

**Horringer-Cum-Ickworth Parish Council Meeting Minutes**  
**16th January 2023**

Present: Colin Knight (Chair), Peter Crofts (Vice Chair), John White (JW), Tom Lewis (TL), Piers Fuller (PF), Michelle Thompson (MT Clerk) and one Parishioner

**Fifteen Minute Question Time :-**

Mr Bradley Young, a Parishioner, outlined that he has started a podcast for Horringer cum Ickworth Village and would like the Parish Council to be involved.

The main aims of this venture is to

- i. Inform people of current village issues.
- ii. Present stories of past and present.
- iii. Promote the village's different organisations.

It was decided that PJC and CK would liaise with the podcast organiser to begin with and feed back to the other Councillors.

**1. Apologies for Absence:-**

Ruth Walker (RW),

Fiona Holiday (FH) did not attend the meeting and no apologies received.

**2. Declarations of Interest:-**

None

**3. Approval of Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2022** were proposed by CK and seconded by PJC. All agreed.

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

All action points have been met, apart from the Phone Exchange, and Street Lighting.

**5. Reports**

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

Cllr. Soons did not attend, but a written report received.  
*(Please see attached report)*

**(b) West Suffolk Councillor**

Cllr. Karen Soons continues to report on current issues in regard to West Suffolk Council.

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

There was no representative and no report provided.

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

There was no representative and no report provided.

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

There were no further updates provided. There were no significant concerns and that the caps are still to be replaced.

**AP1. RW will will endeavour to replace the caps and send the Clerk the Playground Inspection sheets.**

**(f) Chairman's Report**

CK reported that he had circulated all the Policies and that Financial Regulations, Risk Assessment, Code of Conduct have now all been approved.

**6. Up – Date:-**

**A143 Footpath**

This has now been completed, At the last meeting CK corresponded with SCC Luke Merton about other areas of the A143 Footpath. No response received as yet.

**AP2 CK to chase up the initial correspondence with L. Merton about the other areas of the A143 footpath**

## **SIDs**

TL circulated an update prior to the meeting, which explained that the SID is situated at Sharpes Lane. TL proposed that we keep it there for four weeks. Hereported that the 30mph limited is being exceeded by about 20% of passing traffic Southbound and Northbound increases to 40%. Cllr. Lewis indicated that the figures are slightly higher, than previously reported. He also informed the

Council that the ANPR application had been received and acknowledged. The Council discussed the possibility of positioning the SID in other areas within the village. However, it was agreed to liase with the Community Speedwatch Team assess the best locations. It was decided that TL should consider documenting the data in some format on the Parish Website, maybe on a quarterly or six monthly basis.

**AP3 TL to correspond with the Speedwatch Team about the location of SID**

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

RW sent off the relevant documentation to Lloyds Bank. Now awaiting an update.

## **Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group**

PJC outlined that this is a continuing issue and reported that hopefully we can get this up and running. It was thought that a podcast may assist in making people more aware of the group and also gaining volunteers.

PJC to continue making people aware and increase interest in the Group, with the assistance of Horringer cum Ickworth podcast.

## **Up Loading Website**

FH continues to up- load the relevant documentation . An on - going process.

**AP5 The Clerk to follow up on missing Minutes and to ensure Agendas posted in a timely fashion**

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

There has been no response from the property owner. The Clerk notified the Councillors that Mcgregors had completed the work on cutting back the overgrown vegetation on each of the sides of the path. She also reported that she had

contacted Open Reach and left a message to inform them of a broken pole near the Phone Exchange, which is leaning over the the footpath. Still waiting a response.

### **Overhanging Tree at Hills Cottage the Street**

CK reported that he had passed on e-mail contact details for the Bristol Estate. He also reported that a second resident had asked for contact details Regarding another tree issue. The resident had subsequently informed him that they had been contacted by the Bristol Estate.

### **Overflowing Dog Bin at Brick Kiln Cottage**

The Clerk reported to the Council that she had informed W.S. Council of the overflowing Dog Bin near Brick Kiln, which has now been rectified.

## **7. Planning Applications:-**

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

## **8. Finance:-**

**Income:-** Old Post Office Rent £200, Interest £14.12

**Payments :-** Cheque paid out:- M Thompson (Clerk's Salary Jan) £254.00  
MT (Clerks Expenses) £5.40

**Quartely Bank Reconciliation:-** The Clerk presented a quarterly Bank Reconciliation and Cllr. Crofts signed it as a true reflection. All agreed.

## **Correspondence**

PJC reported that both CK and himself had received an email from a resident in Holly Close who outlined that there were a lot of leaves falling on the public road and would be very hazardous to people especially ,the elderly. PJC provided the resident with an email link and telephone number for West Suffolk Council to report the issue. The clerk was also asked to report the issue. Awaiting an update.

As dicussed earlier, the Councillors commented how beneficial the Village's podcast would be in highlighting the Role of the Parish Council.

CK outlined that through this medium,certain issues could be raised enabling us to work with the Community to resolve problems. It was discussed how we could utilise podcasts and he agreed to list a number of topics for future broadcasts.

**AP6** CK to come up with a number of topics and then circulate to the Council for their feedback

**9. Items for future agenda**

Street Lighting on Hornings Park

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

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Meeting Closed at 8.45 pm