**HONINGTON & SAPISTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 19th July 2021 in**

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

In attendance: - Councilors Rob Williams, Stephen Read, Robin Howe, Trevor Jay,

David Plampin, Ian Patterson-Parker, Debbie Cram, Mark Jacklin. Also joining us were

West Suffolk Councilor Andrew Smith, Community Development Officer Indi Saunders and

2 members of the public.

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| **ITEM** | **DISCUSSION** | **ACTION** |
| 1.Welcome and Apologies | The Chairman welcomed all those present. Apologies were received from Councilor Liz Vaughan and SCC Joanna Spicer.  Chairman RW invited Mr Julian Newman to raise the issue of Bus Routes and timetabling through Honington & Sapiston.  With the majority of these services ending at Euston this prevents passengers going on to visit Thetford and to use the direct rail access to Norwich and the UEA and the Norfolk & Norwich Hospital. Mr Newman proposed that the PC approach SCC to ask that the terminus of the 332 buses should be Barnham thus allowing passengers to connect to the 84/86 to travel onto Thetford. WS Councilor AS will raise this issue with Fakenham Magna PC and Euston so that we may gather support for this proposal.  Councilor IPP informed Council that the midday bus had also been cut preventing parishioners from accessing the town at more popular/convenient times. | WSC AS will ask if Fakenham Magna/Euston PC will support this proposal.  Chairman RW will write to SCC |
| 2. Declarations of Interest. | The Declaration of Interest Form was circulated and signed by those Councilors declaring an interest. |  |
| 3. Police Report | Since our last meeting in May the following incidents have been reported:  Honington  1 @ Borley Close  1@ Malting Row  2@ Poplar Close  1@ Suffolk Avenue  Sapiston  1@ Bardwell Road |  |
| 4. RAF Report | CDO Saunders informed Council of the forthcoming flying activity due to take place this week.  It is hoped that the Station Commander will be invited to a future PC meeting.  An update on the clothing bank will be confirmed. | Information posted on Facebook of flying activity.  It has been removed |
| 5. West Suffolk Councilor’s Report | Councilor Smith informed Council that the proposed sites for development in the locality are currently being reviewed ready for consultation in March 2022. Further details for the proposals may be required from Euston Estates at a later date. |  |
| 6. Suffolk County Councilor’s Report | Unfortunately, CC Spicer was unable to attend the PC meeting.  Councilors hoped to have updates on Willow Green flooding and the siting of the SID poles asap. |  |
| 7.Minutes of the last meeting held on May 17th 2021. | The minutes were agreed to be an accurate record and were signed by the Chairman.  The rubbish/fly tipping as reported to SCC by Councilor Jacklin has not been cleared. | To chase with WSC/SCC. |
| 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. Borley Close | A number of issues have been raised and completed with SCC since our last meeting as listed in the Clerk’s Report.  Flooding concerns at Willow Green and The Drift remain.  WSC Grass Cutting programme has been received and it is hoped Honington & Sapiston will be visited soon. Councilor IPP raised concerns over the condition of the weeds at the edge of the roads.  Councilor RH reported a new pot hole near the Timbers.  Caravan has been removed and knee rail reinstated. | Chairman RW to outline problem to SCC Highways & Havebury re: flooding.  To monitor. |
| 10. Planning  10.1. Bloomfield Farmhouse  10.2. The Rectory  10.3. The Lodge Honington  10.4. Rosecott House Honington | Application No. DC/21/1157/HH Bloomfield Farmhouse Honington  Single storey rear extension.  Application No. DC/21/1032/HH  The Rectory Honington  Single storey front,side & rear extension after demolition of exsisting garage, utility & boiler room.l  Application No. DC/21/1309/LB & DC/21/1308/HH  The Lodge Honington  Single storey rear extension, repairs to roof & rebuild wall, remove & replace 1 window & door, relocate oil tank and remove partition wall to utility.  Application No. DC/21/1360/TCA  Rosecott House Honington  Fell 1 Conifer and 1 Cherry Tree. | No Objections  Comments regarding size and hedging submitted 02/07/21  No Objections  No Objections |
| 11. Items for Discussion  11.1. Fitness Equipment  11.2. Fireworks and Bonfire  11.3. Litter Pick | Thanks were given to Mrs Linda Howe for help in securing £2,000 from the Suffolk Community Foundation as part of their Suffolk Sports Fund.  Councilors have agreed to purchase 2 items (a skier and a cycle bike) from Wicksteed. The total cost including installation is approx. £4232.00  After discussion it was decided that in these uncertain times the PC would not be holding the annual firework display. However, we intend to have a bonfire to be lit on November 5th. Items can be left from 1st October.  Thanks were given to RH and MJ for their regular litter picking efforts around the villages. It was felt that it was not the time of year to hold an organized event but appreciated everyone’s time and energy in keeping litter at bay. | Order to be placed  T&C Contract with Suffolk Community Foundation was signed by RW & LP and will be returned.  Newsletter item |
| 12. Finance  12.1. Thank yous, Donation Requests and Grants  12.2. Cheques to be signed | Councilors agreed to donated £150 to each (East Anglian Children’s Hospices).  Euston Estate peppercorn rent for the Blackbourne Tree area is due.  Cheques agreed to be signed:  (RW, SR & RH)  Jewson (Bolts) £14.94  Jewson (Decking) £373.68  Clerk’s Wages £474.66  Grass Cutting £600.00  Newsletter £40.00  Euston Estates £20.00  Clerk’s Expenses £100.89  Website £20.00  Shelter Cleaning £113.33  Each £150.00  Cheque signed since last meeting  R Williams (Clarkes) £58.49 |  |
| 13. Correspondence | Items received:  Fresh Start Afternoon Tea,  SALC AGM 29th July 7pm Zoom  Rural Housing Week  A homeowner in Malting Row Honington has asked the PC about broadband speeds after being advised the PC should request faster broadband? | Councilor SR will pass on any information should the homeowner require further help. |
| 14. Matters to Report  14.1. Playground Report  14.2. Neighbourhood Watch  14.3. Library Box  14.4. WS NHS Foundation Trust  14.5 Brecks Fen Edge & Rivers Landscape Partnership Engagement Events  14.6. WSC Consultation on the new Animal Welfare Licensing Policy | The latest copy of the report received by Council was circulated and comments noted.  Councilors agreed to a work party starting on repairs to the castle.  Chairman RW proposed reinstating Neighbourhood Watch. It was felt that the recent pandemic had brought out a number of volunteers and it would be good to harness that help and kindness.  Thanks were given after Councilor RH informed Council that he had cleared the library box of excess books.  Membership reply forms were distributed should anyone wish to join the WS NHS Foundation Trust. This gives members a chance to receive information about the Trust and plans for the future. It is free to join.  Information from the Volunteer and Engagement Officer.  Consultation runs from 19th July-30th August 2021. Please see WSC website for further details. | Agenda item for September’s meeting  Chairman RW will look to sending out letters of thanks after consultation with LH to volunteers.  Further forms can be received from Councilor RH. |
| 15. Date of the Next Meeting | **MONDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 2021 AT 7PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL.** |  |
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There being no further business the meeting was closed at 7.55pm.

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Date…………………………………