

**Horringer-cum-Ickworth Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022**  
**At Horringer Community Centre**

**Present:** Cllr. Knight (Chair) Cllr. Crofts (Vice Chair), Cllr Lewis  
 Cllr White, Cllr Fuller, Cllr Berry and one parishioner.  
 Mrs. Michelle Thompson (Parish Clerk) took the minutes.

**Democratic 1/4 Hour/ 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.

Members of the public may not take any further part in the meeting after this item

***ACTION***

1.	Record Councillors' Apologies for Absence: Cllr. Walker	
2.	Declaration 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 22 <sup>nd</sup> November 2021. The Chair outlined that two alteration had been made by himself after circulation re Telephone Box and Grass Verges. This was proposed by Cllr. Crofts and seconded by Cllr. Knight. Agreed by all	
4.	Reports – <i>(all were sent out prior to the meeting. To be taken as read)</i>  <i>(a) County Councillor's Report:</i>  Cllr. Soons attended the meeting. She was informed that SCC had wrongly stated that the PC were responsible for land at Hornbeam Drive..This should not have happened and it was WSC who maintained it. We await her response.  Cllr. Fuller once again brought up highway Flooding issues and poor Highways performance. . Cllr White reported that in Manor Lane near the Bridge there is continuous water on one particular side. Cllr Soons said to report it online and she will also look into this	

The Chair outlined to the Council that near the School Crossing is a CCTV sign. It was agreed that the Clerk would email the Council's views along with photographic evidence to Karen and she would investigate further.

Cllr Fuller mentioned the possible closure of Horringer Court Middle School. He outlined that a Public Consultation was taking place and if people were concerned to direct any issues via the Consultation Website.

The Council informed Cllr Soons of their intention to proceed with a Neighbourhood Plan for the Village and Cllr Soons said it would create lots of benefits.

Karen up- dated us on the latest Covid information for West Suffolk and informed us that this was one of the highest take ups on Boosters. She also reported that Bury St Edmunds is one of areas that is starting now doing the Validations for the International Vaccination Programme.

*(For any further information regarding SCC please see attached December and January reports.)*

*(b) West Suffolk Councillor's Report*

West Suffolk Council, Representative Mr Nicholas Wiseman, did not attend the meeting and no report was provided

*(c). Community Council Report:*

There was no report this month, but a representative from the Community Council outlined to the Parish Council that there was consideration to taking on the financial side of the "Pop Up Café" . At present this is being run by the Women Institute with all funds going to charity. They also outlined the on- going talks with SCC with regard to having Electrical Charging Points based at the Car Park of The Community Centre, consideration was given to two points, but this would cause disruption, so is being put on hold for the time being. They continued to report that they intend to run this year's Queen's Platinum Jubilee event in the village with hopefully parishioners contributing with their ideas.

Other items for consideration are fire alarms, and the upgrading of the systems. Also, it was noted that funding obtained from the Community Council was going to be hopefully used to run courses in the Community Centre.

5.	<p>Tree Warden Report</p> <p>Janice Frost / the village Tree Warden representative reported to the Council that she had attended a course locally on “Hedges”. More updates will follow.</p> <p><i>(d). Play Area Monthly Report</i></p> <p>Monthly inspections are still continuing to be completed by Cllr. Walker and West Suffolk Council. The fencing is behind the goal is still under review.</p> <p><i>e) Chair Report (Colin Knight)</i></p> <p>The Chair had reported that an Appraisal for the Clerk was hopefully going to take place before the end of the financial year.</p> <p>Updates:-</p> <p><b><i>Speeding Traffic along A134 Chedburgh to Bury St Edmunds Speedwatch</i></b></p> <p>Cllr Lewis updated the Council on the process of the SID’ s (speed indicator devices) from the last meeting, outlining that two applications had been submitted on their locations and were being assessed by Highways. The next stage is to submit a works package for the Road Management Team to work with Suffolk Highways who have agreed to fund the first two sites. Other sites are taking their time to be agreed and therefore careful consideration is being taken over the positioning of them. Contracts have been looked at along with the Parish Insurance Cover</p> <p>Speed Watch are continuing to be updated on the Parish Council progress. All agreed for Cllr Lewis to continue with his enquires and take them forward. Next stages to look into the cost and materials of SIDS. Once again, the Council thanked Cllr. Lewis for his continuous hard work</p> <p><b><i>A134 Footpath Project</i></b></p> <p>No more progress has been made. The existing contractors has been contacted once more. The Parish have advised their Contractor to work alongside Kier. Now awaiting further instructions.</p>	<p><b><i>Cllr Knight Cllr Walker</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Cllr Lewis</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Cllr Knight / Crofts</i></b></p>
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6.	<p><b>Cycle Path – Horringer to Bury St Edmunds</b></p> <p>There's been no further developments on this since the last meeting</p> <p><b><i>Horringer Neighbourhood Plan</i></b></p> <p>Cllr. Crofts mentioned there was a good amount of support within the village for this and that we have achieved a positive outcome from the meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> December</p> <p>It is now necessary to send a request to W. S. Council for a neighbourhood area agreeing boundaries. This would be around both Horringer and Ickworth. All Agreed.</p> <p><i>(further information please see the attached document)</i></p> <p><b>Grit Bins</b></p> <p>Cllr. Fuller has approached the existing list of volunteers and the schedule is still being up-dated.</p> <p><b>National Trust Meeting</b></p> <p>Cllr. Knight met with the new National Trust manager, who reported they were keen to work with the Parish Council and other Village Organisations to resolve any concerns. The Parish Council, did express their concern over parking issues. This will be noted.</p> <p><b>Transport Strategy and Public Consultation</b></p> <p>Cllr Lewis commented at the meeting about this strategy saying it is spread over the counties of Suffolk, Norfolk and Essex. A Public Consultation Paper has been published and is available until the end of January 2022. The Paper comments on the Carbon reduction aspects but overall focuses on ambitious unfunded infrastructure projects.. A Survey was completed by Cllr. Lewis and he informed the Council that the final findings would possibly go to the Secretary of State.</p> <p>The Chair reported that he would look over the document once again and the links to it were displayed on the Village Noticeboards and will be sent to Facebook for the public to view.</p>	<p><b><i>Cllr Crofts/ Cllr Lewis, Walker and Berry</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Cllr Fuller</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Cllr Knight</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Cllr Lewis</i></b></p>
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7.	<p>Planning Application:-</p> <p>DC/21/2397/FUL:-Planning Application- two dwelling and two detached cart lodges and associated access Hillcrest 4 Whepstead Road Horringer Bury St Edmunds IP29 5PU</p> <p><b><i>The P.C. is to make an objection to this Planning Application.</i></b></p>													
8.	<p>Finance Report and to consider payments to be made:</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed the receipt of money below received for the Old Post Office</p> <p><i>Income</i></p> <table data-bbox="464 996 925 1108"> <tr> <td><i>Old Post Office</i></td> <td><i>£800</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Interest</i></td> <td><i>£0.19</i></td> </tr> </table> <p><i>Finance Report – to consider payments to be made</i></p> <p>M. Thompson (Clerk’s Salary Dec) a cheque was raised for £249.60</p> <p>F Berry (Village Christmas Tree Decorations) a cheque was raised for £15.26</p> <p>Horringer W.I (Refreshments for PC Neighbourhood plan Evening 1/12/21) a cheque was raised for £100.00</p> <p>M Thompson (Clerks Expenses) a cheque was raised for £57.77</p> <p>M. Thompson (Clerk’s Salary Jan) a cheque was raised for £249.60</p> <table data-bbox="464 1848 1260 1926"> <tr> <td>Reserve account @</td> <td>£ 24, 533 .42</td> <td>-</td> <td>15.12 2021</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Current account @</td> <td>£ 12, 034. 41</td> <td>-</td> <td>15.12.2021</td> </tr> </table>	<i>Old Post Office</i>	<i>£800</i>	<i>Interest</i>	<i>£0.19</i>	Reserve account @	£ 24, 533 .42	-	15.12 2021	Current account @	£ 12, 034. 41	-	15.12.2021	
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9.	<p>Internal Audit 2021/22</p> <p>The Clerk outlined to the Parish Council that it was approaching the Financial Year End for 2021/22. Therefore, an Internal Auditor will need appointed. All Agreed that Mr. Trevor Brown should continue for another year.</p> <p>Bank Charges</p> <p>Mrs. Thompson reported that a lot of the High Street Banks are now charging for Parish Council transactions. This is being kept under review</p> <p>Correspondence:-</p> <p><b>Website</b></p> <p>A new Parish Website has been set up and some documentation has been posted, but full use of it will not be until Summer 2022. Cllr. Knight is conferring with the Clerk to know what is required for a general website</p> <p><b>New Hospital Trust</b></p> <p>Cllr. Crofts reported that he has been corresponding with a representative for the Hospital Trust but unfortunately has no date set for a meeting (via Zoom). It looks as though it may be imminent, Cllr. Crofts wanted to clarify the following points for discussion</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Support Hardwick Lane being the site for the New Hospital</li> <li>2. Proposed Site compound situated on corner of Gypsy Lane and Horsecroft Road in the field. This would cover the drainage issues also The Parish Council recommend it to be restored afterwards back to agricultural land</li> <li>3. Bridleway - securing funds to complete it (106). This would improve access for those on cycles etc.</li> <li>4. Hardwick Manor to be retained on site and the Trees also. All Agreed to above</li> </ol> <p>Cllr White, however did express his concern to how much increase of traffic this would cause. Cllr. Crofts will give an up date hopefully at the next meeting</p>	<p><b>Michelle Thompson</b></p> <p><b>Michelle Thompson</b></p> <p><b>Cllr Knight /Michelle Thompson</b></p> <p><b>Cllr. Crofts</b></p>
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	<p><b>Date of September 2022 PC Meeting</b></p> <p>The Chair recommend that the September 2022 be moved to Wednesday the 28<sup>th</sup> September 2022 in the Community Centre Hall. Correspondence on this will be circulated to all the Council</p> <p>10. Councillors' Reports and Items for Future Agenda:</p> <p>11. Date of Next Meeting – confirmed as 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022</p> <p><b><i>No further business the meeting closed at 9.15pm</i></b></p>	
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