

Horringer-Cum-Ickworth Parish Council Meeting Minutes 25th April 2022

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies accepted from John White (JW) Colin Knight (CK)(Chair)

Nick Wiseman (NW) and Janice Frost .

Present: Peter Crofts (PC)(Vice Chair)), Tom Lewis (TL), Ruth Walker (RW), Fiona Holliday (FH) Karen Soons (KS)

Mrs. Michelle Thompson (Clerk) took the minutes

2. Declarations of Interest

None

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

T. L proposed the approval of the minutes, F.H. seconded by. All other councillors in agreement.

4. Reports

a) County Councillor Karen Soons

Written report sent in advance of the meeting. Karen reported that she was still awaiting a response re Highways Meeting

PC mentioned about NATS Consultation on the flight paths to Luton and

Stansted. It was noticed that they are flying over the surrounding villages of Bury St Edmunds PC asked KS whether she had any knowledge of this

AP1 K.S is to look into this and report back to the Parish Council

b) West Suffolk Councillor Nick Wiseman

Apologies was sent by Cllr Wiseman but no report was received.

c) Community Council (CC) Report

A Report was sent via email on 25th April 2022. The AGM for the full Community Council has been delayed until July 25th. The CC outlined future events such as the Flower Festival at St Leonard's on 1st June , and Jubilee Celebrations starting on 2nd June with the Beacon Lighting which has been kindly donated by Lord Bristol. Also including the Torch Relay on 14th May..

d) Tree Report – Janice Frost

A report was circulated

It outlined concern over the number of tree applications being passed leading to a decline in tree cover. This could have a detrimental effect on wildlife and green areas in the village. The Parish Council agreed to monitor the situation.

e) Play Area Monthly Report – Ruth Walker

RW reported that the Netting for Play Area had been purchased and received.

And enquires had been made into installing it

Equipment check summaries submitted to the clerk by RW.

AP2 - RW and MT to arrange with Steven Williams for the Netting to be assembled

f) **Chairman's Report**

As seen by councilors via email, CK reported that the Village Sign Claim was all in hand and being chased by MT and that the new Parish website was hopefully due to be launched soon.

It also outlined guidance on the Data Protection Act when sending all emails.

AP3 - MT to enquire about the possibility of the two websites being linked and running parallel for Audit purposes.

5. SIDs

TW making enquiries with a number of supplier. There were no other developments

AP4 –A143 Footpaths

This Work unfortunately has been put on hold due to Highways issues. PC expressed the Parish Council's dissatisfaction on length of time this process is taking and outlined to Cllr. Soons that costs may increase due to it. He asked Karen to investigate their Community Self Help Scheme to see what has gone wrong.

AP5 – KS to contact Highways and report back

Neighbourhood Plan

PC confirmed that the Neighbourhood Plan sub-committee had met with Boyd to discuss how he and the steering group can work together on the plan. It was suggested perhaps that more of the younger generation could get involved and that their views would be of value to the village.

The Parish Council formally nominated the steering group Members.

PC proposed this and TL seconded. It was also recommended to formally delegate authorization to the steering group. This would enable them to make decisions and report back to the Parish Council. This was proposed by PC and seconded by RW

AP6 PC requested RW to email the persons concerned outlining the procedures

6. Planning Applications

These listed on the Agenda of 25.03.22. There were no objections

Also, the following TPO was agreed no objection **DC/22/0663/TCA**

The Parish Council briefly discussed the planning application for the hospital development and outlined that there was still no mention of the bridleway or green

infrastructure and 106 money . There was discussion about the possible closure of Gypsy Lane of which some were opposed to.

AP7 PC to respond by letter on behalf of the Parish Council to West Suffolk Planning

7. Finance

The finance was sent via email prior to the meeting. All Councillors agreed Bank Reconciliations.

Cheques that were authorized were:- Clerks Salary (Apr) £249.60, W S Council Waste Dept. £1664.00. Net World Sports £359.75 Salc Annual Fee £421.11

8. Correspondence

Moles

On the Green near the entrance to Ickworth Park there are a number of Moles hills and as we maintain the land it was suggested that enquires to be made to try and get rid of these. Agreed that humane treatment only.

AP8 MT was asked to look into this

Local Plan

PC mentioned and outlined the Local Plan of West Suffolk Council And said the consultation periods is between May – July 2022 There are 10 housingsites proposed. A call for small sites of one hect. Is also part of the consultation. We are a type A village and WSC are indicating minimum numbers at this stage. If the NP to allocate more, this would be considered by WSC.

9. Items for future agenda

Local Plan

The next meeting is APM which is being held on Monday 16th May 2022

Meeting finished at 9.00pm.