

HORHAM AND ATHELINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held Wednesday 26 September 2018 Old School 7.30pm

1. The Chairman welcomed those present

APOLOGIES for absence received from District Cllr Mrs Gibson-Harries.

PRESENT Cllrs Hav Wilkins (chairman), Keith Hawes, Christine Cooper, Pip Florance, Jill Peters

2. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN – Jill Peters proposed Keith Hawes seconded by Pip Florance. No other nominations proposed and Mr Hawes accepted the office of vice-chairman.

3. REPORTS - No reports received from District Councillor Mrs Gibson-Harries or from County Councillor McGreggor.

4. MINUTES of meeting held 18 July 2018 were signed by the chairman.

5. MATTERS ARISING – Tree Warden – Cllr Hawes is prepared to continue to serve as tree warden. PCSO Meeting held in Fressingfield was attended by Cllrs Hav Wilkins and Christine Cooper. Due to funding cuts in Suffolk there is a reduction of PCSO's throughout the county, and Fressingfield invited the surrounding parish councils to consider whether joint funding would be possible to fund a PCSO for the parishes in the area. The annual cost of a PCSO would be £34,000 for a 37 hour week plus £3,300 for car, the contract would be for a minimum of two years. Discussion took place at Fressingfield on how parishes of different sizes could contribute towards this cost and the frequency of the attendance of a PCSO in each parish could be calculated. It became clear to Cllr Wilkins and Cooper that the small contribution we would be able to make to such a scheme would be incompatible with providing any worthwhile cover to the parishes of Horham and Athelington. Some positivity did come from the meeting however that by October 2018 the number of PC's in the county would increase from 62 to 159.

Local Council Public Advisory Service Courses - Cllr Jill Peters attended three short courses at the LCPAS offices in Bury St Edmunds in August on the subjects of *Public Nuisance and By-Laws, Village Greens and Common Lands, Rights of Way & Byways*. Mrs Peters gave Councillors an account of the talks which she found extremely interesting, also with knowledge gained should be helpful to PC in the future.

6. CORRESPONDENCE – Local Government Boundary Commission - Electoral review of Mid Suffolk final recommendations. The changes proposed will be implemented – subject to parliamentary approval – at the May 2019 local elections. MSDC -Liaison meeting to be held Tuesday 9 October 10am – 12.15pm at Needham Market Community Centre.

Mail Scam – Royal Mail are seeking help in raising awareness of scam mail. Should anyone be concerned that someone you know is in receipt of scam mail to contact Royal Mail on 08000113466 Information poster on notice board. MDSC – Gambling act 2005 Statement of Principles revision consultation. The consultation is open for comments until 12 October 2018. SCC Highways- New grit bin review for supply and filling of grit bins in the county. The provision of grit heaps can no longer be supported as there are concerns of their effectiveness. They can damage the environment due to the leaching of salt into the highway verges and the underlying groundwater and watercourses, Material for these heaps will not be provided any more by Suffolk Highways. The Parish Council has two grit bins, the clerk will check these and request them be filled if required.

7. HIGHWAYS – Water Leak from burst pipe on C535 Worlingworth Road. The Clerk wrote to Essex and Suffolk Water stating it took the water company four days to instigate a repair. Essex and Suffolk Water replied giving the reasons for the delay as lack of staff at weekends (when the leak occurred) and to carry out a risk assessment. It was deemed necessary to arrange traffic management to allow their technicians to work safely. When they are granted permission from the local authority they have limited time to carry out the work and once completed the traffic management company then arrange to have the lights removed. As the PC did not receive a response to our email within ten working days, under their Guaranteed Standards of Service we are entitled to a payment of £50.00.

Hedges – Notice sent to each household asking them to inspect hedges and verges on the footway/roadside of their property and to cut/trim back if necessary as the PC had received complaints from road users and pedestrians due to lack of visibility. Bernard Ryan kindly delivered these notices to each household in both villages.

Road Closure – The B1117 was closed earlier this month between Denham Rd junction and Coldham Hill to enable bridge improvements at Grove Farm Bridge – Traffic was diverted via Denham Road.

8. PLANNING -

Application DC/18/02466 - Outline planning for two detached dwellings with access to be considered on land opposite Wheatcrofts, The Street, Horham. **MS Refused**

Application DC/18/02811 – Erection of one two storey dwelling and garage with vehicular access at Barnacre Worlingworth Road, Horham **MS Granted**

Application DC/18/03546 – Erection of rear single storey extension. The Lodge, Stradbroke Road, Horham. **PC Support**

9. SILENT SILHOUETTES – Commemorating one hundred years since the end WW1 – This was discussed and councillors said as this had already been raised by the Community Council. with a suggestion Jamie Moyes be asked to consider making one to be displayed within the village.

10. FINANCE- Bank balances Current a/c £2865.79 (includes precept £999.99, recycling credit £152.34) – Business Premium £101.75 - NSI £88.21

PAYMENTS – The following payment was approved. Proposed by Cllr Christine Cooper seconded by Cllr Pip Florance.

Local Council Public Advisory Service – Course - £120.00

11. MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS -

Cllr Cooper said an alarm system for Old School does not meet criteria from Mid Suffolk amenity funds.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING was confirmed for 28 November 2018

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