HORRINGER-cum-ICKWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Notice of the Parish Council Meeting on Monday, 17th February 2025

In Horringer Community Centre small meeting room at 7.30pm

Members of Horringer-cum-Ickworth Parish Council are invited to attend the above meeting – None present.

Councillors Present: Colin Knight, Ruth Walker, Sarah Levett, Peter Crofts, Tom Lewis, Sarah Levett

Also Present: Karen Soons

1.	**Record Councillors' Apologies for absence. –** Rob Brooks (unwell) Nicky Calder (holiday)
2.	**Declarations of Interest -** None
3.	**To consider the Approval of the Minutes of the Last Meeting – 20th January 2025** All agreed – proposed by Peter Crofts, seconded by Tom Lewis

4.	**Review Action Points from the last meeting –** Done
	• **AP1 – TL** Find a site for a new post and find out cost. **Apply online at a cost to the Parish Council.**
	• ~~AP2 – NC~~ To arrange meeting with Matthew Fox Highways to discuss **See updates.**
	  • Trial of moving the 40mph speed limit out to Haverhill **A survey needs completing first approx. £300**
	  • Westley Road, excessive speeding results from the survey/bridle entrance, should this be a Highways/Police matter. **Eligible for a 40mph buffer zone. Approx £3000.**
	• **AP2 - TL & CK** to put an article together for the Bury Free Press. **Carry forward, 1st draft done. Add link to website/Facebook for traffic reporting because of the Sicklesmere road closure NC.**
	• **AP3 – NC** To investigate training for a volunteer group. **Free training apply via SCC website. Litter picker in the village needs contacting, PC will investigate.**
	• ~~AP5 – CK~~ to e-mail Cllr Soons. It has been noted that Cllr Soons has not attended meetings since May 24, is anyone deputising is her absence? **Done, KS attended meeting.**
	• ~~AP6 – RW~~ To continue to chase. RW advised we are waiting for the quote for plastic planks to go on the benches. The contractors for the Play area works has been approve, RW has chased them for a date. **Covered under updates.**
	• ~~AP7 – NC~~ E-mail McGregors to find out who has been using weedkiller. **Done**
	• **AP4 – RB** Loft insulation for residents. To source details and advertise on Facebook & website. **Carry forward.**
	• ~~AP9 – RW~~ felling of trees in play area. To enquire if we can add this on to the planned play area works. **Covered under updates.**
	• ~~AP10 – NC~~ HGV traffic though our already busy A143. We have received no acknowledgement or response to this e-mail. To e-mail Highways expressing our disappointment that we've had no response and would you like to come to our next meeting. Cc Karen Soons. **– Done**

5.	**Reports** • County Councillor's Report (KS) – sent in advance and present at the meeting. Mentioned A134 closure, starts on 12st -24th February. CK mentioned Clare/HGV proposal – KS didn't seem to know much about it. **AP5 - CK** to email KS ref a suggestion for traffic lights in Clare to help alleviate the problem. Devolution – KS confirmed there are no elections planned in May 2025. Potentially looking to elect a unitary authority (covers functions of district and county councils), no district or local councillor, just one role to cover it all. Currently about 75 county councillors. Will be a consultation process. A unitary authority would have a directly elected mayor. **AP6 – NC** To e-mail KS – might be able to make use of some locality money for new signs and the play area • Community Council Report (EB) – sent in advance – looking to improve a welcome booklet to new members of the village. • Borough Councillor Report (KS) • Tree Report (JF) – none sent • Chairman's Report (CK) – Church event wasn't attended due to illness
6.	**Updates** • SIDs & Speed Survey (PC), Meeting with Matthew Fox – Highways. Notes provided in advance of the meeting. SID still at Godfrey's Cottages, will remain there for a week or two. Discussed the idea of a 40mph buffer zone as entering the village from Haverhill. Westley Lane is eligible for a 40mph buffer zone. Could the PC make use of Self-Help scheme? **AP7 – NC** To find out please. We can make a representation to the 2027 review of the A143. Should we get like-minded councils together along the A143 to make sure we make a relevant stand at the time of the review? Get together a voice for the pedestrians, cyclists etc from the villages along the road. PC – are there examples of one of their reviews for a different road? **AP8 – NC** to find out. PC said if we meet with other villages to discuss speeding, we need to agree first what we want to achieve in Horringer. • Neighbourhood Plan (PC) – Waiting for the close of the survey. Consultants are due to send out a draft of their report. • Play area (RW) – Work will be carried out over the next few weeks • Environmental (RB) – Report sent in advance of the meeting
7.	**Planning Applications** • **NONE**
8.	**Finances – All signed and agreed.** • Payment schedule and invoices to be paid'

	• Any invoices received after the agenda had gone out • Approve NC hours • To sign the internal control check list • Direct debit set up for the HMRC
9.	**AGM/APM – 19th May 2025 –** Ruth Walker gave apologies, unable to attend (working)
10.	**Correspondence** • Meeting with Chedburgh parish council – speeding vehicles on A143 – covered above and with KS - **AP9 - NC** has chased to set up meeting, but no reply will continue to chase. • E-mail registering interest for an exception site – NC has thanked the writer of the email and said we are not in a position to move forward with exception sites. • Discussed the email from resident about parking on the verge near the top of Meadow Drive. **AP10 – NC** To contact SALC and question if we are able to spend a small amount of money on Bristol land to improve the overall vista of that part of the village for the benefit of all residents, improving the area. • Meeting on devolution – online meeting with SALC on 25th March. Sarah will try and attend and report back.
11.	**Future items on the agenda** • Policies update – Financial, internal controls, Standing Orders, Risk Assessment. – Short discussion on these to be followed up at next meeting (17/03/25) All to look at financial regulations in advance of the next meeting
12.	Date of next scheduled meeting to be confirmed as **17th March 2025,** Meeting closed at 8:58pm.

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 so to do.