

Horringer-Cum-Ickworth Parish Council Meeting Minutes 27th November 2023

Public Forum – No members of the public present.

1. Apologies for absence – None.

Present: Colin Knight (CK), Tom Lewis (TL), Ruth Walker (RW), Ian Frost (IF), Peter Crofts (PC), Nicky Calder (NC) Administrator, Karen Soons (KS) County Councillor

2. Declarations of Interest

None.

3. Approval of minutes from meeting 16th October 2023

Proposed by CK, seconded by TL. All agreed.

4. To review action points of the last meeting

Action Points reviewed:

- **AP1** – E-mails and OneDrive for Cllr's and laptop, cheaper options to be sourced NC, RW
- IF confirmed he had reviewed options for sharing documents online and it was agreed that the council would use Google Docs moving forward. CK confirmed we would need use of Word and Excel.
- **AP2** – CK to respond to the speed watch email with assistance from TL.
- **AP3** – RW to make payment to TL to check internet banking is working.
- **AP4** – CK to advertise vacancies for 2 Councillors on the notice board and Facebook.
- **AP5** – CK to email resident on Meadow drive regarding the 20mph speed limit.

5. Reports

a) County Councillor Karen Soons

- Discussed tomb at the St Leonard's PCC which needs repairing. KS said that there could be funding for renovation and the Church could apply.
- Discussed budget for new bins in Horringer – once bin audit is completed and discussed in December meeting, we can apply via KS.
- Funding for Bridleway has been approved, a county council contribution will match fund a generous offer of a contribution by the National Trust at Ickworth.

b) West Suffolk Council

No report.

c) Community Council (CC) Report

Report received in advance and taken as read.

d) Tree Report – Janice Frost

Report received in advance and taken as read.

A request has been received for some fruit trees for the Horringer pre-school. At a cost of £100.

AP6 - PC all in agreement to pay for the trees. NC to action.

e) Chairman's Report

Report received in advance and taken as read.

6. Updates

SIDs

TL to move the SID to near the low way.

When at Sharpes lane there was a 20% reduction in speeding.

Feedback from Highways meeting

PC agreed to allocate funds to support speeding issues in the village. A sub committee met on the 15th November 2023 and proposed to Cllr's present some initiatives to help with the speeding issue.

- To implement a different monitoring of the vehicles, which will show us the types of traffic - £1000.
- Speed survey at Brick Kiln cottage end of the village - £375
- SLOW on the road near duck pond - £800
- Signs for slow duck crossing - £30
- Clean up of entrance to the village by the gates/village signs.

Neighborhood Plan (NP)

- The Neighborhood Plan committee met on 23 November 23.
- Janice Frost confirmed that the grant application for funds to help with the NP was successful.
- Several consultants have been approached by the committee to provide additional help in specific areas of the plan where it was felt support may be needed.
- A public consultation event was discussed. It was suggested that 2 or more events be held to reach as many people in the village as possible. One event could be a coffee morning to be held at a local pub perhaps, and another larger event could be held at the Community Centre. Dates of 19 January (10-12am) were suggested for the coffee morning, and 16 January (6-8pm) for the Community Centre (TBC).

- The aim of the meetings is to ask questions and raise issues with the community which will be considered at a later stage.
- Several sources for questions were discussed.
- Promotional material is to be created for the NP including flyers, webpages, Instagram, etc.
- There were discussions on placing an advert in the Horringer Diary plus an article ready for Christmas.
- It was suggested that a housing needs assessment be made for the village.
- The next meeting is planned for 13th December 2023.

Bank Accounts

AP7 – CK to bank £5000 to new bank account.

7. Planning Applications

DC/23/1796/TCA - Manor Grove Manor Lane Horringer Suffolk IP29 5PY - Trees in a conservation area notification - one Beech (Yellow on Plan) fell – Objection letter subsequently sent.

All other planning applications received - no objections.

8. Finance Report

CK signed relevant cheques, PC counter signed.

Payments authorized –

T Lewis – expenses re SID £29.73

C Knight – expenses £32.23

Mc Gregors – grass cutting £228.00

Insurance - £713.23

Transfer to Lloyds Bank £5,000

9. Precept

Precept discussed and a figure of £21k decided to be formally agreed at December meeting.

10. Correspondence

a) St Leonard's PCC request for renovation of the tomb, PC agreed to help financially.

b) Potential Vandalism in The Oaks, lights kicked over and eggs thrown at windows.

All agreed this is a police matter **AP8** - CK to respond.

c) Fence near path from The Street to the play area is broken and causing debris from the owner's garden to spill out.

AP9 - Letter to owner NC.

11. Councillor's reports and items for future agenda

None

12. Date of next meeting

Monday 18th December 2023.

PC sent apologies

Meeting finished at 10pm.