

## HORHAM AND ATHELINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held Wednesday 2 March 2016 in the Old School 7.30pm

### 1. APOLOGIES –None

PRESENT – Cllr's Hav Wilkins (chairman); Keith Hawes (vice-chairman); Christine Cooper; Pip Florance; Lawrence Weaver; Celia Morphett; District Cllr Mrs Elizabeth Gibson-Harries;

2. REPORTS District Council – Mrs Gibson-Harries informed us that Suffolk's Public Sector Leaders have unanimously agreed to take up to 200 Syrian refugees in the next five years. The Old School has benefited from her locality budget. As a dog walker she had noted that the hedge bordering Denham Road junction top of Horham Street has grown to the extent that visibility is restricted to the pedestrian and the driver. The clerk agreed to write to Mr Gerald Cooper asking if he could trim the hedge back. However there is considerable doubt to whether Mr Cooper now owns this hedge. She informed the council that a number of parishes are intending to have a clean-up ready for the Queen's birthday in April. It is noted that some of the roadside signs are difficult to read as they are grubby.

A representative from Frambroad (a private company) spoke to the councillors about their intention to erect at Stanway green in Wilby. When planning permission had been obtained, residents of Horham and Athelington could purchase their services to improve broadband connectivity.

It was decided to sign up to "Better broadband for Suffolk" and invite them to come and give a presentation at our Annual Parish Meeting.

3. MINUTES of meeting held 26 November 2015 were distributed and signed by the chairman with amendments regarding speed data recorder, magazine insertion regarding bonfires, and the signing up to onesuffolk website. As he was not at the previous meeting Cllr Hawes enquired about the suspected biomass/manure on land off Church Lane.

4. MATTERS ARISING – The clerk informed the council that she had registered the parish on the "onesuffolk" web site.

5. The advertisement to notify the public of a casual vacancy on the parish council resulted in one applicant; Mrs Jill Peters, Lodge Cottage. The council agreed to Co-op Mrs Peters and invite her to the next parish council meeting.

### 6. MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS.

a) Cllr Morphett asked the clerk if she could provide a more detailed agenda. The clerk said she would provide more detail where possible, but pointed out that some items may not be included if they arrive after the distribution of the agenda.

b) Cllr Morphett reinforced that small parishes should publish full and informative agendas not later than three days before the relevant meeting. The clerk distributes agendas to councillors one week before the meeting.

c) Cllr Morphett reminded the council of the Transparency Code for small councils.

d) Relating to the visit from Frambroadband the chairman said that any opportunity for residents to choose improvement to their connections is beneficial. Councillor Cooper pointed out that the costs of the connection could be prohibitive to some on limited incomes.

e) The Chairman reported that Peter Fisk is making good progress with the refurbishment of the telephone kiosk /information booth. Councillor Florance said the designs for the interior were in hand.

6. CORRESPONDENCE – The clerk had received correspondence from the clerk of Redlingfield parish meeting regarding a question about the reports from, and attendance of PCSOs to parish council meetings. She had received conflicting answers from the police and Tim Passmore.

Suffolk Walking Year- The clerk explained the facility available to the parish to take part in this event. It was felt that the limitation of one guide once that we should engage our neighbouring parishes to make best use of the offer. The clerk was asked to contact other clerks to facilitate this.

SALC meeting -The clerk informed the councillors that this was to take place at Eye Town hall on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March.

Dog Fouling- A letter from Maryanne Cartwright pointed out the amount of dog fouling on the footpath adjacent to her home. She points out that there is only one “dog bin” at the community centre. With the installation and maintenance costs involved the council feel unable to install any further bins. The clerk agreed to write to Mrs Cartwright and explain the situation.

EACH- A letter requesting a donation to the charity was discussed. The Councillors decide not to make a donation on this occasion.

New Reeding Woods- A letter requesting a donation to the maintenance and running costs of the woods was considered. A proposal for a donation of £25 was made by Councillor Weaver and seconded by Councillor Cooper. There was some disagreement however when put the vote the proposal was carried.

7. HIGHWAY MATTERS – Water is not draining from the carriageway at the Thickthorn Farm/ Athelington road junction. The clerk will contact the Highways Department.

8. PLANNING -The following applications were discussed

The following application was discussed between meetings.

3669/15 Little Meadow Farm, Stradbroke Rd, Horham. Agricultural shed for storage and goat breeding. PC Approved

0051/16 The Granary, Lodge Farm. The addition of two ledged and braced doors to cart lodge. PC Approved, MSDC Approved

The councillors requested the clerk to enquire if the ground mounted solar panels at Dove House require planning permission.

10. FINANCE/PAYMENTS - A Financial Risk Assessment drawn up by the clerk was presented to the council for approval. It was proposed this be accepted by Keith Hawes seconded Pip Florance.

Bank balances held @ 31 December 2015 £2865.79 (NS 875.80, C/A 1888.40 Business Saver 101.59)

The following payments were approved - Proposed by Keith Hawes seconded by Christine Cooper

Mrs A Wilkins (Clerk’s Expenses 2014-15) £14.09

Mrs A Wilkins (Clerk’s Salary 2015-16) £625.00

New Reedings Wood Group (donation) £25.00

Horham & Athelington Village Hall Fund (Old School for meetings) £52.00

11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING was confirmed for 18 May 2016 - Annual Parish Meetings 20 April 2016. The council were informed that the date of the November meeting was changed to 23 November.

As there was no further business the meeting closed 9.55pm

Unapproved