

Horringer-cum-Ickworth Parish Council
Minutes of the Annual Village Meeting Wednesday 5th May 2021
Via Zoom

Present: Cllr Knight (Chair), Cllr White , Cllr Fuller, Cllr Walker Cllr Lewis and Cllr. Berry

5 members of the public were in attendance

Mrs M Thompson Parish Clerk took the minutes.

Cllr Knight welcomed everyone to the meeting. Outlining that Covid had brought some challenging times to the Parish Council and that this had restricted the Council to just conducting Virtual meeting.

1	<p>Record Councillors' apologies for absence: Apologies received and accepted from Cllr. Crofts</p>
2	<p><u>Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting held on 20th May 2019</u></p> <p>The minutes from the Annual Parish Meeting held on 20th May 2019 were circulated and approved as a true and accurate record. Minutes were proposed by Cllr Knight and seconded by Cllr White. All were in favour and the minutes duly signed.</p>
3	<p><u>W. S. Councillor Cllr. Terry Clements:</u></p> <p>Cllr Clements did not attend but sent in a report that was circulated</p>
4	<p><u>Suffolk County Councillor- Cllr. Karen Soons</u></p> <p>S.C.C. representative Cllr. Soons did not attend but sent in a report that was circulated</p>
5	<p><u>Other Report:-</u></p> <p><u>Financial Report 2020/21</u></p> <p>The Chairman went through the financial report which had been circulated to those in attendance. The Chair advised the figures in the report were still draft and gave a summary of income and expenditure for the year under review a copy of the report and summary of accounts of 2020/21 stating that there was Revenue of £28,000 and Spending of £27,000. He outlined that we had a Precept of £24,000 and a rental income of £3,600 (<i>an additional £1400 was received from last ' years income of £2,200</i>)</p> <p>Most of the Expenditure was in:- Grants £13,000 Preschool £5,000 Community Council £5,000 B. T. work £3,000 and Grass Cutting £2,500 Cllr Knight outlined that the Parish Council's closing bank balance of £40,000</p>

Community Council:

The Chair had outlined that the Community Council Report had been circulated to everyone beforehand (see attached)

Ickworth Park Primary School:

The Headteacher had given a report copy of which was circulated to the meeting, a copy is attached to the minutes. (See Attached)

Chairman's Report

Cllr Knight outlined that this year the arrangements for the APM have been different in order to conform to COVID regulations. It is hoped, that when restrictions are lifted we may be able to arrange a village meeting later in the year, perhaps, meetings in September/October

The Chairman reported on certain issues over the past year

W. S. Local Plan 2040 – Draft documentation was circulated to all councils and then subsequently residents. The draft plan included suggestions about housing requirements for West Suffolk, and received over 3,000 responses. The second draft is hopefully released in November 2021

B. T. Telephone Box- Over this last year the Telephone Box has been moved to Meadow Drive. It has been discussed that it should be used as a Book Exchange and the local school display their art work

Play Area Cllr Knight reported that due to Covid the Play Area was forced to close,. We are in the process of having a new surface put down under some of the equipment, which hopefully should be completed by the end of May.

Village Sign – The sign was blown down by the high winds in December last year. We have now been able to gain a quote and are now restoring it. A brick base will be added to offer more support.

Footpaths -We have spent a lot of the year enquiring and finding quotes to improve the footpaths in the village. Suffolk Highways have agreed to work alongside us, by providing free traffic management during the work. However, we are still trying to obtain quoted for the actual work to be undertaken.

Website - This is an on - gong process which is being looked into by the Clerk and Chairman. Cllr Knight outlined it will allow the Parish Council to be more flexible in posting information for the village.

7	<p><i>Neighbourhood Plan:-</i></p> <p><i>It was decided by the Parish Council that we should look into the possibility of starting a Neighbourhood Plan. A group of Councillors has been formed to investigate and ask for volunteers- from the village A leaflet will be produced and distributed to all households. This is an on- going process.</i></p> <p>Speeding:- A group of volunteers have been registering documentation of traffic speed throughout Horringer village. Working with Speedwatch, the PC will look into the purchase of more equipment to monitor speed data.</p> <p><i>Cycle Path</i></p> <p>This was discussed by the Parish Councillors and the residents of the village; who expressed there are concerns over the safety issues of the Path along the A143.Cllr White informed everyone that there were two issues</p> <p>a) funding b) Starting point of the Cycle Path which appear to be dangerous but hopefully will get resolved</p> <p>This is an on- going process with the assistance of our S.C.C. Karen Soons</p>	
8	<p><u>Parish Matters</u></p> <p>A resident has reported a rise in the amount of litter being accumulated around the Village and ask the Parish Council whether there was a possibility of them acquiring a Litter Picker as previously. This was being looked into</p> <p>It was outlined by another resident that the village was in communications with the National Trust about illegal parking issues at the Community Centre.</p> <p><u>Date of next meeting</u></p> <p>The date of the next Annual Parish Meeting would be advised in due course. The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the meeting</p> <p>There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.00pm</p>	

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