewis, SCC Karen Soons and 3 Parishioners  
 Mrs. Michelle Thompson (Parish Clerk) took the minutes.

Cllr. Knight welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Democratic 1/4 Hour/ Public Question Time: Democratic 15 minutes Public Question Time:** From 7.30pm residents are invited to give their views and question the Parish Council on issues on this agenda, or raise issues for future consideration at the discretion of the Chairman. The formal Parish Council meeting will commence at 7.45pm. If a resident wishes to join the virtual meeting, then please contact Mrs Michelle Thompson (Parish Clerk), who will provide you with a link to join the meeting via Zoom.  
Members of the public may not take any further part in the meeting after this item has been discharged.

A resident of Whepstead joined the public forum to outline her concern for speeding traffic which has become an issue along A143 between Chedburgh - Horringer and the B1066 to Whepstead. she is interested in getting some speed restriction signs along the roads, Her proposal was Chedburgh, Horringer and Whepstead to come together and hopefully enable a 30mph speeding restriction to be put in place through to Bury St Edmunds. This would be a long process with a petition sent to Road Safety but hopefully will be worth, while. Cllr Soons could not confirm her support with the project, but did say that advance signs when approaching 30mph area might be possible. This would be a long process and would require the relevant backup data for evidence. The resident has requested a camera from the police to assist with the evidence. It was noted by one of the Parish Councillors that speeding is still a problem through the village and this might be of some benefit to all. Further discussion will take place at the January Meeting.

***ACTION***

1.	Record Councillors' Apologies for Absence: Cllr Berry	
2.	Declarations of Interest: Cllr Walker section 6 ii	
3.	To Consider the Approval of the Minutes of the Last Meeting:  Due to Covid.19, we continue to conduct our Parish meeting via Zoom. The approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 16 <sup>th</sup> November 2020 were approved and signed as a true	

<p>4.</p>	<p>record. Cllr. Knight proposed them and Cllr. Crofts seconded. All Agreed</p> <p>Reports – <i>(all were sent out prior to the meeting. To be taken as read)</i></p> <p><i>(a) County Councillor’s Report: (Cllr Soons)</i></p> <p>Cllr Soons informed the Council that there is a new Covid 19 Test and Trace Scheme in that if you test positive you are able to claim a payment of £500  Karen also outlined that the Speed Buffer for Horringer will hopefully be installed in the early part of 2021  For anything else please see the <i>attached Parish Newsletters for further information</i></p> <p><i>b) West Suffolk Councillor’s Report (Terry Clements)</i></p> <p>Cllr. Clement informed the Parish Council once more the importance of “Home but not Alone” Scheme and that is a good link for the community due to Covid 19. It also offers grant facility too.</p> <p>Cllr Clements recommended to the Parish Council that they might consider producing a Neighbourhood Plan” this would Help the village to have greater control over the future of the village.</p> <p><i>(c). Community Council Report:</i></p> <p>A Report was provided by the Community Council highlighting the upgrading of the Fire Detection Programme They are awaiting some decision from Suffolk Council Council with regard to the Commercial Energy grant scheme. More was discussed in the Chair Report and see attached</p> <p><i>(d) Play Area Monthly Report</i></p> <p>Monthly inspections are continuing to be completed  Cllr. Walker and Cllr. Knight have kindly offered to assist With the areas needing attention and has suggested that over the coming months they should contact Sovereign to help with this. This is going to be taken up in the New Year</p>	<p><b>Cllr. Knight/ Cllr. Walker.</b></p>
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<p>5.</p>	<p>e) <i>Chair Report (Colin Knight)</i></p> <p>Local Plan - the Parish Council thanked Cllr Crofts, Cllr Walker and Cllr Lewis for organising and compiling the documentation that was sent to West Suffolk Planning Department by a deadline of 22<sup>nd</sup> December. The Parish Council received an email from a resident outlining several areas of concern mainly relating to planning issues, which may be useful if planning applications were submitted in the future.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The BT Kiosk – This has now be located and shelves been added. We should plan to monitor how Suffolk Library operates before we permit the Kiosk to be used as a book exchange, due to COVID issues. Cllr Crofts informed the other Councillors that Historic England may de-list the kiosk as an Historic Building this is due to the fact of moving it from the original site. Cllr Crofts has contacted them to try to keep the listing</li> <li>• Asset Review Programme – Cllr Knight will undertake a review this over next few months. A Ridge Tile on bus shelter needs attention.</li> <li>• The Street footpath clearing work – Cllr Crofts and Cllr Knight had previously met with Luke Merton (Engagement Officer – Suffolk Highways). Potential work suppliers discussed.</li> <li>• Website – It has been suggested that we set up a new Parish Council Website in the New Year. This will enable us to communicate with the village. Hopefully the set up and maintenance costs should be fairly low. To be investigated in the new year.</li> <li>• In the Community Council seem to have gained approval over the alarm system in the hall – we now need to make some enquires about our own tenanted room</li> </ul> <p>Updates:-</p> <p>Risk Assessment Document received by The Community Council. A report was forwarded to the Parish Council which outlined that there should be a Fire Detection and Alarm System installed in the Community Centre. A contribution by the Parish Council was requested. It has</p>	<p><b><i>Cllr Crofts</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Cllr Knight</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Cllr Crofts/Cllr. Knight</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Cllr Knight</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Cllr Knight</i></b></p>
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6.	<p>been suggested that the Community Council gain some quotes and then it will be evaluated at the next Parish Meeting be in December</p> <p>9 The Chestnuts – Overgrown Hedge</p> <p>A letter was sent to the owners noting the hedge has slightly cut back. It was agreed to send a further letter offering some useful contractors to assist with cutting the hedge back further. We are now awaiting a response.</p> <p><u>Planning Applications:</u></p> <p><b>DC/20/2002/HH</b>  Household Planning Application  First Floor Side Extension  Thyas  14 Sharpes Green  Horringer  Mr P Hopkins</p> <p><b>The PC has no objections to this Planning Application</b></p>	
7.	<p>Finance Report and to consider payments to be made:</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that no receipt of money was received for the Old Post Office</p> <p><i>Finance Report – to consider payments to be made</i></p> <p>Mr Kidd (Maintenance on the telephone Box)  a cheque was raised for £424.00</p> <p>M Thompson (Salary) a cheque was raised for £249.60</p> <p>M Thompson (Clerks Expenses) a cheque was raised for £55.65</p> <p>Mcgregors (Hedge Cutting Play Area) a cheque was raised for £108.00</p> <p>No further invoices have been received.</p> <p>Reserve account @ £ 9,533.42 - 08.01.2020  Current account @ £ 36,081.34 13, 11.2020</p>	

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