**HONINGTON & SAPISTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 12th September 2022 in**

**Honington & Sapiston Village Hall at 7pm.**

In attendance: - Councilors Stephen Read, Robin Howe, Trevor Jay, David Plampin,

Debbie Cram, Liz Vaughan, Ian Patterson-Parker and Mark Jacklin. West Suffolk Councilor

Andrew Smith and 2 members of the public were also present.

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| **ITEM** | **DISCUSSION** | **ACTION & RESULTS** |
| 1.Welcome and Apologies | Vice-Chairman Stephen Read welcomed all those present to the meeting. Attendees were then asked to mark the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth by observing a minute’s silence.  Apologies were received from Councilor Rob Williams, County Councilor Joanna Spicer, CDO Indi Saunders and Andrew Blenkiron. |  |
| 2. Declarations of Interest | The Declaration of Interest Form was circulated and signed by those Councilors declaring an interest. |  |
| 3. Police Report | 2 crimes have been reported since our last meeting on the Police Website. These 2 incidents happened at the RAF base.  Following the arson attempts in Honington on Bank Holiday Monday, video/camera footage has been passed onto the police.  The Clerk has received reports of a White Van parking inconsiderately at the junction of the A1088 and Malting Row. Councilors were unsure as to who it belongs to and the photographic evidence will be submitted to the Police. |  |
| 4. RAF Report | No report was presented. |  |
| 5. West Suffolk Councilor’s Report | WSC Andrew Smith has been in discussion with waste management after our request for a multi-purpose bin at the footpath along Coney Weston Road was declined. We were originally informed they were reviewing the routes but a further update was given that due to staffing issues no new bins will be provided.  The recent consultation on the Local Plan ended on the 26th July and the 1st meeting to consider the findings has been postponed due to the Queen’s death.  Questions were invited. | RH asked that this information is put in the Newsletter. |
| 6. Suffolk County Councilor’s Report | All SCC were advised not to attend meetings after the death of the Queen.  SALC guidelines were discussed with the Vice-Chairman and the Clerk and it was decided that the PC had complied with all protocols and were able to hold the meeting. |  |
| 7. Minutes of the last meeting held on 18th July 2022. | The minutes were agreed to be an accurate record and signed by the Vice-Chair.  Matters Arising were:  The pole along the Bardwell Road has been moved.  Chairman RW has written to the RAF regarding the replaced Bus Shelter.  Willow Green Knee Rail has been repaired.  The SID has been taken for calibration.  Euston Estate have informed the PC they will cut the hedge back on the Troston Road asap. | To check it is in the correct position.  No response has been received. |
| 8. Matters Arising  8.1. Clerk’s Report | A copy of the report presented to Council is included with the minutes along with comments made. |  |
| 9. Highways  9.1. Outstanding matters  9.2. Road Closure of A1066.  3rd September- 13th November | The pole was marked and moved along the Bardwell Road.  Willow Green flooding has improved but is still present when it rains.  The clerk has reported overgrown hedging at the Bridge in Sapiston and the branches of the tree at Sapiston Green. SCC have declined the requests to cut back and informed us they will monitor the situation.  Councilor MJ wanted to give thanks to SCC for the recent ditch clearing as these coped very well in the recent heavy rain.  Councilor RH has undertaken a litter pick at the crossroads and has liaised with the home owner at Willow Green in cutting back the hedge.  The diversion for this road closure takes in the A1088 through Honington.  Councilors have noted that there are fewer lorries travelling on the A1088 due to the ban at Stowlangtloft bridge. | MJ has agreed to cut back the hedge so motorists can see the 30mph sign.  MJ will ask the residents of Corner House to lobby Highways about cutting back the tree. |
| 10. Planning | Application No. DC/22/1272/HH  Detached 2 bay cart lodge @ Le Beamia Ixworth Rd Honington.  No objections. |  |
| 11. Items for Discussion  11.1. Village Sign  11.2. SID @ RAF Base  11.3. Fireworks & Bonfire  11.4. SLHC Recorder | The 2 designs submitted by the subcommittee were circulated and all councilors present agreed on the Tractor design along with Frame Design 1. The colour red was suggested for the tractor, if we are asked.  Thanks were given to Chairman RW for the repairs undertaken to the original sign.  The Clerk had asked for a progress report following the Troston PC meeting.  A reply was received after our meeting. Troston are preparing their budgets for November and will also look at funding options. They hope to be in a position to support the purchase of a mobile unit.  Dr Giles Smith was invited to speak and addressed Councilors with his concerns over holding a bonfire this year. This annual event has become a dumping ground for all manner of household items and volunteers spend many hours sifting through the debris. Due to the planting of the Jubilee Trees this year the site previously used would not be suitable.  DP voiced concerns about the service being abused and even if we were to take collections at set times it is still open for abuse. There were also concerns over the environmental impact of what was being burned.  We are unable to provide a Firework display as in previous years, but MJ informed us that all villagers were welcome to attend the Firework display held at the RAF base as this was held off camp.  Thanks were given to Robin and his team for all their help with previous firework evenings.  All Councilors voted to not proceed with Fireworks and a Bonfire.  The Suffolk Local History Council is looking for volunteers as part of their Recorders Scheme. This is to “present” local news for the “future”. A recorder will note significant happenings and collect parish newsletters, pamphlets. At the end of each year, they are asked to submit a short report summarizing activities. | To submit order.  MJ will inform us of dates of the display at the RAF Base and will be advertised in good time.  Newsletter Item |
| 11.5. Suffolk Wildlife Trust | The Council received correspondence from The Suffolk Wildlife Trust regarding the consideration of the natural environment and biodiversity in neighborhood plans. Whilst we are included in a broader plan with the RAF, Councilors felt our own local tree group considers such considerations. |  |
| 12. Finance  12.1. Thank you’s & Requests  12.2. Cheques to be signed | Mr Martin Waterman was invited to speak to Councilors.  He and his team will once again hold a Christmas Fayre to raise funds for the Village Hall and the local Hospice. He asked for £150 for the event to be held on 11th December. All Councilors voted in favour.  Cheques agreed to be signed (SR & LV):  Jewson £181.92  Clerk’s Wages £487.00  Website £20.00  David Thrower £607.00  Clerk’s Expenses £14.42  Community Workshop £191.70  Jewson £6.68  Shelter Cleaning £113.33  D Sandry – Auditor £70.00  M Waterman £150.00  2 cheques were raised prior to the meeting:  04/08 R Williams (First Aid Course & Defib pads) £462.80  20/08 R Williams (Repairs to Village Sign) £188.53 |  |
| 13. Correspondence | Items received included:  SALC Subscription Review,  Local Plan Comments,  Council Tax Rebate Grant,  JAYNIC Development |  |
| 14. Matters to Report  14.1. Playground Report  14.2. Tackling Poverty Innovation Fund.  14.3. Auditor Appointment Arrangements  14.4. Church Gates | The latest copy of the report received by the Council was distributed prior to the meeting along with the Annual report. This inspection took place on August 15th which was a week before the working party carried out the recent repairs/adaptions. Councilors look forward to seeing how their hard work has been received. The Annual Report was carried out on the 29th July.  Councilors asked if there was a date given for the estate to clear along the side of the playing field?  Further details on this fund can be found at Engaged Communities Tackling Poverty fund – Suffolk County Council  Council agreed to remain with the current arrangements and would not be opting out.  Councilor IPP reported a concern from parishioners about the state of the church gates leading into the churchyard. One gate is in a very poor state of repair. Council understanding is that new gates are on order. | To ask Mathew Hawthorn for a progress report.  Clerk to liaise with PCC. |
| 15. Date of the Next Meeting | **MONDAY 14TH NOVEMBER AT 7PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL** |  |

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.15pm.

Sign……………………………………………………..

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