**HONINGTON & SAPISTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 8th November 2021 in**

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

In attendance: - Councilor’s Rob Williams, Stephen Read, Robin Howe, Trevor Jay, David Plampin,

Ian Patterson-Parker, Liz Vaughan, Mark Jacklin and Debbie Cram. Rev. Karen Burton and 1 member of the public were also present. County Councilor Joanna Spicer joined us after attending another meeting

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| Item | Discussion | Action |
| 1.Welcome and Apologies. | The Chairman welcomed all those present. Apologies were received from WSC Andrew Smith and CDO Indi Saunders.  The Chairman invited Rev Karen Burton to address the meeting.  Karen offered profound apologies for not acknowledging the grants given each year by the PC to the Church, in the recently produced leaflet distributed around Honington & Sapiston. The Church has been hit hard during the pandemic with a loss of income but it was extremely sorry for the omission. Further guidance has been issued on how parishioners may contribute to Church funds. Councilors accepted the apology offered.  The Chairman invited Mrs Poole to address the meeting with concerns over Troston Road Honington.  The condition of the road outside The Fox PH caused by the recent burst water main remains a concern. 2 pot holes have developed which are rapidly expanding. These have been reported most recently on Nov 2nd and whilst 2 sets of markings are visible no repairs have been undertaken. Concerns have been raised that a previous report appears to have been removed from the website without the problem being rectified. Chairman RW reported that Anglian Water had informed him they would repair the road but did not give a time frame for this to be done.  The second issue raised is the size and weight of the lorries and agricultural vehicles that use our local roads especially on the approach to the crossroads. Councilors would consult with CC Spicer with regards to weight and size limits, and vehicles travelling over the footpaths can be reported to the police. Whilst it was acknowledged the crossroads had always raised concerns there was thankfully no evidence of this being an accident hot spot. | PC to contact Anglia Water and to chase SCC reports  To raise the issue of large lorries with CC Spicer and to respond to the Lorry Survey.  Once CC JS arrived, she informed Council of the correspondence received and would be replying once she had consulted Fakenham Magna and Barnham PC’s on this issue. |
| 2.Declarations of Interest | The Declarations of Interests sheet was circulated and signed by those Councilors declaring an interest. |  |
| 3.Police Report | No incidents have been reported since our last meeting. |  |
| 4. RAF Report | No report was received |  |
| 5. West Suffolk Councilor’s Report | No report received |  |
| 6. County Councilor’s Report | SCC Spicer joined us after attending Hopton PC.  SCC Spicer addressed the concerns caused by lorries and agricultural vehicles passing through our villages. She will seek the views of our neighbouring parishes to see how their local routes are affected. Councilor Spicer spoke with Councilors about raising funds to install further signs informing motorists which roads are unsuitable for heavy/wide lorries. Budgets would need to be consulted and routes identified. CC Spicer urged Council to respond to the current Lorry Survey. But all Councilors acknowledged that we live in a rural area and the pandemic has taught us the importance of growing and buying locally. The anaerobic digesters seen on our roads are also providing green power.  CC Spicer spoke of the problems along the A1088 at Stowlangtoft caused by the weak bridge and the impact this could have for local users joining up to the A14.  Although SCC have pledged an extra £2-3 million to tackle flooding issues there is no update on the issues, we have faced at Willow Green or on the Bardwell Road. Councilors were very disappointed that this matter continues to rumble on.  Questions were invited and Councilor DC asked if SCC Highways could notify parishoners/The Parish Council of roadworks. Recent roadworks had resulted in difficulty in accessing her home. The PC were told that Highways do inform others if it is a planned Highways event but not for work carried out by utility companies.  CC Spicer asked that we contact her if this should happen again so she can intervene. | SCC Spicer to liaise with local parishes to seek all views  PC to respond to Lorry Survey.  To report any issues with roadworks to SCC Spicer |
| 7. Minutes of the last meeting held on September 13th 2021. | The minutes were agreed to be an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.  The waste and dog bin by the river has been replaced by 1 larger multi use bin. The old black litter bin was returned to the Chairman.  The SID has been returned to the manufacturers to be checked and tested.  Council confirmed that Mr Waterman was organizing the Christmas Fayre to take place at the Hall next month.  Chairman RW informed Council that it was hoped the cutting back of the hedges would commence this week thanks to Euston Estates.  Councilor RH asked for an update on the exercise equipment. The delivery time was 20 weeks which should take us into the New Year. |  |
| 8. 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. Willow Green Visibility  9.3. Troston Road | As discussed previously no updates have been received from SCC re: flooding @ Willow Green or along Bardwell Road.  Concerns have been raised about visibility from the right when exiting Willow Green.  As previously discussed, concerns have been raised about the condition of the road. | Havebury have been contacted but Councilor TJ will ask the homeowner of No. 4 to cut back the hedge.  Council to write to Anglian Water and Clerk to chase SCC re: Pot Holes. N o A Chairman RW has written to Anglian Water. |
| 10. Planning | No planning applications have been received. |  |
| 11.Items for Discussion  11.1. Lorry Survey  11.2. Precept | SCC is undertaking a review of recommended lorry routes across the county. This is in 2 parts; a technical review and a community-led review of issues on lorry routes. In this 2nd part SCC are asking for the 3 most important issues associated with lorry movements in their community.  Councilors SR and DP spoke off the number of lorries issued with permits to access local roads and SR reminded Council that agricultural vehicles are exempt. He also informed Council that after looking at the link SCC spoke of limited funds to implement new initiatives.  The Precept forms for 2022/23 have been received for completion by 25th January 2022. Councilors were asked to submit requests for upcoming projects/plans.  Chairman RW had received a request for more toddler friendly play equipment. A trampoline set in the ground was suggested. All Councilors were concerned of the safety risks posed by this. Councilors were not aware on any play areas which contained this piece of equipment. Councilors agreed to consider other suggestions.  Councilors also agreed to consider giving a donation to the PCC as it was of great benefit to the local School, parishioners and visitors alike. | Views are sought.  RH agreed to put forward a response and the Clerk will forward any further comments received by the deadline of 17th December.  Precept to be finalized at the January meeting.  Ideas and Requests to be submitted. |
| 12. Finance  12.1. Donation Requests  12.2. Cheques to be signed | The Council have received requests from:  Honington Primary School (recycling project)  Headway  SARS  EAAA  Cheques agreed to be signed:  (RH, RW & SR)  Clerks Wages (including back pay) £550  David Thrower £600  Shelter Cleaning £113.33  R Williams (postage) £4.20  SALC Payroll £27.00  Clerk’s Expenses £165.57  Website £20.00  Jewson (paint) £24.72  Newsletter £40.00  Honington Primary £180.00  Headway £100.00  SARS £100.00  EAAA £200.00 | £180.00 PC asked for pictures of the project.  £100.00  £100.00  £200.00 |
| 13. Correspondence | Festival of Suffolk – a series of events to celebrate all things in Suffolk to mark the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee.  The Queen’s Green Canopy – Tree planting  Sunshine Gym |  |
| 14. Matters to Report  14.1. Playground Report  14.2. Bonfire  14.3. Allotment Meadow | The latest copy of the report received by Council was circulated and comments noted.  We note the comments about the slide and concrete posts will be inserted at a later date.  Councilor DP asked for an update on clearing the right-hand side of the playing field.  Chairman RW informed Councilors that Euston Estate have been asked to clear. Councilors agreed to remove any debris cleared from the site.  The Bonfire had been lit on Saturday 6th November. It had been raked over but it was felt it may need to be relit.  We have received a request from the Blackbourne Tree Group to fund the cutting of the meadow. The Tree Group had wanted to leave it as a wild meadow but following complaints with regard to dog fouling a compromise has been sought. After discussion Councilor MJ will liaise with the BTG to see how the PC can help.  It is a popular walking area and the introduction of the 2 dog bins has improved the area greatly. | Area to be cleared and debris removed |
| 15. Date of the Next Meeting | MONDAY 10TH JANUARY 2022 AT 7PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL. |  |
| There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45pm. |  |  |

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