## Horringer-cum-Ickworth Parish Council Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2020 Remotely via Zoom

**Present:** Cllr. Knight (Chairman), Cllr. Crofts (Vice Chairman). Cllr. Walker, Cllr. White Cllr. Fuller, Cllr. Lewis, SCC Karen Soons, Marie Smith and David Roach (W.S. Planning Dept for Local Plan) and 31 Parishioners Mrs. Michelle Thompson (Parish Clerk) took the minutes.

Cllr. Knight welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Democratic Public Question Time: was extended for 90 minutes to allow for discussion on the Local Plan.** From 7.30pm residents were invited to listen to a presentation from Marie Smith, along with David Roach from West Suffolk Council on the Local plan. Afterwards presenting questions on issues a rising. For further information please see attached report The formal Parish Council meeting commenced at 9.00pm.

## **ACTION**

1.	Record Councillors' Apologies for Absence: None	
2.	Declarations of Interest: None	
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 19 <sup>th</sup> October 2020 were approved and signed as a true record. Cllr. White proposed and Cllr. Crofts seconded. All Agreed	
4.	Reports – (all were sent out prior to the meeting. To be taken as read)	
	(a) County Councillor's Report:	
	please see the attached Parish Newsletters for further information	
	<ul> <li>b) West Suffolk Councillor's Report (Terry Clements)</li> <li>Cllr. Clements was not present but did provide a report</li> <li>– see attached</li> </ul>	

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	<ul> <li>(c). Community Council Report:</li> <li>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</li> <li>(d) Play Area Monthly Report 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.</li> </ul>	CIIr. Knight/ CIIr. Walker.
	<ul> <li>e) Chair Report (Colin Knight)</li> <li>Local Plan – Cllr. Knight reported that</li> <li>Cllr. Crofts attended the Planning Authority zoom meeting, on 3<sup>rd</sup> November and posters were displayed on the noticeboards. It is suggested that we hold a special Local Plan meeting on December 7<sup>th</sup> to agree the official PC response.</li> <li>The usual meeting will then follow on December 14<sup>th</sup> to include Precept and Grant reviews.</li> <li>The BT Kiosk – This is awaiting an internal refurbishment. With latest COVID-19 rules the PC cannot, unfortunately, open a book exchange just yet.</li> </ul>	Cllr Crofts/ Knight Cllr Crofts/Cllr. Knight
	<ul> <li>Play Area – Laminated notices are now in place (thanks to Cllr. Walker). Both Cllr Walker and</li> <li>Cllr Knight will try co-ordinate to get a supplier on site to look at a repairs needed. Over the winter period is probably most likely.</li> <li>Asset Review Programme – Cllr Knight will undertake to 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 met with Luke Merton (Engagement</li> </ul>	Cllr Knight⁄ Cllr Knight Cllr Crofts

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F	<ul> <li>Officer – Suffolk Highways). Potential work suppliers discussed.</li> <li>Wreath ceremony attended by Cllr. White. Our thanks to Karen Soons for providing the wreath.</li> <li>As 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> <li>Risk Assessment Form &amp; Internal Controls – The forms need a detailed review – Possible redraft required.</li> <li>Website access – With Cllr. Knight – I have gained entry to the site but "Word press" is not a very straightforward piece of software but I will keep trying to change our documents.</li> <li>This is an on- going process</li> </ul>	Cllr Knight
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	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 been suggested that the Community Council gain some quotes and then it will be evaluated at the next Parish Meeting be in December	Cllr Knight
	9 The Chestnuts – Overgrown Hedge	
	Very high hedge which has unfortunately grown out of control and is in pinging on the Footpath. A letter has been written to the owners and has been noticed that the residents has slightly cut back the area of concern It was agreed to send a letter once more offering some useful contractors to assist with cutting the hedge back we are now awaiting a response.	Michelle Thompson

6.	Planning Applications:	
	<ul> <li>i. DC/20/1748/TCA</li> <li>Tree in a conservation area notification – 1no. sycamore</li> <li>(T2 on plan) overall crown</li> <li>Reduction by up to 3 meters</li> <li>The Old School House</li> <li>The Street</li> <li>Horringer</li> <li>IP29 5RX</li> </ul>	
	The PC has no objections to this Planning Application	
	Finance Report and to consider payments to be made:	
	The Clerk confirmed that no receipt of money was received for the Old Post Office in August and September. (Received subsequent to the meeting)	
7.	Finance Report – to consider payments to be made	
	Mcgregors Services (Grass Cutting Sept) a cheque was raised for £ 228.00	
	Bream (Tele Box invoice2) a cheque was raised for £1758.00	
	Littlejohn (External Audit) a cheque was raised for £240.00	
	P. Crofts(telephone window) a cheque was raised for £27.24	
	M Thompson (Salary) a cheque was raised for £289.20 No further invoices have been received.	
	Reserve account @ £ 9,533.42 - 08.01.2020 Current account @ £38,554. 80 - 15.10.2020	
	Agreed by All	
	Grant Applications:- These are to be reviewed at the Parish Meeting in December .	

8.	Correspondence:- The Parish Council received a request from Horringer Community Centre asking if a contribution who be considered toward a Media Project (installation of a high quality Overhead Projector) This is to be carried forward to the next Parish Meeting	
9.	No further Business	
10.	Councillors' Reports and Items for Future Agenda:	
	9 The Chestnuts, The Budget 2021/21, Precept for 21/22 Grant Applications	
	Media Project for Horringer Community Centre	
	Date of Next Meeting – confirmed as Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> December This meeting will be conducted via Zoom	
	There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30pm	