

HORRINGER-cum-ICKWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on Monday, 20th October 2025

In Horringer Community Centre small meeting room at 7.30pm

Members of Horringer-cum-Ickworth Parish Council are invited to attend the above meeting.

Councillors Present: Colin Knight, Peter Crofts, Rob Brooks, Tom Lewis, Ian Frost, Sarah Levett, Karen Soons – left at 8pm.

Also Present: Nicola Calder (Administrator)

MINUTES

1.	Record Councillors' Apologies for absence <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Council to receive apologies for absence.b) Council to consent to accept apologies received.
2.	Declarations of Interest & requests for Dispensations <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) To receive declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests, other registerable interests and non-registerable interests as detailed in Appendix B of the LGA Model Code of Conduct for the Agenda under discussion.b) To receive notification of gifts of hospitality exceeding £50.c) To note the determination of requests for dispensations in accordance with Council's Dispensation Policy. <p>Ian Frost – We received a Grant application from Janice Frost married to Ian Frost.</p>
3.	To consider the Approval of the Minutes of the Last Meeting – 15th September 2025 as previously circulated – Peter Crofts & Tom Lewis.
4.	Democratic 15 minutes Public Question Time – NONE ATTENDED <p>Residents are invited to give their views and question the Parish Council on issues on this agenda or raise issues for future consideration at the discretion of the Chairman. The formal Parish Council meeting will follow.</p>
5.	Review Action Points from the last meeting – as previously circulated <ul style="list-style-type: none">• AP1 – TL Find a site for a new post and find out cost. Remove• AP2 – TL & CK to put an article together for the Bury Free Press. - Done• Dropped kerbs could be applied for under this. AP3 – NC to apply - Done• E-mail re speeding on B1066 between Shapes Lane & A143 junction. A comment could be added to the consultation of the Hospital. AP4 – CK to reply to resident - Done• SCC / Police should review and discuss future progress on ANPR and speeding enforcement. AP1 – TL To write and raise it with them• The signs in the village are very overgrown – call for volunteers to help clear them. AP2 – NC To advertise.• Request for a volunteer to look after the Play area - Carry forward. AP7 – NC To advertise. – Done Brad Young• Precept bids for financial year 2026/27 – AP8 – NC to send round forms for bids. - Done• To discuss e-mail re speeding from Moulton & Lidgate. – AP9 – TL/NC to follow up – TL/PC to attend. - Done• To discuss e-mail re Solar farm proposal. – Reply AP10 – NC not appropriate to add any more. - Done• To discuss e-mail re speeding on Westley Lane. – we will continue to lobby via the NHP and PC to tackle the traffic issues. AP11 – PC to draft - Done

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> E-mail re parking — AP12 – NC Reply with letter saying that SCC highways. - Done R Walker resignation – We should thank her for the years of commitment to the PC. AP13 – NC to draft letter & present. - Done
6.	<p>Planning Application – All reviewed and no comment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DC/25/0573/HH (Householder planning application – part two storey and part first floor side extension) - amendments to approved plans - 17 Meadow Drive DC/25/1513/HH Householder planning application - two storey side and single storey rear extension (following demolition of single storey structure to side elevation) 16 Holly Close DC/25/1512/VAR - variation of condition 2 of DC/25/0573/HH (Householder planning application – part two storey and part first floor side extension) - amendments to approved plans - 17 Meadow Drive DC/25/1515/TPO - TPO 312 (2001) tree preservation order - one horse chestnut (T1 on plan, T8 on order) fell - High Trees 2 Sharps Green DC/25/1538/LB - Application for listed building consent - a. reconfigured basement spa rooms to ladies toilets, b. existing basement guest toilets reconfigured to gents toilets, c. existing basement kitchen reconfigured as pizza kitchen, d. insertion of matching glazed screens to basement corridor and storage cupboards, e. relocated screen and acoustic lining to function/cinema ceiling, f. reinstatement of blocked up basement window for staff canteen, g. service courtyard ground mounted air handling plant, h. existing ground floor guest toilets and stores reconfigured for pastry kitchen and cold stores, i. existing ground floor kitchen refurbished and reconfigured and j. replacement of accessibility ramp - Ickworth House, Ickworth Hotel Ickworth Park Horringer DC/25/1599/HH - Householder planning application - a. two storey side extension (following demolition of existing garage and door) and b. single storey rear extension - 10 Hawthorn Drive DC/25/1439/FUL - Planning application - refurbishment and conversion of Chaise and Pool Buildings, relocation of East Wing basement treatment rooms, renovation and reconfiguration of changing rooms, installation of sauna and associated plant room - Ickworth House, Ickworth Hotel DC/25/1440/LB - Application for Listed Building Consent - refurbishment and conversion of Chaise and pool buildings, relocation of East wing basement treatment rooms, renovation and reconfiguration of changing rooms, installation of sauna and associated plant room - Ickworth House, Ickworth Hotel
7.	<p>Reports</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> County Councillor’s Report (KS) – SEEN AS READ Community Council Report (EB) - NONE Borough Councillor Report (KS) – SEEN AS READ Tree Report (JF) - NONE Chairman’s Report (CK) - SEEN AS READ <p>Insurance for Parish needs reviewing AP3 – NC to review the quotes.</p> <p>We have one councillor vacancy – Please let residents know we are looking for someone suitable. AP4 - ALL</p> <p>Village gates – The editor of the diary commented on the new village gateways. We thank the editor for sharing their thoughts The new gateways were installed in line with approved designs and guidance, with the intention of creating a clear and welcoming entrance to the village. The wording “Horringer Village” was chosen to provide a simple and friendly introduction for visitors and residents alike. The gateways are proven to reduce speeding as it alerts drivers they are entering a village.</p> <p>While we appreciate that everyone has their own view on how the village should be represented, the aim has always been to enhance, not diminish, the village’s identity. We also</p>

	<p>value contributions from all those who take an interest in Horringer, whether they live here or have other connections to the community.</p> <p>Community council – All agreed that Parish council attendance should be at the Quarterly meetings.</p> <p>Parish Council Meetings – List of the next years dates to be published. AP5 - NC</p>
8.	<p>Updates</p> <p>a) SIDs & Speed Survey (TL) - The SID is on Sharps lane. Speeding along The Street seems to be getting worse. Consider putting the SID on the bus stop pole outside Lucas Cottages. AP6 - TL We would like a second SID AP7 – NC to add to precept, TL to research for a solar SID.</p> <p>Speeding Meeting (PC) – Venue - Moulton, Attending - Cllr Chambers, MP's, and 22 Parish councils. All the Parish Councils are very angry re the speeding in the villages. Cllr's say that there is no money for the prevention of speeding. The group is continuing to meet and lobby for a reduction in speeding. Support from Mathew Fox (Highways) is very good and gives advice however there are no resources to address anything. The group would like to see 20mph speed limits through villages but the A143 is a bigger road, and 20 mph would not be in the classification. Residents in Horringer would like a crossing on the A143 near meadow drive. The group will activate as much action as they can.</p> <p>b) Neighbourhood Plan (PC) – Funds have definitely been withdrawn for the writing of Neighbour Plans by the Government. We have received a quote from our consultant (Ian Poole) to complete the plan, which is around £6615. Plus, an additional £7000 for a SEA survey for the Chevington Road site. The committee feel we should tender other quotes for this and then decide on the best course of action. The committee are working on the surveys that have been completed, picking out key points from the residents. A group will be taking pictures to go in the final plan; they should be of key parts of the village.</p> <p>c) Play area (BY) – see report as read. Add into precept monies to spend on play area and £200 has been agreed for BY to spend on small items to help him with tidying up the play area AP8 – NC Everything is low risk. All agreed that the gate should not have a padlock.</p> <p>d) Emergency Plan (SL) – A rough outline has been completed, and some details have been added, but soon needed some details from the community. AP9 – SL To continue and let the PC know if she needs any assistance.</p>
9.	<p>Finances</p> <p>a) Payment schedule and invoices to be paid' – All agreed</p> <p>b) Any invoices received after the agenda had gone out – All agreed</p> <p>c) Approve NC hours – All agreed</p> <p>d) To sign the internal control check list – All agreed</p> <p>e) To consider and receive the Bank Reconciliations for period – All agreed</p> <p>f) Precept bids for financial year 2026/27 – AP10 – NC To chase any outstanding</p> <p>g) Lease for Community centre side room – AP11 – CK Needs to be reviewed but keeping the rent the same.</p>
10.	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>a) Letter from Nick Timothy MP re NHP funding. – seen as read</p> <p>b) Community Governance Review – please read</p> <p>c) Plaques for trees – remove</p> <p>d) E-mail from resident re field near Low way – AP12 – NC to reply</p> <p>e) Cut hedge in the play area – AP13 – NC Yes to let contractor know.</p>
11.	Councillor reports for future items on the agenda
12.	Date of next scheduled meeting to be confirmed as 1st December (Precept) 15th December PC Meeting 2025
13.	Close of meeting 21:10

Please be aware the meeting may be filmed or recorded. Members of the public are invited to attend but are respectfully asked not to contribute during the meeting unless invited by the Chairman so to do.