

Horringer-cum-Ickworth Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on Monday 19th July 2021
At Horringer Community Centre

Present: Cllr. Knight (Chairman), Cllr. Walker. Cllr. White,
 Cllr. Fuller, Cllr. Lewis, Borough Cllr. Clements SCC Cllr. Soons
 Mrs. Michelle Thompson (Parish Clerk) took the minutes.
 two Parishioners

Cllr. Knight welcomed everyone to the meeting. As COVID rules are on the verge of being altered on (19th July '21) the Chairmain reported that the meeting should be as June meeting Notice of COVID rules to be sent to all attendees by Chair/Clerk.

Democratic 1/4 Hour/ Public Question Time: Democratic fifteen minute 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 commenced at 7.45pm. If a resident, wishes to attend the meeting, then please contact Mrs Michelle Thompson (Parish Clerk),

Members of the public may not take any further part in the meeting after this item has been discharged.

Two parishioners reported back to the Parish Council the following items :-

The Lease on the Old Post Office

The Footpath opposite the Six Bells along A134

Patrol Crossing at the end of Meadow Drive

Discussions took place during the Public Forum to try and resolve these issues.

ACTION

1.	Record Councillors' Apologies for Absence: Cllr Crofts , and Cllr Berry	
2.	Declarations of Interest: None	
3.	To Consider the Approval of the Minutes of the Last Meeting: The approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 28 th June 2021 were proposed by Cllr. Knight and seconded by Cllr. Fuller	

4.	<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:</i></p> <p>Cllr. Soons attended the meeting out -lining the changes that had recently taken place within the Cabinet at S.C.C.,. She outlined that SCC has had an independent review of their SEN and Disability Service and reported that improvements were needed and it was in hand.</p> <p>Cllr. Fuller once again, brought up the Flooding issues within the Village which continues to be problematic, Cllr Soons has recommended that a meeting is arranged with the Operational Manager, Mr Paul West from Suffolk Highways to try and resolve the situation. Cllr Knight expressed the need to make Mr. West aware of other Parish Issues eg. Footpath Clearing and Bus Stop. All Agreed.</p> <p>Cllr Soons also reported on the Covid Vaccination programme within Suffolk, out-lining that 16 years and above are now able to have their jab.</p> <p><i>(See attached report for further information)</i></p> <p><i>(b) West Suffolk Councillor’s Report (Terry Clements)</i></p> <p>Cllr Clement once again reported to the Council the importance of setting up a Neighbourhood Plan. He asked The Council and any residents of the villages, for feedback. He also mentioned that he has various contacts, if required, for our Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p><i>(c). Community Council Report:</i></p> <p>A monthly report was received from the Community Council which has been circulated and read by all Councillors Items highlighted were:-</p> <p>The Upgrade Project, now completed.</p> <p>Open Event on Saturday 11th September at Horringer Community Centre starting 7.30 pm for hirers and village residents.</p>	
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There are plans for a Jubilee celebration event on the green on Sunday June 5th, 2022. The Community Council to liaise with all village organisations in due course.

(d) Play Area Monthly Report

Monthly inspections are continuing to be completed by Cllr. Walker. The new surface within the play area by RT Safety, is now complete and the Parish Council secured a grant (S106) of approximately £2.400 from West Suffolk Council to assist with the funding. It was suggested that if consideration was to be given to older age groups to use the existing Play Area, then we may review fencing around the goal. Replace and update play area notice.

e) Chair Report (Colin Knight)

The Chairman outlined in the Parish Meeting the following areas:-

Cllr Knight reported that the Clerk had been experiencing some computer problems. It was agreed to contact I. T Consultant. This is now being looked into

The Parish Council received communication from West Suffolk Council regarding the "Open Space Assessment Consultation". Cllr Crofts has shown an interest in getting involved and asked for support with this. The Clerk was asked to enquire regarding what the next stages were.

The Chairman outlined that the Community Council project for Grounds Source Heat Supply, but stated that to go ahead we should seek the permission of Bristol Estate, as lessor. Awaiting feedback from CC.

Cllr. Knight reported on the progress of the overgrown hedges. There are issues in The Chestnuts and Orchard Way. The most appropriate way to proceed on these issues is reporting them through Suffolk Highways Portal.

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Cllr Knight

<p>5.</p>	<p>Updates:-</p> <p><i>Speeding Traffic along A134 Chedburgh to Bury St Edmunds Speedwatch</i></p> <p>Cllr Knight reported that details had been obtained about the Speed Camera - SID from Westcotec, and have been circulated. There are issues over manning the equipment – so we will look to set up a meeting with other users in the area, via Speed watch. Cost circa £3.6k.</p> <p><i>Website</i></p> <p>This is in progress and Cllr Knight has been in contact with the supplier. A draft layout has been created and will be circulated. We need to consider training requirements.</p> <p><i>Internet Banking</i></p> <p>This is being reviewed by Cllr. Knight</p> <p><i>Village Sign.</i></p> <p>Contractor has begun work on repairing the sign. There are some concerns regarding the condition of the thatched roof. Await sample of brick plinth (750cm) using engineering bricks</p> <p><i>Grass Verges The Street Horringer</i></p> <p>As the land belongs to The Bristol Estate we are awaiting a meeting to discuss options.</p> <p><i>Footpath Clearing – A143</i></p> <p>Cllr Knight reported to the Parish Council that Sudbury Town Council cannot now supply a work force, despite having quoted for the work.</p> <p>Gadd Brothers have quoted and met with Cllr. Crofts and Cllr Knight on July 1st. Highways are happy to provide traffic management at no cost and we have asked Highways and James to liaise over the project. We also now have a further quote. The issue of sweeping/clearing vegetation on the highway/footpath has been raised with the Borough, awaiting responses. Cllr. Crofts and Cllr. Knight met with Karen Soons and Simon Barnett (Suffolk Council) regarding disability issues relating to the bus stop near Sharpe’s Lane,</p>	<p><i>Cllr Knight</i></p> <p><i>Cllr Knight</i></p>
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	<p>unfortunately there appear to be no funds available to carry out any work, maybe for some years. Simon was to investigate what action Highways may be able to carry out.</p> <p>Horringer Neighbourhood Plan</p> <p>The NHP sub-committee will consider further. Agreed we need to gain more members to contribute to the NHP working group. It was agreed to spend £25 on purchasing a SALC / NHP training video.</p> <p>Litter</p> <p>Cllr Knight has opened communications with The Sicon Foundation, a Charity which is keen to support village voluntary clean-up projects. It was noted, that the majority of any litter is situated on the outskirts of the village and in more dangerous areas to control, from a safety perspective. Cllr Knight plans to meet with a representative from Sicon in the next few weeks.</p> <p>Cycle Path</p> <p>No further update.</p> <p>The Telephone Kiosk</p> <p>The re -listing of the Telephone Box is still being looked into. As COVID restrictions are being lifted we are aiming to open a local Book Exchange Service. Also, we would like to get the local school involved in displaying some of their art work. It was suggested we should create a policy and that an Official opening ceremony with press would be good idea. A volunteer has been found to keep a watchful eye over it.</p> <p>Lease on the Old Post Office</p> <p>The existing lease for the Old Post Office expires in November 2021. The Parish Council has approached the tenant and they are happy to renew the contract for a further two years.</p> <p>Consideration of a Tree Warden</p> <p>At the last meeting a Parishioner informed the Parish Council about the “Suffolk Tree Warden Network” and said that it</p>	<p>Cllr Crofts/ Knight</p> <p>Cllr Crofts/ Cllr Lewis, Walker and Berry</p> <p>Cllr Knight</p>
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6.	<p>would be of great benefit to the village, especially as there are a lot of conservation areas. They went on to say that it is an organisation that relies on volunteers planting new trees and caring for existing one. The Council have decided to take up Janice Frost's kind offer to become the Village Tree Warden. The PC will work with her on future projects.</p> <p>To Consider Horringer Housing Survey</p> <p>The Council out - lined this could be a useful project to take on board and would work well with the Neighbourhood Plan. An initial meeting with a housing representative from West Suffolk Council has taken place and hopefully more will follow. The Council realise that Housing is going to be an issue.</p>	Cllr Knight
7.	<p>Planning Applications:-</p> <p>No Panning Applications were received by the Parish Council</p>	Cllr White
8.	<p>Finance Report and to consider payments to be made:</p> <p><i>Income</i></p> <p><i>No Income was received</i></p> <p><i>Payments</i></p> <p>M. Thompson Salary July a cheque was raised for £ 249.60</p> <p>McGregors (Grass Cut June) a cheque was raised for £756.00</p> <p>M. Thompson (Clerk's Expenditure) a cheque was raised for £31.39</p> <p>ICO (Data Protection) a cheque was raised for £40.00</p> <p>Reserve account @ £ 9,533.42 - 08.01.21</p>	Cllr Knight

9	Current account @ £ 57,292.76 -15.06.2021 Agreed by All Correspondence:- Nothing to report	
10.	Councillors' Reports and Items for Future Agenda:	
11.	Date of Next Meeting – confirmed as 20 th September 2021	
	<i>No further business the meeting closed at 9.45pm</i>	

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