

## **Horringer-Cum-Ickworth Parish Council Meeting Minutes 21st February 2022**

### **1. Apologies for absence**

Apologies accepted from Piers Fuller, John White, Fiona Holliday, Michelle Thompson (clerk).

Present: Colin Knight (CK (Chair)), Peter Crofts (PC (Vice Chair)), Tom Lewis (TL), Ruth Walker (RW)

### **2. Declarations of Interest**

None

### **3. Approval of minutes from meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022.** Approved by CK seconded by TL

### **4. Reports**

#### **a) County Councillor Karen Soons**

No written report, newsletter sent prior to meeting to all councillors. CK asked about a complaint from a villager regarding long grass on Hornbeam Drive. Agreed this area is on the cutting schedule for West Suffolk Council.

**Action Point (AP) 1** – CK to reply to resident in this regard.

PC asked for help in getting the traffic management sorted for the A143 foot path clearing.

**AP 2** – Karen to speak to Paul West at County Highways in this regard.

Discussed flooding in Westley Lane as raised by local resident. Discussed use of Parish Council website with a link for the reporting tool for highways, the merits of social media and Horringer Diary.

**AP 3** – CK to inform the residents concerned about the flooding of the reply received from County Council Highways.

Karen confirmed no applications have come forward for the school crossing vacancy in the village.

#### **b) West Suffolk Councillor Nick Wiseman**

No report

#### **c) Community Council Report**

Report sent via email on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2022. Discussed the Parish Council getting directly involved in Jubilee celebrations. Agreed this should be left to the Community Council (CC) to lead on the event.

**AP 4** – CK to get in touch with CC Chair.

#### **d) Tree Report – Janice Frost**

No report

#### **e) Play Area Monthly Report – Ruth Walker**

Equipment check summaries submitted.

**AP 5** – CK and RW agreed to talk to residents in March about possible netting to prevent footballs being kicked into local gardens.

## **f) Chairman's Report**

As seen by councilors via email on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022

### **5. SIDs**

No update. In future could use results of SID to provide evidence to support law breaking and endeavor to bring about change and increase safety.

ANPR Trial – Horringer picked at random for June/July 2022 start, as part of a trial to determine efficiency of ANPR verses TVAS. There will be 2 one week monitoring periods using the ANPR and traffic will also be monitored before and after the specified weeks. No other traffic measures can be in place during the trial (a 5 week period), e.g. community speed watch.

#### **A143 Footpaths**

Still waiting for GADD Brothers to produce a date to undertake clearing works.

**AP 6** – CK to keep chasing GADD Brothers and push for a date to start works.

#### **Neighbourhood Plan**

PC mentioned need to speak to National Trust about the plan and seek a representative from National Trust to be on the committee. Also mentioned only 8 enthusiastic volunteers at present. PC not yet written to West Suffolk Council to formally start the Neighbourhood Plan process.

**AP 7** – PC to email Adrian at National Trust about a representative.

**AP 8** – RW to arrange with CK, TW and PC to meet in March and discuss how to take the project forward

**AP 9** – PC to make application to West Suffolk Council

#### **Hospital Trust – Consultation Paper**

Plans include 60 more beds and individual rooms for patients, considering a 'garden hospital'. PC expressed that he hopes the proposal succeeds This is the biggest development in our parish since the main housing estate was built. It is anticipated planning application will be made in March 2022.

### **6. Planning Applications**

**DC/21/2526/LB** – No objection

**DC/22/0098/TCA** – No objection

**DC/22/0150/TCA** – No objection

### **7. Land adjacent to Community Centre**

CC have asked in their report for the Parish Council to approach Lord Bristol for a longer lease, or to acquire the land at the back of the Community Centre.

**AP 10** – CK to ask JW how long the current lease is, then ask Lord Bristol if the CC can

tarmac/hard surface the area and the lease be extended if necessary.

**AP 11** – CK to check with Jim at SALC if the Parish Council can pay to improve land the Parish Council don't own.

**8. Finance**

No finance available as the clerk was not in attendance at the meeting. Cheque book is currently held by the clerk.

**9. Correspondence**

Email from auditor received by clerk and all agreed to use same auditor as last year.

Meeting finished at 8:54pm