

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

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

**Fifteen Minute Question Time :-**

No members of the public attended

**1. Apologies for Absence:-**

None

**2. Declarations of Interest:-**

None

**3. Approval of Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023** 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 Play Area

**5. Reports**

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

Cllr. Soons attended and a written report circulated prior to the meeting .

K.S. reported that the Bridlepath was officially open to the public, but is not surfaced

and no signs in place, as yet. Cllr. Soons

offered £5,000 towards the cost of installing a hard surface.

She also said that additional funding could be provided and advised the Council on the various options.

Concerns were voiced about the positioning of the entrance to the Bridleway in Westley Lane, with regard to a safety issues. Cllr. Soons said this would be looked into. The suggestion has been made that the speed limit between Horringer and Chedburgh Village on the A143, be reduced from 60 to 50mph, or even to 40 mph.

A meeting was suggested and the Council agreed to take part when arranged.

KS said that she would contact SCC Highways and report back.

At the last meeting, CK had emailed K S informing her of issues regarding Tree Ownership near Hornings Park which is being investigated. Both CK and JW reported that they now believe that it belongs to Lord Bristol. After corresponding with the resident it appears that the boundary lines are not clear. The Council, for several years, have been trying to determine who owns the former Street Lighting opposite Hornings Park. W.S Planning Office informed the Council that none of the documents held by them mentions the streetlights. PJC suggests that the only other possibility was that there was a Highways Act S.38 Agreement for the bellmouth construction., PJC asked KS if she could look into this, to see if the S.38 agreement states that Street Lightings is required. Potholes continue to be an issue and PF asked KS to look into this.

Finally, KS reported that a survey has been organized on Westley Lane coming out of Horringer and the other side of Westley crossroad and that a meeting has been arranged with Traffic Police to discuss certain issues

**AP1. KS requested to find a copy of the highway agreement about Street Lighting; CK to continue looking into the ownership of the trees near Hornings Park and PF to follow up on the progress of the repair to pot holes in the village KS to try any arrange a meeting with Paul West and Highways in regard to the question of speeding reduction on A143 between Horringer and Chedburgh.**

#### **(b) West Suffolk Councillor**

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

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

A report was circulated to all prior to the meeting . It outlined that they were looking for some new trustees and volunteers to take on running the “Little Lottie”.

On 25<sup>th</sup> March a commemorative tree will be planted ,although the postioning of it has not yet been decided.The first film night took place on 10<sup>th</sup> February at the Community Centre. This is to be a regular event on

the 2nd Friday of the month. The next one being on 10th March

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

There was no representative but a report was circulated via email reporting that Bristol Estate representative, S Pott has confirmed that land off Manor Lane is not suitable for tree planting, this is due to the issue of multiple landowners. Horringer's Tree Warden, Janice Frost, is still looking to make contact with local landowners who require trees/hedge plants for 2023/24.

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

RW reported that she had spoken to the West Suffolk Play Inspector regarding repairs needed and that he had given advice on the repairs and directed her to useful companies. Areas that needed consideration were the gate, moving the sign, new chains on the swings, tightening a bolt and the safety caps.

**AP2. RW will contact the companies to acquire quotes.**

**(f) Chairman's Report**

CK reported on the Council Elections in May and went through some useful information to assist the Councillors in the completion of their forms. The deadline date being 4<sup>th</sup> April 2023  
Cllr Knight spoke of the proposed £500 grant to the Community Council to assist with the funding to promote wellbeing in the village and conquer loneliness. He also suggested that the PC should continue to participate in the village podcasts and circulated a list of topics that could be included in the broadcasts e.g. Precept fixing, Neighbourhood Plan, Play Area, Speed Camera etc.

**6. Up – Date:-**

**A143 Footpath**

This has now been, for the most part, completed.

**Horringer PodCast**

At the meeting in January, the Councillors commented on how beneficial the Village's Podcast would be in highlighting the Role of the Parish Council.

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It was suggested that through this medium, certain issues could be raised enabling to work with the community to resolve problems. There are a number of topics that could be covered. The Parish Council continue to play an active role in the Podcast

### **SIDs**

TL reported that the SID had been moved back to the Low Way for another four weeks. Cllr Lewis said that he had contacted J Ashwell (ANPR Officer) to enquire about mounting the SID on existing poles outside Ickworth Park Entrance and Godfrey Cottages. TL said the the TVAS Scheme starts from March onwards.

#### **AP3 TL to obtain another bracket for the SID**

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

RW reported that there was no more updates and nothing had been received.

#### **AP4 RW to chase up the progress of the Opening of the new Bank Account with Lloyds**

### **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 contact old PC Website to close it down**

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

The Clerk reported that she had contacted Open Reach before the last meeting re broken post, Unfortunately, nothing has yet been done. McGregors have cut back the old overgrown vegetation and the resident that was contacted, regarding the overhanging hedges, has rectified the issue.

#### **AP6 The Clerk to once again chase up Open Reach to report the the broken post.**

## **7. To Consider the Forthcoming Elections 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

This was discussed earlier

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

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

this month apart from DC/23/0189/HH Erection of two metre timber fence alongside highway. Crowswood Cottage, Bury Rd. Little Saxham Suffolk, IP29 5LG

The Parish Council resolved to make objections to the application on visual appearance grounds.

**AP7 PJC to send in the PC Comments on the Planning Application DC/23/0189/HH to West Suffolk Council**

**9. Finance:-**

**Income:-** Old Post Office Rent £200, Interest £16. 13

**Payments :-** Cheque paid out:- M Thompson (Clerk's Salary feb) £254.00  
MT (Clerks Expenses) £21.89 McGregors (footpath cut) £72.00  
Standing Order Annually Fee to Bristol Estates for Community Centre Car Park £100.00

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

**10. Correspondence**

The up - date of the Local Plan was received and PJC outlined that this is an on - going process. No further sites are being invited or accepted.

However, an adjustment is being made to the West Suffolk Local Plan timetable and rather than consulting on the submission draft in the Spring, they will consult in the latter half of the year.

A neon sign display saying " Open "at the Beehive was reported by a resident as being inappropriate and this has now been removed.

**AP6 The Clerk to inform the resident that the sign has now been removed from The Beehive.**

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

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

Meeting Closed at 9.25pm

