

Horringer-Cum-Ickworth Annual Parish Council Meeting

Minutes 15th May 2023

Present: Colin Knight (Chair), Peter Crofts (Vice Chair), Tom Lewis (TL), Michelle Thompson (MT Clerk) and 4 Parishioners.

Fifteen Minute Question Time :-

From 8.15 pm residents were invited to give their views and question the Parish Council on issues on the agenda, or raise matters for future consideration, at the discretion of the Chairman. The formal Parish Council meeting commenced 8.30 pm. There were no participants .

- 1. Election of Chairman:** Cllr. Walker proposed Cllr. Knight as Chairman, this was seconded by Cllr. Crofts. All in agreement. Cllr. Knight was duly elected as Chairman and signed the declaration of Acceptance of Office.
- 2. Election of Vice Chairman:** Cllr. Knight proposed Cllr. Crofts as Vice-Chair seconded by Cllr. Walker. All in agreement
- 3. Apologies for Absence**
None
- 4. Declarations of Interest**
None
- 5. Requests for Dispensations**
None
- 6. Approval of Minutes from meeting of 17th April 2023**
RW proposed approval of the PC minutes, seconded by TL, All councillors in agreement. All action points not met have been carried forward to the June meeting.
- 7. To Discuss co-option possibilities :-**
The new Council was formed on 8th May 2023 and there are three vacancies available. There has been good interest in the posts and two candidates were interested. They were asked to contact the clerk for further information which will then be discussed in the June meeting.

AP1 Future candidates were asked to contact the clerk for further information

8 Planning Applications mentioned in the Agenda of 15.05.23.

Application **DC/23/0543/FUL** The description was amended to be more accurate and there were no objection raised and the application **DC/23/0062/TPO** :the Parish Council has objected due to advice from West Suffolk Council and the Horringer Tree Warden.

AP2 PJC to draft a letter of objection on behalf of the Parish Council

9. Lease re Office space beside the Community Centre

The public were asked to leave the meeting as under the Local Government Act 1972 Article 12a discussion was to take place on a commercial matter.

At the last meeting the Chair had outlined that the previous Lessee had given notice on the Old Post Office and several organizations/people had shown an interest in taking over the lease. It was decided to make an offer to one of the local applicants who would use it for a beneficial purpose .

AP3 RW to correspond with those interested in leasing the property

10. Trespass of P.C. Land at Community Centre

At the last meeting it was reported that a pony and rider were seen crossing the Community Centre car park on the evening of 17th April 2023, which has no 'Right of Way'.

AP 4 The Clerk to confirm dispatch.

11. Finance

The Finance was sent via email prior to the meeting.

All Councillors agreed the Bank Reconciliation M. Thompson (Clerk's salary May) £254.00 Mcgregors (Grass Cut) £492 Clerks Expenses £8.10 Fenland Ltd (Play Area Repairs) £136.80 C Knight (Refreshments for A.P.M and Gift for Cllr. White) £105.48 Proscap (Play area Repairs) £558 Multisign (Leaflets) £51.60

The quarterly Bank Statement was agreed by all and signed by Cllr. Crofts as a true reflection of the Parish Council's financial transactions.

The Clerk reported that the Internal audit will take place at the end of June with SALC. Due to their workload an extension from PKJ Littlejohn was awarded until 31st July

12. Cricket Club

Cllr. Crofts reported that the Cricket Club had experienced some difficulties in gaining another lease from the National Trust. It was suggested by Cllr. Crofts that maybe the Council act could act as a Broker between the two. Cllr. Croft volunteered to attend the relevant meetings and expressed his concern over the future existence of the club. All agreed.

AP5 PC to attend future meeting to represent the Cricket Club

13. Correspondence

Lloyds Bank Account

This has now been opened and the internet devices have been sent.

AP6 RW to look into registering MT with Internet Banking

New Councillor Forms

All new 'Register of Interest' forms were completed by the existing Councillors and given to the Clerk.

AP7 The Clerk to send the completed forms back to W. S Council

14. Items for future agenda

There was no further business

CK gave his apologies for the next meeting on 19th June 2023 and the meeting finished at 10.40pm