

HORHAM AND ATHELINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held Wednesday 20 July 2016 in the Old School 7.30pm

1. APOLOGIES for absence received from Suffolk County Councillor Guy McGregor
PRESENT – Cllrs Hav Wilkins (chairman); Pip Florance; Lawrence Weaver; Christine Cooper; Celia Morphett; Angela Wilkins (clerk) Mrs Elizabeth Gibson-Harries. Cllr Jill Peters did not attend.
2. REPORTS – District Council – Mrs Gibson Harries reported that Mid Suffolk and Babergh Council leaders have put forward a suggestion that the two councils move from their current offices in Needham market and Hadleigh into Suffolk County Councils headquarters Endeavour House Ipswich effectively taking both councils outside of their districts. (Letter to MSDC)
Connect is a new system set up within M.S. which shows the performance of each Department. There are concerns over the Old School House in Redlingfield. Planning requires a survey be undertaken to see if the building can be restored or be re-built. Housing allocation within the district is to be reviewed.
3. MINUTES of meeting held 18 May 2016 previously distributed were signed by the Chairman.
4. MATTERS ARISING – The Chairman attended the Liaison meeting at MSDC offices 9 June. The One day Emergency First Aid at Work course organised by SALC for 16 June was cancelled due to lack of support – Cllr Weaver had been due to attend.
5. TIDYING THE VILLAGE - The recent wet weather followed by warmer conditions has caused extra growth to hedges and grass verges with reduced visibility to both road users and pedestrians. Mrs Gibson-Harries offered to deliver leaflets to each property asking householders to inspect their hedges/verges and take any necessary action
6. CORRESPONDENCE –Devolution consultation starts today and people across Norfolk and Suffolk are being asked for their views on a proposed devolution deal and associated governance arrangements for the two counties. Councillors discussed the proposal and agreed not to support the provision of a mayor. It was agreed to comment to this effect.
£106 fund - the Old School Committee would like to access the fund to provide a fold-back door on the Gents to make the outside area more accessible.
The Local Councillor - Waste Recycling Centres – from 1st June the opening hours at Household Waste Recycling Centres have been extended. Visit www.greensuffolk.org/recycling/HWRC to find opening times.
Roadside grass cutting Suffolk Highways plan to cut rural grass verges on B class road from week beginning 11 July. Work will take approximately two weeks.
MSDC Call for Sites from 18 July to 26 August 2016 Landowners can register land within the district to be considered for housing, employment, community facilities, open space or other uses.
7. HIGHWAYS AND HEDGES - Pound Lane has been trimmed at Horham end
8. TELEPHONE KIOSK PROGRESS REPORT - The kiosk has been painted outside, now at the design stage. A meeting is due to take place shortly to discuss the designs for each panel.

9. PLANNING –

Application 2435/16 -The Homestead, The Street, Horham. Conversion of existing single storey building and extending in one and half storeys to create a three bedroom dwelling. **PC approve**

Application 0108/16 -Use of land for siting the marquee for holding events between 1 May and 30 September. Athelington Hall ,Horham Road, Athelington. **MSDC granted**

Application 0110/16 - Continuing use of meadow for holding 3 camping evens during June/July/August. Athelington Hall, Horham Road, Athelington. **MSDC granted**

Application 1966/16 - Alterations to first floor bedroom windows at Grove Farm, Southolt Road, Athelington. **Listed Building approval**

10. FINANCE The internal audit has been completed by Helen Bartholomew and there were no issues arising within the accounts. The Annual Return and supporting paperwork has been completed and sent to BDO

Bank balances held:-current a/c £1,314.83 – Business Premium a/c £101.61 – NSI £875.80
VAT claim £20.20

PAYMENTS – The following payments were approved and paid – proposed by Cllr Celia Morphett seconded by Cllr Pip Florance

MSDC – Bin emptying £36.00 (approved last meeting)

Helen Bartholomew – Internal audit £30.00

Hav Wilkins – Fuel for mower £21.67

J. Lawes (Bacton) – Ply wood for Kiosk £63.00

11. MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS – Cllr Celia Morphett suggested that Horham hold an ‘open gardens’ event to raise funds.

Website is almost ready to go live next month. ‘Events in Horham’ calendar - Cllr Cooper offered to set up a village dates calendar.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING was confirmed for 21 September 2016.

Cllr Pip Florance gave advance apologies for not being able to attend the next meeting.

As there was no further business the meeting closed 9.35pm