

**Horringer-Cum-Ickworth Parish Council Meeting Minutes**  
**20<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

Present: Colin Knight (Chair), Peter Crofts (Vice Chair), Tom Lewis (TL), Piers Fuller (PF) , Ruth Walker, (RW), Fiona Holliday (FH) Michelle Thompson (MT Clerk) and one Parishioner.

**Fifteen Minute Question Time :-**

Mr Bradley Young, parishioner and podcast organiser for Horringer cum Ickworth Village, emphasised the importance of the Parish Council being involved. He attended to ensure that the PC is still interested in the Podcast.

The Chair reported that Councillors had been forwarded a list of topics to discuss on the Podcast and this was being dealt with.

**1. Apologies for Absence:-**

John White (JW ) and Karen Soons (KS)

**2. Declarations of Interest:-**

None

**3. Approval of Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023 were proposed by PJC and seconded by CK. All agreed.**

**4. Review Action Points of Last Meeting:-**

All action points have been met, apart from the SID's in purchasing another bracket and FH to contract the Web Host and Clerk to contact old Website provider to make sure that Website is closed down.

**5. Reports**

**(a) S.C.C. Councillor Karen Soons**

Cllr. Soons did not attend, but a written report was circulated prior to the meeting.

At the February meeting KS was asked to find a copy of the Highway S. 38 Agreement about Street Lighting; Cllr. Soons was also trying to arrange a meeting with Paul West and Highways with regard to the question of speeding reduction on A143 between Horringer and Chedburgh. This is still on-going and hopefully an up-date will be provided at the next meeting .

**(b) West Suffolk Councillor**

Cllr. Karen Soons continues to keep us updated on current issues with regard to West Suffolk Council

**(c) Community Council (CC) Report**

There was no representative, but a report was circulated to all prior to the meeting .

**(d) Tree Warden Report ( J.Frost )**

There was no representative, but a report circulated  
The Tree Nursery is progressing well but more local landowners need to be contacted. to identify planting sites

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

RW reported that after speaking to the West Suffolk Play Inspector about Play Area repairs Pro-Scape and online playgrounds were contacted and a quote given for these of £465 plus Vat and Parts are £456.20 including Vat. All agreed.  
A quotation has been received for top soil to assist with the catching of the matting when cutting the grass, as the ground is not level.

**AP1. RW will contact the companies to confirm order and the clerk to send in an order R W is to go back to the supplier and clarify some of the details regarding the matting and different options available.**

**(f) Chairman's Report**

CK reminded the Parish Councillors of the forthcoming Council Elections in May and once again went through some useful information to assist in the completion of forms. He emphasized the deadline date 4<sup>th</sup> April 2023.  
Cllr. Knight reported that he had spoken with the Podcast's representative and outlined a number of topics that could be covered. He also gave the Councillors the opportunity to speak on the Podcast on different areas. This is being considered by the other Councillors.

**6. Up – Date:-**

**SIDs**

As TL reported last month, the SID has now had been moved back to the Low Way for another four weeks. Cll. Lewis reported that 22 % of all vehicles were travelling over the limit southbound and 40% were travelling above, Northbound.  
(this is where is there is no sign.) TL discussed the possibility of enquiring about

Mounting the SID on existing poles outside Ickworth Park Entrance and Godfrey Cottages. It was suggested that the figures should be gathered together and published with the possibility of arranging a meeting to talk and explain the process. The Councillors considered the option to obtain another SID in the near future. It was also reported that the TVAS Scheme had started.

**AP2 TL to obtain another bracket for the SID and to contact Cllr Soons with the statistics and ask for her advice on where to go best publish the outcomes.**

#### **Transfer of Bank Accounts and Internet Banking**

RW reported that there had been no more updates or correspondence received from the bank.

**AP3 RW to chase up the progress of the opening of the new Bank Account**

#### **Footpath Along Street near Phone Exchange**

The Clerk reported that she had contacted Open Reach once again after the meeting in February and was now awaiting an up- date regarding the broken pole

**AP4 The Clerk to chase Open Reach about broken pole along the Footpath**

#### **Horringer PodCast**

This was discussed earlier

#### **Elections – 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

This was discussed earlier

#### **Up Loading Website**

All has been up - dated and FH continues to add new documents. This is an on - going process.

**AP5 FH to ask Web Hosts to assist with attaching certain documents and the Clerk to ensure old PC Website is closed down**

### **7. To Consider the Lease of the Old Post Office**

The current Leesee has given notice to vacate the Old Post Office. It was decided that it would be beneficial to keep it's use within the Community. This will be discussed further at the next PC meeting. There has already been interest shown in the lease by

another organization, who will be asked for further supporting information. It was also agreed that the vacancy will be advertised.

**AP6 CK contact the existing Leesee to agree on a leaving date for Old Post Office Lease and hand over of the keys.**

## **8. Planning Applications:-**

There were no objections for the Planning Application that appeared on the Agenda

## **9. Finance:-**

**Income:-** Old Post Office Rent £200, Interest £17.21

**Payments :-** Cheque paid out:- M Thompson (Clerk's Salary feb) £254.00  
MT (Clerks Expenses) £24.53 One Suffolk (New Website) £60.00  
T Lewis (Charging of the battery SIDs) £22.15

**Bank Reconciliation:-** The Clerk presented the bank reconciliation to the Council. All agreed.

## **10. Correspondence**

### **Overgrown Hedge on Holly Close /Orchard Way**

It was agreed that the responsibility lay with the owners of the properties to maintain their Hedges.

**AP7 The Clerk to send out a letter reminding the resident of their responsibilities.**

### **Signs Displayed in the Village**

The Chair outlined that there had been an enquiry relating to signs displayed on the PC land adjacent to Meadow Drive. As landowners, it was agreed that the Council will not allow any further signs. It was suggested to try and encourage more businesses to display signs and adverts online or on the various noticeboards around the village or use the Podcast. It was also agreed that organization can contact the Parish Council for advice.

**AP8 PJC to draft guidance on the rules regarding displaying notices/signs on Parish Council land and the various other options available.**

## **12. Date of Next Meeting :-**

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Meeting Closed at 9.25pm

