

# **HORHAM AND ATHELINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of the Parish Council Meeting held on November 5, 2019 at 7.30pm in Horham Community Centre

<b>PRESENT</b>	Cllrs Elizabeth Gibson-Harries, Jasen Jeffrey, Bill Craig, Jacques Groen, April Groen, Rod Caird (Clerk) and four members of the public. The County and District Councillors were unable to attend.
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**1/051119 Apologies and approvals of absence**

Paul Hambling and Tom Wright had sent their apologies and their absence was approved.

**2/051119 Declarations of Interest and dispensations requested**

None

**3/051119 Approval of the draft Minutes of the meetings held on September 3 and October 17, 2019**

The Minutes were approved.

**4/051119 Members of the public are invited to give their views and question the Parish Council on issues on the agenda. Reports may be presented by the District and County Councillors**

It was noted that the scoping applications for large-scale chicken sheds in Horham and Southolt had been withdrawn. It was felt that collaboration between neighbouring parishes in opposing these plans had been highly successful. It was hoped that Mid Suffolk will listen to arguments presented to them as part of the consultation on the draft Local Plan, so that the consequences and implications of large-scale industrial and economic development can be effectively considered and controlled.

**5/051119 To consider updates on current planning applications**

There were no further planning updates.

**6/051119 To discuss the current consultation on division boundaries for Suffolk County Council**

It was not felt necessary to offer any comments

**7/051119 To discuss an update on the proposed purchase of a Speed Indicator device (SID)**

Installation of the requested posts is awaited.

**8/051119 To confirm the position of the Horham noticeboard**

It was agreed the noticeboard should either be at the bus stop or by the shop. The shop would be consulted and a decision made.

**9/051119 To consider a budget proposal for 2020/21 and appointment of internal auditors for 2019/20**

It was agreed by majority vote to appoint SALC as auditors for 2019/20.

The draft budget for 2020/21 was tabled and would be confirmed at the January meeting in order to set the precept for 2020/21.

**10/051119 To receive a Financial Report from the Clerk, including any payments due**

A bank reconciliation was presented and the figures confirmed with the published bank statement. It was agreed the NSI account should be updated for two Parish Council signatories and used as a deposit facility for as much of the Council's funds as possible in order to earn interest.

It was agreed to check with Mid Suffolk about the costs if any of emptying the bin next to the phone box.

Payments were made to Rod Caird (storage facility, £57.55) and Community Action Suffolk (website hosting, £60.00)

Payments were made under sections 111 and 112 of the Local Government Act 1972.

**11/051119 Correspondence and urgent matters to be brought to the attention of the Parish Council**

Serious concern was expressed at the cancellation of the 482 bus service, which leaves Horham with no scheduled public transport – the Saturday service having been discontinued in August. The Clerk will contact the County Councillor to pursue this further.

Consideration should be given to development of a Neighbourhood Plan for Horham and Athelington and this would be a future Agenda item.

It was agreed to consider further the availability of grants for the installation of outdoor fitness equipment.

The next meeting is on January 7, 2020 at 7.30pm.