

Horringer-cum-Ickworth Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on Monday 22nd February 2021
Remotely via Zoom

Present: Cllr. Knight (Chairman), Cllr. Crofts (Vice Chairman), Cllr. Walker, Cllr. White, Cllr. Fuller, Cllr. Lewis, SCC Karen Soons and 2 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 member of the public remained the Parish Council that The Farmers Market was to take place on 6th March 2021 in the Community Centre

ACTION

1.	Record Councillors' Apologies for Absence: None
2.	Declarations of Interest:
3.	To Consider the Approval of the Minutes of the Last Meeting: Due to Covid.19, we continue to conduct our Parish meetings via Zoom. The approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 18 th January 2021 were approved and signed as a true record. Cllr. Crofts proposed them and Cllr. Knight seconded. All Agreed
4.	Reports – <i>(all were sent out prior to the meeting. To be taken as read)</i> (a) <i>County Councillor's Report:</i> (Cllr Soons) Several Flooding incidents has been reported in the last couple of months around Horsecroft Road, Gipsy Lane, Horringer House and Westbury. Cllr Soons id following up on the reports. We await a reply

	<p>to an enforcement letter that has been sent to a land owner from Suffolk Highways</p> <p>Cllr. Soons again, informed the Council that a Mass Vaccination Centre had been opened in Newmarket and that she was assisting with this programme in Haverhill and Stowmarket. She informed the Council that each centre is taking people within a 45mile radius but of course this is dependent on availability and what vaccine are available at that time</p> <p>Karen made us aware of the Post 16 Travel Policy coming out and asked for feedback on this. Cllr Soons reported on the possibility of applying for electrical charging points within village.</p> <p>Cllr Crofts expressed his concern over the County’s report on the recycling issues. It has been noticed that they have stopped collecting cartons etc. Cllr Soons has feed-back the comments to the waste manager. <i>For further information please see the attached Parish Newsletters)</i></p> <p><i>b) West Suffolk Councillor’s Report (Terry Clements)</i></p> <p>Cllr. Clements reported that Council Tax is being increased but outlined that there is still a split between West Suffolk and Forest Health Councils. He also reported on the Car parking charges and stating it has been a very difficult year trying to juggle the budgets especially with Covid 19.</p> <p><i>(c). Community Council Report:</i> There was nothing new to report from the Community Council apart from the Media Project going ahead by the end of February and the replacement of faulty Storage Heater.</p> <p><i>d) Play Area Monthly Report</i> Monthly inspections are continuing to be completed. Cllr. Walker and Cllr. Knight are working together on Play Area issues. Three quotes for the matting have been obtained by Cllr. Walker and outlined to the Parish Council. A resolution vote to delegate the Chairman and Cllr Walker to make the overall decision as to which quote would be chosen was agreed by all. This is in process.</p>	<p>Cllr. Knight/ Cllr. Walker.</p>
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<p>5.</p>	<p><i>e) Chair Report (Colin Knight)</i></p> <p>Local Plan Correspondence- The Parish Council are investigating whether they are able to access responses sent to the WS Planners regarding the draft plan. Cllr Soon is chasing this up.</p> <p>BT Kiosk – The Parish Council would like to get the Kiosk re-instated as a historic building following its de-listing. Cllr Croft and Cllr. Knight are pursuing this.</p> <p>Footpath Clearing - Cllr Crofts and Cllr Knight will continue to look into the footpath clearing project. Luke Merton is opening dialogue on our behalf with Sudbury Town Council for a meeting on March 1st. Luke seems happy to fund road management costs.</p> <p>Internet Banking – This is being looked into by Cllr.Knight.</p> <p>Dog & Waste Bins – there was a report of overflowing bins around the village once again. The Clerk has reported it to W.S. Council and requested weekly bin emptying for this period of time. We are now awaiting a response. The Chairman has contacted National Trust re siting bins near to entrance but they wouldn't do this for aesthetic / planning /cost reasons. They advised that have seen an increase in villagers so have suggested this could be major cause. Will be mentioned in HD Article.</p> <p>Up - Dates;-</p> <p>9 The Chestnuts – Overgrown Hedge</p> <p>A third letter was sent to the owners asking for the hedge to be cut back further. The Parish Council offered to supply names of possible contractors to assist but await response. It was decided to send a further letter before contacting WS Council. The Clerk is to contact the resident.</p> <p>Speeding Traffic on A143</p> <p>We are aware that speeding vehicles are still an issue in the village and we are aware that the Speed Watch Team is currently suspended due to COVID restrictions. This is being closely monitored and updates will be given when appropriate. Chairman will attend a webinar on March 8th on topic of speeding in the county.</p>	<p>Cllr Crofts Cllr Knight</p> <p>Cllr Knight/ Cllr Crofts</p> <p>Cllr Knight</p>
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6.	<p>Risk Assessment on Old Post Office and Asset Register</p> <p>The tenant has been contacted and there is a smoke detector but no Fire Extinguisher. This is an on-going process..</p> <p>The Asset Register is currently under review with the Chairman.</p> <p>Website</p> <p>The Clerk has contacted some known suppliers, who maintain other parishes websites, It was agreed by the Parish Council to proceed with starting our own.</p> <p>Grit Bins</p> <p>This was discussed and the list of Volunteers is to be reviewed by Cllr Fuller along with the siting of the Git Bins. Unfortunately, Russell Brett has left the volunteer list and we thank him for his contribution. There is now place available to assist Fred Murrell in Holly Close.</p> <p>Repairs to The Village Sign</p> <p>The Parish Council has had three potential contractors for repairs and we are now waiting for replies. The Chairman is meeting with another contractor later in the week. We have also informed our Insurance Company and should be covered for the repairs, with £400 excess.</p> <p>Village Parish/ Neighbourhood Plan</p> <p>This was discussed at the last meeting to put together a plan. We have now contacted the Planning Office to arrange a virtual meeting which they have agreed to go ahead with at a mutual date.</p> <p>To Consider the Grass Verge - The Street/Meadow Drive</p> <p>Some residents have reported that cars are parking on these grass verges when not permitted to do so. This is the land of Lord Bristol. The Parish Council have discussed this and agree it is a hazard. Therefore, it was decided to write a letter of discontent to the relevant parties. Now we await their response.</p>	<p>Michelle Thompson/ Cllr Knight</p> <p>Cllr. Knight</p>
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<p>7.</p> <p>8</p>	<p>To Consider the Speeding Watch Scheme</p> <p>This was addressed above</p> <p>Planning Applications:-</p> <p>DC/21/0068/HH Household planning Application – Single Storey Rear Extension (following demolition existing extension 12 Godfrey Close Horringer IP29 5SR Ms G Crouchman</p> <p>The PC has no objections to this Planning Application</p>	
<p>9</p>	<p>Finance Report and to consider payments to be made:</p> <p>Old Post Office £800.00 Interest of £0.08</p> <p><i>Finance Report – to consider payments to be made</i></p> <p>M Thompson (Salary) a cheque was raised for £249.60</p> <p>M Thompson (Clerks Expenses) a cheque was raised for £14.38</p> <p>No further invoices have been received.</p> <p>Reserve account @ £ 9,533.42 - 08.01.2020 Current account @ £ 31,186.98 – 15.02.21</p> <p>Agreed by All</p>	
<p>10.</p>	<p>Correspondence:-</p> <p>Grass Cutting Contract.</p> <p>It was agreed by the Parish Council to continue with a three -year Grass Cutting Contract with Mc Gregors.</p>	

	<p><i>Internal Auditor</i></p> <p>The Clerk has contacted last Year's Internal Auditor, Mr Trevor Brown to confirm his appointment for this coming Years' audit and Financial Statements. It was outlined that due to Covid 19 it will be conducted remotely unless guidelines alter. All agreed</p> <p>No further Business</p> <p>11. Councillors' Reports and Items for Future Agenda:</p> <p>12. Speed in the village</p> <p>13. Date of Next Meeting – confirmed as Monday 15th March 2021 will be conducted via Zoom</p> <p><i>There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30pm</i></p>	
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