

HORSFORD PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Date of Meeting: March 5th.2018

Present: Brian Blythe (Chairman) Chris Brown Virginia Sokalsky
Alan Wright Mark Smith Melanie Smith
Neil Medler Joanne Keeler Kathryn Clarke
Malcolm Makins Adrian Scott Gary Branch

Apologies: None

- a) **Police Report** The website recorded that seven crimes had been reported in January
- b) **County Council Report** Cllr.Adams said that plans were in hand for patching or resurfacing the Drayton Lane/Holt Road junction depending on the funding available. The Mill Lane drainage scheme was planned for the second or third quarter of the 18/19 financial year. Drains were working but the capacity to deal with excessive rainfall was the problem. He confirmed that NCC were considering the “no right turn” proposal at the Church Street/Holt Road junction following a formal request from both Horsford and Horsham & Newton St.Faiths.
- c) **District Council Report** Nothing to report
- d) **Planning** No objection was raised to an extension at 36 Mill Lane (Mrs.Sokalsky declared an interest being related to the applicant) No objection was raised to the conversion and extension of a barn at Aerographics, Dog Lane. (Mr.Branch who was the applicant declared an interest and left the room during the discussion).
- e) **Allotments** The tenant who had been given notice had now paid and apologised for late payment due to attending family issues in the north of England.
- f) **Full Council**
 1. **Apologies** None
 2. **Declarations of interest** Chris Brown and Joanne Keeler as HVHMC members and Joanne Keeler as Broadland DC member. Planning declarations recorded as above.
 3. **Minutes** of the meeting on February 5th. were confirmed and signed.
 4. **Reports** the Clerk reported that the two new notice boards had been installed, the bus shelter on Horsbeck Way had been re-glazed, a Neighbourhood Plan inspector had been appointed, Broadland officer would give informal advice on CIL to the Action Plan group and Broadland had rejected the application to make the former Brickmakers PH an Asset of Community Value and that the sale had been completed.
 5. **Greater Norwich Local Plan** The Council determined not to make an overall comment on the numerous sites that had been put forward but to comment on each case as and when they were put forward as a firm application.
 6. **West Broadland Infrastructure Plan** This was supported in all elements that affected Horsford particularly as elements were included in the Neighbourhood Plan.
 7. **Hedges** A suggestion from an allotment tenant that the hedges at Corner Lane were cut twice a year did not find support.
 8. **Business/Action Plan working group** Chris Brown said that three feasibility studies were being undertaken into security at the village hall, toilets for public

use and high-viz jackets for school children. The communications sub-group were anxious to raise the profile of the Parish Council and would start with a group photograph which would be published in the Horsford News. Participation would be optional.

9. **Village Handyman** The Clerk reported that Mr.Skipper had moved away and subsequently passed away. He was asked to advertise in the notice boards and Horsford News for any local handyman with Public Liability Insurance to contact the Clerk if they were available for occasional small tasks.
10. **Correspondence** NCC had confirmed that they would be taking on the task of mowing the Holt Road/Brewery Lane roundabout but would be happy to discuss any plans that the Parish Council might have for taking this on. It was agreed to refer this to the Action Plan group to work up a scheme. Concern was expressed at the state of the village bus shelters and the Clerk was asked to try and find a local pressure washing contractor to undertake this work. Residents living in the Crown Hill development had asked for a grit bin. The Clerk was asked to establish costs and make it an agenda item for a future meeting.

11. **Accounts passed for payment**

SSE	Footway lighting electricity (inc.VAT)	£312.76
Greenbarnes	Two new notice boards (inc.VAT)	£1895.95
NPTS	Training Course Fee (G.Branch)	£45.00
P.Mitchell	Erect two boards, re-glaze shelter (inc.VAT)	£335.00
Wave	Water – Corner Lane allotments	£86.38
Wave	Water – Crown Hill allotments	£58.08

12. **Clerk’s and Councillors’ Reports** The Clerk said that he would be asking Mr.P.Carrick to carry out the internal audit and members approved. A footpath map in Sandy Lane had been badly damaged in recent high winds and he had arranged repair. Malcolm Makins had cancelled the “Tidy Day” due to inclement weather and hoped to re-arrange in the future. The Clerk was asked to contact the Post Office to request a post box on the Butterfly Mill development. Chris Brown said that the cost of tree surgery to cut back branches overhanging from the recreation ground to neighbouring properties would be £250.00 which the Council agreed to pay. The Clerk was asked to investigate fly-tipping on Haveringland Road and near the Watering Pit, overhanging hedges on Pimpernel Way and the bus shelter leaning in Horsbeck Way. Members asked the Clerk to write to NCC registering their extreme concern at the lack of barriers on the slip road from the NDR to the A140

13. **Questions from the public** None