

HORHAM AND ATHELINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish council Meeting held Wednesday 5 December 2018 Old School 7.30pm

1. The Chairman welcomed those present
APOLOGIES: No apologies for absence received.

PRESENT Cllrs. Hav Wilkins (chairman), Keith Hawes, Pip Florance, Christine Cooper, Jill Peters. District Cllr Mrs Gibson-Harries, County Councillor Guy McGregor. A member of the public.

2. REPORTS – District Councillor Mrs E Gibson-Harries - Mrs Gibson-Harries had looked at the plans for the improvements on A140 and was concerned over the round-about at Yaxley (hospital) Road. There is still some 106 money left in the ward. The Old School Social Club is in need of a dishwasher (glasses) Mrs Gibson-Harries said there was £500 available in her locality budget which needs to be spent by 31 December, There is no sign of the land opposite Manor Park being sold in the near future

County Councillor Guy McGregor - Mr McGregor said that as we were still interested he will take to CC (Mark Stevens) the possibility of changes to make it safer at the T- junction at end of the street.

It was suggested by Mr McGregor that Speed Activated Signs (VAS) maybe possible if the PC would be willing to contribute to the cost.

It is likely that half million pounds will be taken out of the bus funding, with the 482 service under threat. Budget restraints will be tight for 2019.

3. MINUTES of meeting held 26 September 2018 were signed by the chairman

4. MATTERS ARISING Local Council Public Advisory Service -Cllr Peters distributed the hand outs pertaining to *By Laws & Public Nuisance and Public Right of Way* she attended last August. Cllr Peters said she found the course most interesting and informative. She also asked if Jayne Cole CEO of LCPAS would be willing to come to speak to us – The charge is £150 or to subscribe to LCPAS for £100 per year plus £50 to meet he cost of attending.

Silent Silhouettes - Perspex cut outs made by Cllrs Cooper and Wilkins were placed in St Mary's Church and Baptist Church to mark the Anniversary of end of WWI in November.

5. CORRESPONDENCE – Local Green Spaces Policy Urgent action is need to establish a Local Green Spaces policy. National policy supports the designation of Local Green Spaces as a way for communities to protect area of land they value highly and save them from speculative developers. Land identified in Horham is the recreation field owned by Horham Village Hall Trust/Community Council.

Suffolk Minerals & Waste Local Plan – Consultation on the draft plan is open until 17 December
Mid Suffolk & Babergh D.C. Home Strategy is open for consultation until 7 December. Houses are needed for young/first time buyers.

SALC – Payroll Service Level Agreement – between the Parish Council and SALC was signed and returned.

6. HIGHWAYS - TVAS Councillors agreed that the suggestion by SCC highways to have Temporary Vehicle Activated Signs (TVAS) deployed by their contractor at an agreed site for two weeks, two or three time per year was not much help and something more permanent would be better.

C535 Worlingworth Road will be closed for road maintenance between 17-21 December 7am-4.30pm.

7. PLANNING

Application DC/18/04845 - Application for lawful development certificate (existing) use or operating or activity including those in breach of a planning condition. Little Meadow Farm, Stradbroke Road, Horham. **PC object**

Between Meetings (1) – DC/18/04801 Re submission for Outline Planning Permission for two detached dwellings with access to be considered on land opposite Wheatcrofts, The Street, Horham, (permission refused by MS in an earlier application) **PC refused**

(2) Application DC/18/03546 – Erection of rear single storey rear extension, The Lodge, Stradbroke Road, Horham **MS Granted**

(3) Application DC/18/04845 – Application for Lawful Development Certificate (Existing) at Little Meadow Farm, Stradbroke Road, Horham **PC Refused**

Under current legislation Permitted Development for larger extension to houses must be completed by 31 May 2019. There is a current MHCLG consultation which proposes to make this PD permanent. It is quite likely that the PD rights will be made permanent but advice from District Council is not to rely on that expectation until such time as legislation is made.

8. FINANCE – Bank balances - Current a/c £2888.04 - Business Premium a/c £101.80
- NSI £885.21

Cheque received from Suffolk and Essex Water £50 made payable to the clerk has been deposited in Parish Council account.

Elections Mid Suffolk has sent an indicative estimate of likely charges for the elections between £104.78 for and uncontested election and £1,006.53 for contested election.

Payments – The following payments were approved. Proposed by Cllr. Pip Florance, seconded by Cllr Christine Cooper.

Mr H Wilkins – fuel for mower	£11.63
Mr H Wilkins - bin liners for dog bin	£3.00
Community Action Suffolk for website	£60.00

Precept – In view of the forthcoming elections next May the Council agreed to increase the amount of precept by £1,000.00 to cover these costs (with possible adjustments in 2020/21). A Precept will be made on Mid Suffolk District Council of £3,000.00 Proposed by Cllr Keith Hawes seconded by Cllr Jill Peters .

9. MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS

Cllrs Peters and Florance enquired if money held by District and County Councillors would be available for security surveillance at the Old School.

10. MEETINGS DATES 2019

Wednesdays - 6 March – 22 May - 17 July - 25 September - 27 November
Parish Meetings – Wednesday 24 April

As there was no other business the meeting was closed at 9.20pm

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