

HORHAM AND ATHELINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held Wednesday 20 September 2017 in the Old School 7.30pm

1. APOLOGIES – None

PRESENT – Cllrs: Hav Wilkins (chairman), Keith Hawes (vice chairman), Christine Cooper, Pip Florance, Lawrence Weaver, Celia Morphett, Jill Peters, Angela Wilkins (clerk), Mrs E Gibson-Harries (District Councillor), Guy McGregor (Suffolk County Councillor)

2. REPORTS – County Council – Mr McGregor said that the budget would increase by 2% in 2018/19. Local bus services were under threat due to rising costs and that the County Council were doing all it could to maintain services. School Transport was under review and issues with post 16 provision – subsidies for low income families. New Library facilities in Eye - funding will come from the sale of existing site. Old Paddock House site usage has been delayed for 6 months. A140- Improvements are due to be carried out to the Junction at Broome. Mr McGregor said he was in discussions with highways to change the C520 junction with B1117 to a T-junction instead of the present arrangement.

District Council – Mrs Gibson-Harries reported the awaited move is now underway with the offices re-locating to Endeavour House, Ipswich from 1st October. The new District Councillor for Eye has called a meeting for 17 October on Hartisemere Hospital being under used. New housing is needed in villages if suitable land can be found. Cllr Cooper said there is already pressure on the infrastructure with Doctors surgeries and schools unable to cope with extra population.

3. MINUTES of meeting held 19 July 2017 were signed by the Chairman

4. MATTERS ARISING – There were no matters arising.

5. CORRESPONDENCE – Police – PC Dan Peck has joined Eye Police Station. Steven Long continues as PCSO. UK Power Networks – are holding a Roadshow in Colchester on 2nd October 9-12.30pm, Parish Council are invited to attend. SALC – Mid Suffolk North area meeting 21 September, Eye Town Hall 7.00 -9.00pm. The Oil-Club has launched an oil buying club for Eye and surrounding area. For more details WWW.Oil-club.co.uk

The Local Councillor –

Reform of Data Protection Legislation – will come into force in May 2018. Councils are required to appoint a Data Protection Officer SALC will be supporting councils through the introduction of GDPR. Rubbish Government's Litter Strategy. Litter is an 'avoidable problem' more emphasis will be put on caring for the local environment. Higher penalties will be imposed for littering and fly-tipping, intelligent 'binrastructure' and a changed approach to Community Payback clean-ups.

MSDC on the move – Mid Suffolk and Babergh are moving their headquarters from Needham Market to Suffolk County Council offices at Endeavour House Ipswich from 1 October 2017. A Contact point for MS residents will be at 54 Ipswich Street Stowmarket from 9am-5pm Mon – Thurs and 9am-4.30pm Fri closed public holidays.

6. TELEPHONE KIOSK – Work on the kiosk is moving slowly, more progress will be made shortly with designs being drawn up.

7. HIGHWAYS MATTERS- Cllr Weaver reported the pot hole opposite Thorp Hall Road to SCC Highways which has been repaired. Potholes opposite Ivy House Athelington C535 (clerk will report). Hedges along Stradbroke Road between the Rectory and the Lodge are overgrown and protrude on to the carriageway. The clerk was asked to put a piece in the magazine asking property owners to trim their hedges back which front the carriageway in the interest of pedestrian and road safety. This was effective last year when a similar request was made by PC.

8. PLANNING – Decision Notice – application 1797/17 Erection of building for use as a commercial dairy and retail use at Little Meadow Farm, Horham. **MSDC Granted**

Pre-application - (to be submitted to Mid Suffolk on 29 September 2017) Land opposite Manor Park with proposal for Residential Development of Seven Detached Dwellings with construction of new vehicular access. The Parish Council would welcome any small development in the village but would like to see built more, smaller 2/3 bed affordable dwellings than is currently proposed. As the application stands the PC would be unlikely to support this.

9. FINANCE – Second precept payment of £650 has been received from MSDC. Recycling claim Payments– The following payments were approved and paid – proposed by Cllr Pip Florance seconded Cllr Christine Cooper

Hav Wilkins –fuel for mower £11.82

Bank balances held - current a/c £1,464.54 Business Premium a/c £101.62 – NSI £ 881.06

VAT credit of £31.14 received - Recycling credit £133.21 applied for.

10. ACCOUNTS – The Annual Return and audit has been completed and signed off for 2016/17. There were no issues arising from either the internal or external auditor. This was the last year BDO is to act as auditors new arrangements will be made for next year.

11. MATTERS Raised BY COUNCILLORS –

Cllr Celia Morphett remarked that she had noticed ‘Hybrid’ signs placed on the triangle at the top end of Street also at the turning for Coldham Hill Denham. These appear to be home made illegal signs. The clerk will contact highways.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING confirmed for Wednesday 22 November 2016

As there was no further business the meeting closed 9.15pm