HORRINGER-cum-ICKWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on Monday, 17th March 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, Nicola Calder (Administrator)

1.	**Record Councillors' Apologies for absence –** Rob Brooks (Personal reasons)
2.	**Declarations of Interest -** None
3.	**To consider the Approval of the Minutes of the Last Meeting – 17th February 2025 –** Proposed Colin Knight, Second Peter Crofts
4.	**PUBLIC FORUM – No public present** • To receive questions and matters of concern from members of the public in attendance on the agenda. • To receive comments or questions relating to Horringer in general.
5.	**Review Action Points from the last meeting** • **AP1 – TL** Find a site for a new post and find out cost. Apply online at a cost to PC. **Carry forward** • **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. **- DONE** • ~~AP3 – NC~~ To investigate training for a volunteer group. Free training apply via SCC website. Random litter picker in the village needs contacting, PC will investigate. – **DONE advert will go in next diary and put on notice boards – Litter picker spoken to.** • **AP3 – RB** Loft insulation for residents. To source details and advertise on Facebook & website. **Carry forward.** • **AP4 - CK** to email KS ref a suggestion for traffic lights in Clare to help alleviate the problem. **Carry forward.** • ~~AP6 – NC~~ To e-mail KS – might be able to make use of some locality money for new signs and the play area. – Funding granted for the signs **- DONE** • Could the PC make use of Self-Help scheme? ~~AP7 – NC~~ To find out please. – **DONE –** E-mail sent round. • ~~AP8 – NC~~ to find out if there are examples of road reviews so we can suggest improvements to the A143 in the review in 2027. **Done –** E-mail sent round. • 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. – **DONE –** Meeting arranged for 01/04/25 • ~~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. **Done**

6.	**Reports**
	• County Councillor's Report (KS) – Seen as read
	  • Library – Suffolk County Council would like to take them back in house this will include adding in Community hubs & health services.
	  • Road closures – more nighttime traffic on the A143 from the Sicklesmere Road closure
	  • Colin Knight thanked KS for the Grant from the Locality Budget & Highways Budget.
	  • Devolution – Elections are delayed for 1 year – but KS expects it to be for 2 years.
	• Community Council Report (EB) – Minutes sent round
	• Borough Councillor Report (KS) - Seen as read
	• Tree Report (JF) - None
	• Chairman's Report (CK) – None

7.	**Updates** • SIDs & Speed Survey (TL) – SID report sent round. • Neighbourhood Plan (PC) – The neighbourhood plan team are starting to analyse the data from the survey. Each Member of the committee are looking at their own areas and putting together comments from the survey. The next formal stage will be a public consultation, which we will share the survey results with the community. • Play area (RW) – **AP5 - RW** to chase if the work has been completed & have the bushes been cut. • Environmental (RB) – None
8.	**Planning Applications** • **DC/25/0162/LB & DC/25/0161/FUL – Horringer House -** a. installation of ground mounted solar panel array of 100 panels b. ground source heat pump with associated works including an underground cable route to be accessed through the Eastern wall – **No Comment** • **DC/25/0346/EIASCR - Harram Farm Harram Hill Horringer -** EIA screening opinion under Regulation 6 (1) of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations 2017 on the matter of whether or not the proposed development is considered that there are likely significant environmental impacts for which an environmental statement would be required - solar farm – **No Comment** • **DC/25/0389/TPO – The Pines, Horringer -** a. one Oak (T2 on plan within A1 on order) crown reduction by four metres to the east side only b. one Sycamore (T1 on plan within A1 on order) remove first two branches on east side – **No Comment**
9.	**Finances** • Payment schedule and invoices to be paid' – All approved • Any invoices received after the agenda had gone out – All approved • Approve NC hours – All approved • To sign the internal control check list – Signed RW • To formally appoint Mrs N Calder as the RFO for the year 2025/26 – All agreed • To approve the recommendation from the clerk to appoint SALC as the internal auditor for the 2024/2025 audit - All agreed • **AP6 – NC** Policies update – **Financial** - **Done**, internal controls, Standing Orders, Risk Assessment. – Carry forward. • Section 137 spend - £4890.85 • Website hosting cost increase – All approved • Audit date has been booked for 9th – 13th June – All approved • Payment for pavement licence to install Village gateways – All approved
10.	**AGM/APM – 19th May 2025** Cllr Knight asked that everyone that they need to think about what they would like to bring to the AGM/APM.

11.	**Correspondence** • To discuss damage to grass frontage at Lady Bristol Cottages – E-mail the landowner for permission. It was suggested that bollards are place along the roadside to stop people parking on the grass verge. **AP7 – NC** to get 2 quotes. • Land to the south of Hornbeam Drive – Hartog Hutton have written to the Parish Council & the Neighbourhood plan committee advising they seeking informal planning advice. The Council decided that an extraordinary Parish Council Meeting was in order. Hartog Hutton will be invited to present their proposal in a public forum – All agreed. **AP8 – CK & NC** To reply to the e-mail inviting them to an extraordinary meeting. • E-mail from resident enquiring re planning permission – NC has replied advising resident to check for Planning application to head to the West Suffolk Council website. • Community council meeting attendance – We are a trustee on the CC attendance at the CC meeting is lacking. Colin feels we should all take turns in attending the mgn meeting and the CC meeting. 2nd June (Sarah to attend). 4th Aug (Ruth to attend). • E-mail received re solar farm Harram Hill – Public consultation for the works. **AP9 - NC** to put up on notice boards & website.
12.	**Future items on the agenda**
13.	Date of next scheduled meeting to be confirmed as **28th April 2025 – Meeting closed 21:56**

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