

HORSFORD PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Date of Meeting: December 2nd.2019

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

Apologies: None

Members of the public present spoke about planning applications for Oak View in Church Street and Bungalows in Green Lane and asked that members take these views into consideration when making their observations to the planning authority.

- a) **Police Report** The website indicated that 8 incidents had been recorded in October
- b) **County Council Report** Cllr.Adams reported that he had received confirmation that the gateway signs could be paid for from his members highway allowance. He was asked to chase up resolution of the drainage issues in Dog Lane and Green Lane/Flagcutters Way and also the re-painting of pedestrian crossing railings and beacon poles. Cllr.Adams said that he would be pressing for the current Green Lane roundabout re-alignment plans to be rejected and that the plan should revert back to a roundabout in line with the Holt Road.
- c) **District Council Report** Cllr.Thomas had sent apologies. Cllr.Starling said that the car wash at the garage was in compliance with planning conditions.
- d) **Planning** Sandra Lumbard and Joanne Keeler declared a non pecuniary interest in 20191728 as neighbouring owners and Joanne Keeler and Adrian Scott declared similarly for 20191728 as neighbouring owners.
20191722 Oak View Church Street Members decided that the revised proposals did little to address their concerns and their previous objections should be repeated.
20191728 Bungalows in Green Lane The Council concluded that the previous observations should be repeated and that BDC should adopt a consistent policy for land outside the current development plan boundary. The proposed TROD path was not suitable and a full tarmac path should be specified.
20191809 Oak Lodge Mill Lane The Council had no objection to the extensions.
20190999 304 dwellings east of Holt Road and modified roundabout design. The Council would repeat it's objection to the additional houses. In addition it strongly objected to the revisions in the design of the roundabout which it felt would increase the danger as northbound traffic would have less deviation on Holt Road and was likely to approach faster. A recent accident involving a vehicle entering Flagcutters Way at speed and colliding with a lighting column highlighted the problem with the current layout and this was exacerbated by drainage problems. Evidence supplied by a local resident would be included in the Council's response. The Council would ask that the roundabout be re-constructed in line with Holt Road particularly as agreements had earlier been reached with adjacent landowners to acquire the necessary small pieces of land. Construction should not be protracted and cause the least possible disruption in the area.
- e) **Allotments** The Clerk confirmed that all rents had been received.
- f) **Full Council**
 1. **Apologies** None
 2. **Declarations of Interest** Chris Brown, Joanne Keeler and Angela Makinson as Village Hall committee members plus declarations made on planning as above.
 3. **Minutes** of the November meeting were confirmed and signed.

4. **Reports** The Highway engineer had said that he felt the additional wording on the gateway signs for outbound traffic was an unnecessary expense and that the coloured road surface at that point was no longer provided by the Council. The Clerk would enquire about the additional cost and also that of painting the speed limit on the road so that the Council could make an informed decision. The toilet plan had been submitted for planning approval and the Clerk had consulted two professional advisory services who had confirmed that as a new facility, VAT could be reclaimed before handing over to the VHMC. Fly-tipping in the buffer zone between existing properties and Kingfisher Meadow was the responsibility of DW Homes. No decision had yet been made on the design of Holt Road crossing points associated with the Cripps development. The Clerk had received confirmation of the revised footway lighting costs and a credit note had been received. Costs going forward would be approximately one third of current costs. No response had been received from the owners of the Dog PH on future strategy for the premises.
5. **Outpost** This project would start in January and the Council agreed to release the start up grant of £8,000 subject to regular financial statements being provided.
6. **Welcome Pack** The document developed by Virginia Sokalsky would be added to the website and she would make enquiries about printing costs for copies to be given to new residents.
7. **Cripps Development** The Lighting proposals as submitted were approved.
8. **Play Areas** The Action Plan group had provided members with a feasibility study with costing for a match funded project with Broadland District Council to provide play equipment at Park View amenity area. This was approved and the Council would release £15,000 for this project. The Clerk would enquire whether this should be from S.106 or CIL reserves. Mr.Henry from BDC was present and confirmed that, as it was their amenity area, BDC would place the order and reclaim the VAT and that all future responsibility for maintenance, insurance and inspection would remain with BDC. The Council also earmarked a further £20,000 of reserves for the Coltsfoot and Beckside areas which would be considered once the first project had been completed.
9. **Action Plan Working Group** Projects involving the woodland north west of the village, a circular footpath route, services for older people and a history of the village were under consideration.
10. **Developer's Code of Conduct** A code drawn up by the Action Plan Group was adopted by the Council and would be passed to the Planning Dept. at BDC with a request that this should be considered as a planning condition for future developments.
11. **Precept 2020/21** The Council accepted the recommendations of the Finance Advisory Group and set the precept at £62,472 and increase of 2%.
12. **Correspondence** A request for a delegate for the Norwich Western Link Local Liaison Group was received and Virginia Sokalsky volunteered. The application to list Church Field as an asset of community value had been refused and the Clerk would now contact the land agents once more on the subject of lease extension. The Parish Council website needed to be assessed and if necessary modified to comply with latest Public Sector Bodies legislation. The Clerk had arranged for the consultant who helped design it to carry out this task.

13. **Accounts passed for payment**

SSE	Footway Lighting (inc.VAT)	£331.10
Planning Portal	Planning Application	£256.00
SLCC	Subscription (part)	£112.00
Wave	Corner Lane Water	£80.16
Wave	Church Field Water	£51.72
Sprowston YEP	Consultancy	£84.00

Ashfords	Roundabout work (inc.VAT)	£4,176.00
David Futter	Architectural Fees (inc.VAT)	£1,236.60

- 14. Clerk's and Councillors' Reports** The Clerk was asked to write to NCC to consider a left filter lane at the junction of Brewery Lane and the NDR to alleviate rush hour congestion. Angela Makinson reported on her attendance at well-being seminars and the new medical practice website. A recent article in the EDP suggested that NCC had received no complaints about the traffic congestion linked to the NDR and this would be challenged. Concerns were expressed at recent footpath/cycleway signs on Holt Road that did not appear to be located correctly. Loose manhole covers were reported on Holt Road. Planning enforcement would be asked to look at drainage issues with the Holt Road car wash.
- 15. Questions form the public** Members present re-emphasised the need for lane improvements at junctions with the NDR.
- 16. Next meeting** Monday January 6th. 7.15 p.m.