

HONINGTON & SAPISTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 10th July 2023 in Honington & Sapiston Village Hall at 7pm.

In attendance: - Councillors Rob Williams, Stephen Read, Robin Howe, David Plampin, Debbie Cram and Ian Patterson-Parker. Also present were WS Councillor Andrew Smith and County Councillor Joanna Spicer.

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
1. Welcome and Apologies	Apologies were received from Councillor Jacklin who had work commitments. Sqn Ldr Fixter was also unable to attend.	
2. Declarations of Interest	The Declaration of Interest Form was circulated and signed by those Councillors declaring an interest.	
3. Police Report	<p>Unfortunately, the Clerk and the Chairman have had no response from our requests to contact the Speed Camera Team and PC Lee Andrews-Pearce.</p> <p>The following report was delivered at the meeting of incidents reported since our last meeting:</p> <p>1 x RAF Social Club – Violence or Sexual Offence 2 x RAF Main Gate – Other theft & Violence or Sexual Offence 5 x Rectory Meadow/Playing Field – Violence or Sexual Offences.</p>	Telephone number given to Chairman RW to contact PC Andrews-Pearce.
4. RAF Report	<p>Sqn Ldr Mark Fixter was unable to join us but forwarded a report to the Clerk. The Council was thanked for the installation of the new VAS on Green Lane. It has been noticed they are proving to be a good deterrent.</p> <p>Families' day is to be held on Thursday 27th July and names need to be submitted to RW to obtain entry wristbands.</p>	

<p>5. West Suffolk Councillor Andrew Smith</p>	<p>WSC Smith informed Council that the next phase of the Local Plan programme has been pushed back to January 2024. WSC Smith then gave further details following the decision to grant Planning Permission behind Malting Row after the recent Development Control Committee meeting.</p> <p>The vote resulted in 12 for, 2 against with 1 abstention. Chairman RW attended the meeting and was given 3 minutes to address the concerns of the Parish Council. Points raised included: - Access, Bins obstructing the pavement, Environmental considerations & building outside of the curtilage area.</p> <p>Restrictions have been added to the granting of planning approval. These include: - Restrictions on deliveries (not during School pick up & drop off times).</p> <p>A Bat Survey to be carried out. Bins will be brought round to the front pavement on collection days.</p> <p>Planning is granted for a reconstruction of the original property and not to consist of a new build.</p> <p>Any further alterations or extensions to the proposed plans will require further approval from planners.</p> <p>Councillor RH was disappointed with the decision. Access was a real concern as raised previously. He felt that the Planning Department at times failed to listen to the concerns of the Parish Council leading to</p>	<p>Council will inspect and check any building work will conform to the conditions imposed</p>
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	frustrations with the futility of responding to planning applications.	
6. County Councilor Joanna Spicer.	<p>SCC Spicer informed Council repairs to the bridge are in the schedule and will hopefully commence soon. An engineer has also looked at the possibility of introducing wooden posts to prevent vehicles obstructing the pavement.</p> <p>The Path at Lampitt way has been repaired and JS agreed to meet the bill.</p> <p>After discussion with Claire Dickson (SCC Rights of Way Officer) she has confirmed the gates by the Mill Sapiston Footpath will not be replaced.</p> <p>The Council have received correspondence on “20’s plenty”, SCC Spicer spoke of how this correspondence has been supplied by a campaign group. Councilors confirmed that their view had not changed on this proposal since it was last debated a few years ago due to the location of the school.</p> <p>JS informed Council that works are due to begin on the A1088 bridge at Stowlangtoft April 2024.</p>	
7. Minutes of the last meeting held on 11 th May 2023.	<p>The minutes were agreed to be an accurate record and were signed by the Chairman RW.</p> <p>Matters Arising: -</p> <p>Vehicles are still obstructing the footpath by Willow Green.</p> <p>Clearing of Ditch opposite Willow Green/The Timbers.</p> <p>No representative from the RAF was available to update us on the Community Larder project.</p>	<p>The Clerk will report to the police.</p> <p>Chairman RW will liaise with Euston Estates about clearing the ditch.</p> <p>Agenda item for September.</p>

<p>8. Matters Arising 8.1. Clerk's Report</p>	<p>A copy of the report presented to Councilors is included with the minutes along with comments made.</p>	
<p>9. Highways 9.1. Willow Green 9.2. Pot Holes 9.3. Bridge 9.4. Lampitt Way Path</p>	<p>No further updates have been received about the flooding at Willow Green. Many have been filled since our last meeting. The bridge is in the schedule for repairs. The path has been corrected.</p>	
<p>10. Planning 10.1. App. No. DC/23/0881/FUL 10.2. App. No. DC/22/2078/FUL</p>	<p>Adbaston, Ixworth Road, Honington 1 dwelling & garage after demolition of existing bungalow & garage. Malting Row, Honington Conversion of existing outbuilding to form a dwelling. The result following the meeting of the Development Control Committee is as discussed within WSC AS report, item 5.</p>	<p>No Objections Granted</p>
<p>11. Items for Discussion 11.1. Playground Equipment 11.2. Notice Board</p>	<p>The views of parents will be sought on the purchase of further play equipment. Councilors discussed the costings of the Monkey Challenge Wall, (5m £3,750) but will await to find the views of parents. The Sapiston notice board has fallen into disrepair and a replacement has been costed. All Councilors agreed to the purchase of a new one at a cost of £158.99. The replacement is a lockable version and items can be submitted to RW or the Clerk to insert.</p>	<p>To seek the views of parents. RW placed the order and installed the new notice board. Clerk and RW have keys to the cabinet.</p>

<p>11.3. VAS Request</p>	<p>The Council have received a request to site the VAS along the Troston Road to remind motorists to reduce their speed as they approach the crossroads. Chairman RW was concerned about the impact on Sapiston if the VAS was moved out of the village to Honington. RW proposed the purchase of another mobile unit. Costings were received after the meeting but the 2 options are £3,826 or £3,961 dependent on the wording to be displayed. Views were sought.</p> <p>DP was worried motorists become complacent if they know the VAS is in a permanent location.</p> <p>DC asked about upgrading the VAS on the A1088 as vehicles were well within the village before the sign was activated. RH recalled the installation of that VAS and was frustrated it was not placed on entry to the village.</p> <p>RH was not keen to purchase another mobile VAS.</p> <p>SR asked about moving the VAS within Sapiston. There are 3 poles in Sapiston, Village Green, Bardwell Road, Coney Weston Road.</p> <p>WSC AS agreed to some funding (£600) from his locality budget. Councilors voted on the purchase of a mobile VAS.</p> <p>For 3 Against 2</p>	<p>Chairman RW to liaise with Coeval.</p>
<p>12. Finance 12.1. Thank yous and Requests 12.2. Cheques to be signed</p>	<p>None were received.</p> <p>Cheques agreed to be signed (SR, RW, RH) Community Workshop £221.40</p>	

	<p>Clerk's Wages £487.00 David Thrower £600.00 Euston Estate £20.00 Website £20.00 Shelter Cleaning £113.33 R Williams (Notice B) £158.99 M Williams (Path) £200.00</p>	
13. Correspondence	Items received included: James Pickerin – Rights of Way Willow Green – Havebury	
14. Matters to Report		
14.a. Playground Report	The latest copy of the report received by the Council was circulated before the meeting and comments noted. Councilors await the arrival of the new inspector in the coming months.	
14.b. WS Local Plan Programme	The final draft of the WS Local Plan will commence in January 2024, rather than November/December to avoid consulting during the holiday period.	
14.c. Parish & Town Forum – July 11 th .	The next Parish & Town Forum will take place at West Suffolk House on July 11 th at 7pm.	Councilor SR has agreed to attend. He hopes to raise questions about the planning process & to raise the profile of the Village Hall.
14.d. Rural Mobility Survey Results	The Clerk submitted in November 2022 a survey on the challenges faced by rural communities. The results from this survey can be found at Rural Mobility Survey Dashboard – Transport East.	
14.e. 20's Plenty Campaign	As discussed earlier in SCC JS report correspondence has been received from a campaign group to raise the issue of 20's plenty.	After discussion Councilors did not support introducing 20's plenty.
14.f. Rights of Way – Path	The PC received communication from Callum Leslie (Rights of	

	Way Officer with SCC) about improvement works on the Rights of Way network. After discussion with Chairman RW a wooden structure at the bottom of Sapiston Footpath FP8 will not be removed but will be replaced like for like. They plan to carry out minor infrastructure repairs and replacements in the next couple of months within the area.	
14.g. Water Lane Footpath	The water lane footpath has now been ploughed right up to the edge of the field resulting in no path being visible.	Councilors have asked for the footpath to be reinstated by Euston Estate. RW
14.h. Litter Bin @Playing Field	Councilor RH raised concerns about the condition of the Litter Bin on the playing field.	Councilor DP will monitor but thinks it will last a while longer.
14.i. Verges by the Mill Sapiston	Councilor DP wished to thank Mr Cobbold for keeping the footpath by the Mill clear and tidy for the benefit of many villagers.	RW will write to give thanks.
14.j Post Office	Councilor IPP raised concerns and frustrations at the staffing levels at the main Post Office in Bury St. Edmunds. During lunch periods only 1 person was serving.	
14.k. Fly tipping	2 large cushions and a large piece of plywood were deposited by the bin at the Blackbourne River. This was reported to WSC but before it could be collected the items were thrown into the river.	Clerk to report once more.
15. Confidential Item	The Clerk and Councilor DP were asked to leave the room for this item to be discussed.	
16. Date of the Next Meeting	MONDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER 2023 AT 7PM VILLAGE HALL.	

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There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.25pm.

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