

HORSFORD PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Date of Meeting: July 1st.2019

Present: Chris Brown (Chairman) Adrian Scott Joanne Keeler
 Kathryn Clarke Gary Branch Derek Jacks
 Katrina Johnson Sandra Lumbard Deborah Scott
 Virginia Sokalsky

Apologies: Angela Makinson NCC Cllr.Adams, BDC Cllrs. Starling and
Thomas

- a) **Police Report** There was no further detail on the website later than the 17 incidents recorded in April. Chris Brown said that he understood that new beat officers for the area would be announced shortly. After an assault outside the village hall the CCTV system had been of assistance in apprehending and charging the offender.
- b) **County Council Report** In a written report Cllr.Adams referred to the safety measures being taken at the Green Lane roundabout together with a temporary 20mph limit. He also informed members that Holt Road was expected to be re-surfaced in the next two years although this was not guaranteed and that when doing so Highways would repaint the zebra crossings. Members asked the Clerk to enquire whether the Council could fund repainting the railings and posts at the crossings to make them more noticeable.
- c) **BDC Report** Cllr.Thomas had given a written report in which he stated that he had been in discussion with Cripps Developments about traffic management on Holt Road once work started on their site (anticipated in mid-July) and they would ensure that both he and the Council were kept informed. He was also being briefed on land to the west of Horsford in the GNLP submission and would inform the Council when appropriate. Concern was expressed at Broadband speeds in the Memorial Way area and he was in discussion with NCC.
- d) **Planning** No objections were raised to extensions at 277 Holt Road and 15 Columbine Road or to a timber garage at Barn 4, Poplars Farm.
- e) **Allotments** The Clerk reported that the judging panel had inspected the allotments and awarded the trophy for “Best kept allotment” to Mr.Ray Berrisford with Mr.Keith Ruddock placed second and Mr.Dennis Keeler placed third. Twelve other tenants were highly commended. Three had been written to with concern at their overgrown plots and two had responded citing serious illness in the family but wishing to continue and no response had been received from the third. There were two vacant plots at Corner Lane and three at Church Field.
- f) **Full Council**
 1. **Apologies** were noted as above
 2. **Declarations of Interest** were recorded from Chris Brown and Joanne Keeler as members of the HVHMC.
 3. **Minutes** of the meeting on June 10th. were confirmed and signed.
 4. **Reports** The Clerk reported that no resident had offered themselves for co-option. He had received permission to install a dog bin in Drayton Lane and this had been ordered. The bank mandate change had still not been put in place as Barclays had lost some of the paperwork. This would be re-submitted.

5. **Action Plan Working Group** The group had submitted a draft procedure for members to use when assessing planning applications. After some discussion this was agreed in principle and the group would refine this and submit a final version for the Council to adopt. A welcome to new residents would be published in the Horsford News. The Youth engagement project was progressing well but a suitable venue was proving difficult. Projects including additional road crossings and a circular rural path were still under discussion. The Clerk was asked to contact NCC to see if a report on the post-NDR traffic surveys could be given in “laymans terms” and he was also asked to chase NCC on the suitability and cost of “gateway” signs at the entrance to the village. After a lengthy discussion on the proposed toilet provision on the recreation ground it was agreed to accept the proposal by Gary Branch to employ an architect (David Futter) at a cost of £500+VAT to visit site and draw up an initial sketch proposal for consideration and if appropriate to ultimately develop into a full scheme. It was then agreed that a sub-committee consisting of Adrian Scott, Kathryn Clarke, Derek Jacks, Joanne Keeler and Gary Branch would convene to decide on the criteria required and then to meet the architect on site.
6. **Road Names for the Cripps Development** The latest suggestion from Broadland which incorporated names put forward by the developer and the Council was approved
7. **Street Lighting** It was agreed that Footway lighting should be installed at the Cripps development to the same standard as recently adopted by the Council in other areas.
8. **Verge Parking** A complaint from a resident was noted and the matter could possibly be a subject for the Action Plan Group to see if any practical solution could be found.
9. **Parish Partnership Scheme** It was noted that the 50/50 funding scheme was still being operated by NCC for minor highway projects and the closing date was early December.
10. **Correspondence** BDC confirmed that the Primary School (Holt Road site) would not be listed as an asset of community value.
11. **Accounts passed for payment**

Norfolk PTS	Training Course fee	£38.40
J.Graves	Salary & Expenses (1`st.qtr inc PAYE)	£2,810.51
Sprowston YEP	Consultancy Fees	£90.00
12. **Clerk’s and Councillors’ Reports** Concern was expressed at the proposal to use CCTV instead of a barrier for the bus gate in the DW development and the Clerk would seek clarification. Chicanes in Church Street would possibly be a solution to speeding. Long grass at the Haveringland Road junction was affecting visibility for emerging traffic. Dog mess was beginning to be a problem in Green Lane and the Clerk would write to DW homes to see if they could provide bins within their development. Concern was expressed at cyclists emerging on to Dog Lane from the Coltsfoot Road path and the Clerk would ask for barriers. Overhanging trees were becoming a problem in Mill Lane towards the watering pit. Ash die-back disease had been found in trees on the recreation ground which would mean ultimate removal and a further tree overhanging a neighbouring property would also need attention.
13. **Questions from the public** Residents supported any moves to curb speed in Church Street.
14. **Next Meeting** August 5th. 7.15 p.m.