

Horringer-Cum-Ickworth Parish Council Meeting Minutes 21st March 2022

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies accepted from Piers Fuller, Fiona Holliday, Michelle Thompson (clerk).
Present: Colin Knight (CK (Chair)), Peter Crofts (PC (Vice Chair)), Tom Lewis (TL), Ruth Walker (RW), John White (JW)

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Approval of minutes from meeting on 21st February 2022.

PC proposed approval of the minutes, seconded by TL. All other councillors in agreement.

4. Reports

a) County Councillor Karen Soons

Written report sent in advance of the meeting.

CK asked if there were any grants or locality money for play park football fencing (see item 4e). Karen suggested we complete a locality money application and forward it to her, she will then see if the funds can be made available.

Karen confirmed that Covid booster jabs are now available for 75 year olds and above, as well as vulnerable 5 to 12 year olds.

b) West Suffolk Councillor Nick Wiseman

No report – CK has emailed the councillor previously to request an update on attending meetings.

c) Community Council (CC) Report

Report sent via email on 16th March 2022. The CC are no longer going to proceed with a car park extension or electrical charging points. They are still looking into options relating to a linked fire alarm for the building and improved heating. Organisation of future events such as the Jubilee celebrations are ongoing.

d) Tree Report – Janice Frost

No report

e) Play Area Monthly Report – Ruth Walker

Equipment check summaries submitted to the clerk by RW.

CK and RW have visited Mrs Matthews and her son to discuss the potential to erect netting to prevent footballs coming from the play park into her garden. After some research by RW, all councillors agreed to purchase netting from Net World Sports that will be 12ft high by 50ft long. This netting will be fixed in to the ground with metal sockets.

AP1 - CK to speak to Mrs Matthews and her son to check they are happy with the

suggested proposal.

AP2 – Assuming Mrs Matthews is in agreement, RW to order netting from Net World Sports. CK proposed RW be reimbursed as soon as possible following placement of the order. RW will also complete a locality money application for Karen Soons.

f) Chairman's Report

As seen by councilors via email on 18th March 2022. CK said he would add a comment to the next edition of the Horringer Diary to state that the phone box is a book exchange only. CDs and puzzles are being donated, however, the box is not big enough to take these items as well.

5. SIDs

TW has begun researching the type of units available which seem to range in price from £3,000 - £5,000 per unit. Aspects to be considered in purchasing the SIDs are battery life, ease of installation, downloading and interpreting data.

TW confirmed there will be 2 sites for the new installations and will ask for the site near Community Centre to be an ANPR trial site as well. All councillors were in agreement to this.

AP3 – All councillors to provide thoughts to TW on issues they think might be relevant as part of his SID research.

A143 Footpaths

Luke Merton has requested CK fill out a contractual agreement form. Additional information will then be requested from GADD Brothers. Jason Middleton from Kier will also need to be involved to complete the necessary documents and progress the project.

AP4 – CK to complete the necessary forms and submit to Suffolk County Council.

Neighbourhood Plan

PC confirmed that the Neighbourhood Plan sub committee met last month and from the list of volunteers, 9 people were selected to take part in the steering group.

Initially PC will arrange meeting with Boyd Nicholas to discuss how he and the steering group can work together on the plan. Ideally this meeting will be at West Suffolk House. Post that, the steering group will be notified and a meeting date proposed for everyone to get together.

PC suggested there could be some fluidity in the group, especially with reference to the younger members of the village (teenagers), some of whom have expressed an

interest in being able to share their views in the development of a Neighbourhood Plan.

AP5 – PC to arrange a meeting with Boyd Nicholas.

6. Planning Applications

Planning applications listed on agenda were discussed and no objections raised in the meeting on 21st February 2022. Not relevant to this meeting.

7. No item on the agenda

8. Finance

Details of the invoices to be settled was sent in advance of the meeting. Due to the availability of the cheque book, it was agreed that the cheques for the relevant items will be completed at the end of the week.

Cheques that were authorized were:- Clerks Salary (Mar) £249.60, Clerks Expenses (Mar) £29.74 SALC 6 monthly Salary Fee £54.00
Income received was Interest of £0.21

Correspondence

None

9. Items for future agenda

None

CK and JW gave their apologies for the next meeting on 25th April 2022.

Meeting finished at 8:28pm.