

## HORHAM AND ATHELINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held Wednesday 7 March 2018 in the Old School 7.30pm

1. The Chairman welcomed those present.

APOLOGIES for absence received from Cllr Christine Cooper (illness), Cllr Lawrence Weaver

PRESENT – Cllrs Hav Wilkins (chairman), Keith Hawes (vice-chairman) Pip Florance, Jill Peters, Angela Wilkins (clerk) District Cllr Mrs E Gibson-Harries, County Cllr G McGregor.

2. REPORTS- District Councillor Mrs Gibson-Harries – Mid Suffolk has received a Silver Award for best council in the county to live. Police Mobile Speed camera in village recently, it was noted that speeding was still an issue. Mrs Gibson-Harries said if the PC were interested in purchasing a ‘flashing speed sign’ she had money towards the cost available. The clerk has been looking into costings and this is likely to be in excess of three thousand pounds.

County Councillor Guy McGregor - Mr McGregor was asked if he received any payment for his role as a County Councillor in reply he said he wasn’t paid a salary but was reimbursed for his expenses. New library facilities are to be built in Eye, cost to be covered by demolition of the old building and construction of two new houses on old site.

*School Transport* – Suffolk County Council is reviewing proposals to change school and post 16 travel from September 2019. Suffolk County Council is now finding it difficult to fund school and post 16 travel service because it is not capable of meeting needs of growing demand by new housing and schools. Also the increasing transport needs for those with special educational needs and disabilities. Mr McGregor is suggesting no change to post-16 transport.

*Alterations to Junction* – Mr McGregor said he will look into the alterations he suggested last year to the junction with Hoxne Road at western end of the street (B1117). The PC are greatly in favour as this would help to improve road safety

The contract at the Power Station in Eye has been awarded to Drax.

3. MINUTES of the meeting held 22 November 2017 were approved and signed by the Chairman

4. ARISING FROM MINUTES - Telephone Kiosk - Work continues on kiosk panels as and when time allows.

5. VACANCY – The vacancy on the council left by Celia Morphett was advertised as a casual vacancy. As yet no one has put their name forward to be considered

Councillor Lawrence Weaver tendered his resignation (by letter) to Parish Council due to ill health. The Chairman had personally thanked Mr Weaver for his help and support and dedication to the Council during his time in office and wished him well for the future.

6. CORRESPONDENCE -

Donation Request -Letters of requests for Donations towards their work have been received from the following charities:

- Age UK - Borderhoppa - Suffolk Accident Rescue Service (SARS) -

It was proposed a donation be made to SARS of £50 proposed by Pip Florance seconded Keith Hawes all in favour.

Hartisemere Health and Care are arranging an event to look around their new Equipment Clinic and talk to Occupational Therapists about their work on 26 March. 11am -2.00pm

The new Clinic will open as a drop-in on Mondays between 10am -4pm to those who have been assessed as needing simple equipment to help them with their every day needs.

Suffolk Constabulary – Suffolk Neighbourhood Team Newsletter – No reported crimes locally

GDPR – comes into force 25 May the clerk is looking into how this will effect us and what measures we need to take to comply.

7. HIGHWAY MATTERS – Notice has been served that B1117 (The Street) will be closed from 12 – 16 March to connect the new houses to the sewer. The Chairman contacted Highways asking if it was necessary to close the road and couldn't temporary lights be used. He was informed that the carriageway was too narrow at this point for the use of traffic lights with a width of 6.3 meters as the minimum width for a running lane must be at least 3.25 meters for safety reasons.

#### 8. PLANNING

Between Meetings – Application DC/17/05473 Conversion of and extension to single storey outbuilding to for one dwelling. The Homestead, The Street, Horham (new consultation- amended description of proposal) **PC Support**

Application DC/18/00329 Change of use from residential annexe to separate dwelling, Rose Farm, Athelington Road Horham **PC Support**

Application DC/17/04943 Proposed residential development for 7 dwellings with construction of new vehicular access. Land opposite Manor Park, Worlingworth Road Horham. This application was referred to planning committee scheduled for 31 January -postponed due to further documentation received. Re-scheduled to be heard 28 February – postponed due to weather. New date yet to be fixed.

#### 9. FINANCE

Risk Assessment – Financial Risk Assessment drawn up by the clerk was presented to the council for comment and approval. It was proposed this be accepted by Keith Hawes seconded Jill Peters.

Bank Balances held – current a/c £2089.48 (including recycling credit £133.21)  
NSI £885.21 - Business Premium a/c £101.65

Payments – The following payments were approved – Proposed by Pip Florance seconded Keith Hawes

Horham and Athelington Village Hall Fund (Hire of Old School for meetings)	£52.00
Mrs A Wilkins - Clerk's salary	£695.00
Mrs A Wilkins - Clerk's Expenses	£23.53
SALC - Payroll	£21.60
Suffolk Accident Rescue Service – Donation	£50.00

10. REGISTER Of Members Interest – Councillors will shortly be required to update their details.

11. MATTERS Raised by Councillors - No matters were raised

12. PARISH MEETING – Wednesday 25 April 2018 - Mrs Gibson-Harries has arranged for a Planning Officer to attend.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Annual Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 23 May 2018

As there was no further business the meeting closed 9.35pm