

Horringer-Cum-Ickworth Parish Council Meeting Minutes 15th January 2024

Public Forum – No members of the public present.

1. Apologies for absence – Ian Frost (IF), Karen Soons (KS)

Present: Colin Knight (CK), Peter Crofts (PC), Tom Lewis (TL), Ruth Walker (RW), Nicky Calder (NC) Administrator.

2. Declarations of Interest

Noted that Cllr Knight has an interest in the National trust planning application and abstained from commenting.

3. Approval of minutes from meeting 18th December 2023

Proposed by CK, seconded by PC.

4. To review action points of the last meeting

Action Points reviewed:

- **AP1** – E-mails and OneDrive for clerk’s computer, all agreed that an account will be created for the laptop.
- **AP2** – Advertise 2 x Councillor vacancies. All agree NC to e-mail Brad to add to podcast.
- **AP3** – TL to locate a suitable lamp post on Westley Lane for SID machine to be mounted.
- **AP4** – RW to prepare Facebook post once new bin locations are finalised.
- **AP5** – RW to obtain quote for signs required for Ducks crossing near the pond opposite The Six Bells.

5. Reports

a) County Councillor Karen Soons

No Report.

b) West Suffolk Council

No report.

c) Community Council (CC) Report

No report.

d) Tree Report – Janice Frost

No report.

e) Chairman’s Report

Report received in advance and taken as read.

6. Updates

SIDs

The SID machine is located at Sharpes Lane to gather a 6-week period of data.

TL reported on an e-mail received from Matthew Fox (Highways) detailing the proposed locations of the 3 traffic survey points. This will record speed, number, direction of travel and type of vehicle. The 3 sites are Sharpes Lane/A143, Meadow Drive/A143 and Westley Lane. All agreed the survey should go ahead.

To be discussed - moving the 30mph limit on the A143 towards Haverhill. Proposals are still at the discussion stage, input from the residents at that end of the village is required. **AP6** – RW agreed to contact residents and discuss.

Neighborhood Plan (PC)

- The Neighborhood Plan committee will meet on 22nd January 2024
- To agree the contract with Community Action Suffolk.
- Sadly, the previous Chair has resigned. There is now a need for more residents to join the group. **AP7** – PC to prepare advert for Facebook.
- **AP8** - All agreed Neighborhood plan should be added to the AGM agenda NC.

7. Planning Applications

DC/23/2075/TCA - Street Record College Close Horringer Suffolk IP29 5SL - Trees in a conservation area notification - a. two Ash (T1 and T2 on plan) fell b. group of mixed species (G1 and G2 on plan) coppice to ground level. – **Object. AP9** – PC to prepare objection letter.

DC/23/2071/TCA - Gainsborough House Manor Lane Horringer Suffolk IP29 5PY - Trees in a conservation area notification - one Hawthorn (T1 on plan) fell. – **No Comment.**

DC/23/2070/TCA - Hornings House Manor Lane Horringer Suffolk IP29 5PY - Trees in a conservation area notification - three Conifers (T1 - T3 on plan) reduce height by four metres. – **No Comment.**

DC/23/2060/HH - 3 Hazel Drive Horringer Suffolk IP29 5ST - Householder planning application - a. two storey rear extension; b. garage conversion to habitable space with porch extension and dormer. - **No Comment.**

DC/24/0043/TCA - Grovebury House The Street Horringer Suffolk - Trees in a conservation area notification - one Ash (T1 on plan) and three Sycamore (T2, T3, T4 on plan) – fell. – **No Comment.**

DC/23/2099/VAR - National Trust Ickworth Park Horringer Suffolk - Planning application - variation of condition 3 of DC/18/0656/FUL to allow for replacement of porous surface to multi-use trail. – **No Comment.**

All agreed West Suffolk Council should give explanation of trees when they are being felled. The Parish Council feel they need more information to make a decision.

AP10 - PC to prepare a letter to this effect to West Suffolk Council.

8. Finance Report

i) Agreed.

2024 Payment list January

20.01.24	SALC		£18.00
20.01.24	Parish on line		£76.80
31.01.24	NC Salary		£411.00
31.01.24	Clerk training		£54.00
31.01.24	Website training		£24.00

Total **£583.80**

Parish online has been put on hold as the invoice is not recognised by CK. **AP6** – NC to investigate.

AP7 - Neighborhood planning should be added to the Parish Council Bank Reconciliation

ii) None received

9. Precept

Precept agreed and signed off at £21K

10. Correspondence

a) Bin audit – The Parish council plan to upgrade bins in the village to make the capacity larger and more cost effective. This will also alleviate the issue of overflowing bins. **AP8** – RW to put and Facebook post out once finalised.

b) Tree outside College House – E-mail received from resident that it had been severely cut back without planning application. West Suffolk Planning department have been informed and are investigating.

c) Fallen tree on The Green – Simon Potts has been informed that the tree is in poor condition and needs attention. **AP9** – CK agreed to chase SP.

d) Grit bin community center – The area around the CC and the Church do not fit the criteria for a council funded grit bin. The bin would need to be privately funded.

AP10 – CK to e-mail PCC and CC.

e) Drains near The Chestnuts blocked – Been reported on the Highways reporting tool.

11. Councillor reports for future items on the agenda

a) Local plan

b) Policies – Financial, Standing orders, Internal Controls.

c) AGM

12. Date of next meeting

Monday 26th January 2024.

The meeting finished at 9pm.