

Horringer-Cum-Ickworth Parish Council Meeting Minutes 26th February 2024

Public Forum – No members of the public present.

1. Apologies for absence – None.

Present: Colin Knight (CK), Peter Crofts (PC), Tom Lewis (TL), Ruth Walker (RW), Ian Frost (IF), Karen Soons (KS), Nicky Calder (NC) Administrator.

2. Declarations of Interest

Tom Lewis – Chevington Road site.

3. Approval of minutes from meeting 15th January 2024

Proposed by CK, seconded by TL.

4. To review action points of the last meeting

Action Points reviewed:

- **AP1** – E-mails and OneDrive for clerk's computer, made but laptop slow. IF to look at the laptop, if we need a new laptop quote to be sourced.
- **AP2** – TL to locate a suitable lamp post on Westley Lane for SID machine to be mounted. One suitable post would block the view of the driveway of a resident. KS suggested contacting highways to erect a new one. TL
- **AP3** – RW to prepare a Facebook post once new bin locations are finalised.
- **AP4** – RW to obtain a quote for signs required for Ducks crossing near the pond opposite The Six Bells. NC to order. Where will they be attached?
- **AP5** – RW agreed to contact residents and discuss moving the 40mph speed limit.
- **AP6** – PC to chase to get a meeting set up with Planning Tree Officer West Suffolk.
- **AP7** – RW to put and Facebook post out once finalised. Bin changes.
- **AP8** – CK agreed to chase SP, tree on the green. Still waiting for a reply.

5. Reports

a) County Councillor Karen Soons

Report received in advance and taken as read.

Westley Lane potholes, lots of comments on Facebook as numerous damaged wheels/tyres after driving through the pothole. KS suggested reporting on the highways reporting tool continuously until repaired. Potholes around Horringer that have previously been filled and are opening up again. There has been a new contractor appointed in West Suffolk for the repair of potholes and their inspection rate has gone from 0% to 40%. Potholes need to be reported as the new contractor may not have the old list.

Flooding on Westley Lane is very deep, and cars have been stuck or taken into the verge. KS suggested reporting on the Highways reporting tool.

b) West Suffolk Council

No report.

c) Community Council (CC) Report

Report received in advance and taken as read.

d) Tree Report – Janice Frost

Report received in advance and taken as read.

e) Chairman’s Report

Report received in advance and taken as read.

6. Updates

SIDs

- SID is still at Sharpes Lane, this will be taken down during the survey week.
- Spy mode cuts the speed by 50%.
- Speed survey from 20th March for 1 week.

Neighborhood Plan (PC)

- The Neighborhood Plan committee will meet on 27th February 2024
- Include KS in the communication for the NHP meetings.
- HNS is now agreed, and we are waiting for the survey forms to be delivered.

7. Planning Applications

None received.

8. Finance Report

Payment Schedule February 2024		
29.02.2024	NC Salary	£411.00
29.02.2024	CAS Website training	£48.00
29.02.2024	Elan City Bar	£50.44
Total		£509.44

- Payment schedule and invoices to be paid (introduce new Internet banking form)
- Any invoices received after the agenda had gone out - **None**
- Review the quote for grass-cutting - **Accepted**
- Approve invoice payment for Elan – **Accepted**

9. Local plan

- 2 weeks left for the consultation of the local plan.
- This is just the legal side of it, and we now can't make any changes.

- We are a type A village which should only have a small amount of development. Some of the bigger sites we put forward were too big for the size of our village.
- If we would like to object, we would have to attend the public forum to discuss with officers.
- We could offer up another site if it was earmarked for social housing if it was an exception site. The HNS will tell us what housing needs the village needs.
- We would need a local landowner to gift at low market value a site to build houses on for Horringer residents.
- Do we as a PC have to respond to the Local Plan? PC suggested we can, but it is more for the legal side of the Plan and not the details.
- The Local Plan will not be adopted until Summer 2025.
- The Chevington Road site - we will now have to wait until someone puts planning in for the site before we can discuss.

10. Policies – Financial, Standing orders, Internal Controls

All accepted NC.

11. APM 20th May 2023 7:30 pm

- **AP9** – RW to produce and get a quote for a flyer for AGM/new councillors.
- Doors to open at 7:15 pm.
- **AP10** - RW to contact WI to offer the tea & coffee.
- Agenda, NHP BY, Speed survey TL, Local Plan PC, Introductions to new members.

12. Correspondence

- Fallen tree on The Green – With SP
- Manhole cover on The Green – **AP11** – NC to buy.
- Planning for the felling of trees in a conservation area – **AP12** - PC to arrange a meeting.
- Entrance to bridle path from Westley Lane. Letter from a resident about the access to the bridle path on Westley Lane. We have assured the resident that we will bring his concerns up when the 2nd phase of the path.
- Resident struck by a lorry while on the path on The Street – Reported to the police and highways. Highways will not take responsibility and referred us back to the police. **AP13** - TL & CK to put an article together for the Bury Free Press. We need to get the residents to participate.
- Church Rev Max – Leaving at Easter.
- Bin replacement - Done
- Ditches & flooding – Meadow Drive ditch near the footbridge is blocked and West Suffolk Council said it's the landowner issue, however, it is owned by West Suffolk. Send all maps to KS and she will follow up. Report to Anglia water regarding the drains on Manor Lane, they are overflowing leaving

tissue and foul waste on the road. NC **AP14**

- Councillor reports for future items on the agenda
- Date of next meeting
Monday 18th March 2024.

The meeting finished at 9:15pm.