

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

Present: Colin Knight CK (Chair), Piers Fuller (PF) Tom Lewis (TL), Ruth Walker (RW), John White (JW) Fiona Holliday (FH) Karen Soons (KS) Michelle Thompson (MT Clerk)

1. Apologies for Absence

John White (JW) and Peter Crofts PC (Vice Chair)

2. Declarations of Interest:-

None

3. Approval of minutes from meeting on 20th June 2022 and Revised minutes of Annual Parish Council Meeting 16th May 2022. Were proposed by CK, seconded by RW. All other Councillors agreed.

4. Reports

SCC Councillor Karen Soons

A written report was received in advance of the meeting.

An email in regard to a Street Light Audit, was circulated to all. In it, it highlights the fact that a lot of Councils and Parishes own or maintain street lighting. In a discussion, it was mentioned to KS about two streetlights near Hornings Park Development, that had been damaged by vehicles. It was pointed out that these were owned by the development and not by S.C.C. The Parish Council wanted to enquire into a replacement for them and look into the cost of maintaining them too. KS suggested we email her with the details and see what she could do. KS also suggested contacting other parishes preferably those who own their own streetlights , about how they maintain them etc.

AP1. PF and CK to send email to KS enquiring about the different options available, along with photographic evidence.

The Clerk was also asked to make enquiries into Street Lighting with other Parish Councils.

a) West Suffolk Councillor Nick Wiseman

Cllr. Wiseman did not attend the meeting; no written report was received.

At the June meeting, the Clerk was asked to follow up a request by CK on NW attending meetings, by emailing to the local conservative office. There was no response. It was decided to follow up this enquiry see why there has been no attendance from Cllr. Wiseman.

AP2. The Clerk was asked to re send the letter and a copy to be sent Cllr John Griffith.

b) Community Council (CC) Report

The Annual Management Accounts were received and circulated to all Councillors.

c) Tree Report – Janice Frost

No report provided.

d) Play Area – Monthly Report – Ruth Walker

Equipment check summaries submitted to the clerk by RW. RW reported that unfortunately, the netting and poles that have recently been erected have been damaged. It was agreed, by all, that a sum of £500 be spent on the Play Area without being approving at a Parish meeting.

AP3 The Clerk was asked to make enquires to Net World Sports about their guarantee policy regarding the netting.

e) Chairman's Report

An email was circulated to all prior, to the meeting on 22nd July.

It was decided by all, after CK enquired with Nat West as to the feasibility of the Parish Council Internet Banking Option; to transfer of Bank Accounts to Lloyds Bank.

AP4 RW is to complete the registration forms for the Parish Council to transfer to Lloyds Bank. Also, with the option of an Internet Banking Service.

5. Up – Dates

SIDs

TL sent around an email prior to the meeting about SID unit evaluation. One of the options is a SID that displays the speed you are travelling at as this makes people more aware of the speed. There are other factors to consider eg. data gathering, battery life etc.

At present, one pole is up at Sharpes Lane and the other is to be positioned at the Low Way.

It was agreed by all that TL goes ahead and purchases just one SID, rotating it between the two sites. The purchase price is not to exceed £5000.

TL outlined that the ANPR trial has already started in the village and that while it is taking place we are not able to display the SID's.

AP 5 TL to look into the purchase of the SID before the September meeting.

A143 Footpaths

At the last meeting Highways agreed that they would take on the work of the Footpath Clearing. However, a start date has not been given as yet and outside contractors have been waiting to commence work. However, if Highways can confirm a date then the PC would contact the Contractors explaining the situation.

AP6 – RW and CK are to correspond with Highways with the assistance of KS to see if a start date can be given for the work, as we are awaiting on outside contractors.

Neighbourhood Steering Group

No further development with this. The Steering Group have met once and are planning to meet again. An update to be provided at the September meeting.

Replacement Bin near Bus Shelter

TL Reported that the new bin near the Bus Shelter had been installed and that the Parishioners were happy.

Local Plan

The next stage of the Local Plan closed in July and Horringer cum Ickworth submitted their Consultation Paper.

6. Planning Applications

RW gained an extension on DC/22/0915/HH, but was no longer required. There were no objections to any of the other Planning Applications that were outlined in the July Agenda.

AP 7 The Clerk was asked to make enquires into Planning Application DC/22/0980/HH which the council were aware had been submitted but had not been directly informed of the application via the clerk as per usual.

7. Finance

Income:- AXA Insurance Claim £2,210 and Interest £2.15

Payments :- Cheque paid out:- M Thompson (Clerk's Salary) £320.00,
GRANTS – HGNS, £1,000, Horringer PCC £1,500 .
Mcgregors Grass Cut June £228.00, T Brown (internal audit) £185.50,
F. B replacement chq for2055 £15.26, CAS Website training (FB) £48.00,
MT Clerks Expenses £88.60, West Suffolk Council (new Bin) £440.64
Colin Knight (Back up disk) £54.99

Bank Reconciliation. All agreed

Internal Audit Report

The Clerk / Financial Officer informed the Council at last meeting that the Audit outlined various recommendations which the Councillors have now acknowledged and will be reviewed again in September/October meetings 2022.

The Clerk informed the Council that all documentation has now been forwarded to the External Auditor where they will also produce a report.

The Internal Auditor has notified the Council that he will not be conducting the audit for 2022/23.

AP The Clerk was asked to make enquires to see whether an alternative Internal Auditor for 2022/23 can be found

8. Correspondence

The new Parish Council Website is up and running. At the moment it is working alongside the existing one; due to compliance with Audit regulations

9. Items for future agenda

None given

10. Date of Next Meeting :-

Monday 19th September 2022

Meeting finished at 8:45pm.