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Annual Parish Meeting on Monday, 20th May 2024
In Horringer Community Centre at 7:30pm.
Members of Horringer-cum-Ickworth Parish Council are invited to attend the above meeting.

Councillors present: Colin Knight (Chair), Ruth Walker, Ian Frost, Peter Crofts, Tom Lewis, Karen Soons (County & District Councillor)

Also present: Nicola Calder (Administrator), Brad Young (Neighbourhood Plan) & 17 Members of the public.

1.	**Record Councillors' Apologies for absence -** Paul & Chris Harrison	
2.	**To agree and sign minutes from meeting 15.05.2023** ***(Paper copies to be signed off by the Chairman for the file)*** Approval of the minutes was given by those present; Cllr Knight signed the paper copy of the minutes seconded by Cllr Crofts.	
3.	**Financial Report for 2023/24 – Cllr C Knight** Finance Report 2022-23 to cover major values only. • Total revenue c. £27k • Precept of £21k (LY £30k) • Grants received for NHP of £1.9k • Rental received of £1,800 – there was a change of tenant during the year with a short vacant period. • VAT of c. £1,200 • Total expenditure of £21k • Grants and donations paid of £6,600 – PCC £1,500, GNS £1,500 and Ickworth School £3,000 • Other major expenditure - grass cutting c. £2.8k • Salaries of £4k • NHP costs of £1.1k • Closing balance of c. £60k - Last year c. £54k • We are holding high reserves at the moment, with anticipated expenditure on NHP, more on speeding prevention, and footpaths in the coming year. • Precept for 2024-25 - The PC met in November 2023 to set the level of precept for 2024/25. We set the new precept at £21k – the same as last year. As mentioned earlier we anticipate spending on NHP, speeding issues and footpaths.	
4.	**Chairman's Report for 2023/24 – Cllr C Knight**	

	• New Administrator appointed – A considerable amount of time and effort has been put into recruiting for this role. This role now covers the administration of the Neighbourhood Plan. • Play Area – The play area continues to be inspected on a regular basis. It now needs some improvement and updating which we will carry out over the next year. • Grit Bins – A very big thank you to all the volunteers who have helped with grit spreading during the cold periods. If anyone would like to help, then please do let the Parish Administrator know. • BT Kiosk – The kiosk continues to be well used by residents as a book exchange – which is really GREAT and we encourage residents to use it as much as possible. It is a book exchange so please do return books after use. There are plans to repaint the kiosk. • Website - Just a reminder that The PC have set up a website for our sole use. This includes Agendas and Minutes, planning applications and other relevant information relating to the Parish Council. There is a calendar section to show dates of PC meetings. We are also looking to set up new e-mail addresses for councillors – which we will advertise. The new web address is – www.horringer.onesuffolk.net • Litter Bins - Following an audit by WSC we have changed some of the bins in the village. We are aware of issues of bins overflowing and they are being emptied as much as possible – weekly. I would hope that if bins are full then people would perhaps take their rubbish home. A resident praised the Parish council for the work on the new bins. • Footpaths – We have been trying to get the footpath between The 6 Bells and Sharps Lane cleared. We are aware that the footpath is narrow, however we can only clear the path and vegetation. This is an ongoing issue which the Parish Council will continue to follow.	
5.	**Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr P Crofts** • The Neighbourhood Plan has been in progress for 2 years. • The New Chair Brad Young is keen to get the plan moving forward. • The Housing Needs Survey will be received from CAS in the next month. This will outline what housing we need in the village. We will need the evidence to back up the housing provision we put forward. • Launch event for the Neighbourhood Plan is on the 9th July at the Community Centre 7:30pm. This will explain the Neighbourhood Plan and give the residents a chance to bring up their issues.	
6.	**Speeding Matters in Village – Cllr T Lewis** • Please report any dangerous driving and highways issues on the highways reporting tool. This will add weight to any requests we make for speed control, verge clearing and general highways issues. • Speed Indicator Device was purchased 18 months ago. It is located in various sites across the village, Sharpes Lane, The Green & The Low way. The data has proven that it cuts speeding by half	

	when speed is displayed. When the speed display is turned off the number of speeding vehicles increases. Matthew Fox (Highways) visited the village to investigate speed solutions, his suggestion was to firstly complete the speed survey which is in progress now. The Parish Council are putting in place are wildlife signs and refreshing the road markings. Once the data from the speed survey is analysed we will be able to move forward with the project.	
7.	**County Councillor – Karen Soons- link to report below** **https://horringer.onesuffolk.net/assets/Council-Reports/Annual-Parish-Newsletter-2024-KS.pdf** **Questions from residents** • **The verges in the village are littered –** WSC/SCC NCalder is already investigating. • **Bridle path Westley Lane – Bury St Edmunds –** KS to update. • **Light pollution complaint from resident opposite the 6 Bells P/H –** KS directed them to WSC website to log complaint.	
8.	**Date of next scheduled meeting TBC**	
9.	**Parish Matters – open to all parishioners** • Thank you, Cllr Walker, for the new bins. • Speeding on Hawthorne Drive – another cat killed on Saturday. Add to the next agenda. • Duck signs opposite 6 Bells will be placed once a suitable site found. • Paper recycling – not a viable business and now unable to have a recycling centre at the Community Centre. • Complaint from resident that bins are left outside houses too long or permanently. • Questions were asked about possible new housing in the village, the Parish Council confirmed this was not something that they can influence at present. Cllr Crofts stressed the importance of the Neighbourhood Plan.	

Please be aware the meeting may be filmed or recorded. Members of the public are invited to attend but are respectfully asked not to contribute during the meeting unless invited by the Chairman to do so.

Signed: …… (Chair) **Dated: ……..**