**HORNING PARISH COUNCIL**

**HHHHMinutes of a Parish Council Meeting**

**held on Monday 6th January 2020 at 7pm in St Benet’s Hall**

**Present:**

**Cllr I Davis**

**Cllr A Varley**

**Cllr G Mancini-Boyle**

**Cllr A Seddon**

**Cllr R Martin**

**Cllr A Darby**

**Cllr P Iddon**

**Cllr P Avellino**

**Clerk / RFO: Jo Beardshaw**

**Number of Parishioners: 2**

1. **Apologies.** All Cllrs were present
2. **Declarations of Interest.** None received. Cllrs Mancini-Boyle and Varley identified that as District Councillors they may have an interest in some applications because they sit on the planning committees at District.
3. **Minutes of the previous meeting.** 
   1. To receive and approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 2nd December 2019, and matters arising. **APPROVED**
4. **Actions from previous minutes:** none
5. **Correspondence**
   1. Savills. Standing order mandate to be signed by PC bank signatories. **AGREED** and signed
   2. NNDC. Invitation to attend a meeting at NNDC offices to discuss VE day 75th anniversary celebrations. Monday 20th January 10am. The Chairman agreed to attend this meeting, together with Cllr Varley, who would also be representing the District Council
   3. NCC. BT payphone removal consultation. **AGREED** as per email
   4. Hoveton parishioner. Request for allotment. Noted. The Clerk would review the allotments and, if enough space were available for new tenants, would contact the waiting list before allowing Hoveton parishioners. In addition, if a Hoveton parishioner were to receive a tenancy, the Council agreed that the **Clerk** should ask for some payment from Hoveton PC in compensation for enabling them to comply with their duties
   5. Parishioner complaint. Fence at end of Kimberley Terrace / Avenue footpath. Noted. The Chairman / Cllr Iddon would look into this
   6. St Benet’s Hall. Confirmation of booking for Thursday 20th February at 6.30pm for Councillor training. Noted
   7. BA. New mooring signs on Parish Staithe. The Clerk explained that new mooring replacement signs would be installed by the Broads Authority at their convenience
   8. NNDC. Parish Liaison meeting. Wednesday 22nd January. 6.30pm at NNDC offices The Clerk would be attending this event.
   9. NNDC. BA/2019/0397/TCAA. Horning Sailing Club. Remove and replace unknown species tree. Approved. Noted
   10. NNDC. BA/2019/0363/TPOA. Pinetree Cottage, 2 Lower Street. Consent in part. Width reduction approved, height reduction not approved. Noted
6. **Finances:**
   1. Cllr Martin confirmed the accounts for the month
   2. **Receipts:**
      1. Bowls Club. £5
      2. NCC. Recycling. £532.22
   3. The following payments were authorised:

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| **Date** | **Payee** | **Description** | **Chq No** | **Amount** | **VAT** |
| 6.01.20 | Ralph Morris | Litter Picking | S/O | 130.00 |  |
| 6.01.20 | Clerk | Salary and expenses | 2482 | 555.36 |  |
| 6.01.20 | HMRC | Tax (paid by Clerk) | Note: this was recorded as a DD but should have been written as a cheque. Added to Feb meeting | 44.00 |  |
| 6.01.20 | Nest | Pension | DD | 101.50 |  |
| 6.01.20 | Carol Gilden | Gardening | 2483 | 45.00 |  |

1. **Asset Management.** 
   1. Cllr Varley confirmed that he had spoken with NGF regarding the remedial work on the new fencing and would be meeting NGF soon on site. NGF had reported that they had fixed the kick boards already. Cllr Varley also confirmed that he would be undertaking further work on the slide, obtaining quotations and considering options
   2. Cllr Iddon noted that there were some loose bolts on the swings. A parishioner had kindly offered to tighten these themselves. The Parish Council agreed this and thanked Cllr Iddon
2. **Parish Councillor reports.**
3. **Parishioners’ Matters: The meeting was adjourned at 7.15 pm for public participation**
   1. **District / County Councillor report**
      1. Various discusions were held regarding the Ferry Road flooding, which had been a problem over the Christmas period. The District Cllr had been attempting to contact Anglian Water for some time. Jetting had taken place and some blockages had been fixed. Cllr Iddon noted that he felt that some collaborative solutions were required. **Cty Cllr Price** would speak with Anglian Water again.
   2. **Public Session**

**The meeting was reconvened at 7.35pm**

1. **Planning:** 
   1. **Planning applications received**
   2. Planning applications received:
      1. BA/2019/0374/CLEUD. Plot K, Bureside Estate, Crabbetts Marsh, Horning. Confirmed as not lawful
      2. RE: BA/2019/0410/FUL.Heron Lodge, 98 Lower Street. Replacement dwelling. Supported by email
      3. BA/2019/0425/HOUSEH. Abbots Cottage, Upper Street. Single Storey rear / side extension. Response sent as ‘no comment’
      4. PF/19/2214.  28 Norwich Road, Horning, Norwich, NR12 8LW. Construction of a single and two storey rear extension; conversion of garage to habitable space; creation of an enclosed porch; and construction of dormer window to the front elevation in place of rooflight. **Supported**
2. **Agenda items**
   1. To discuss the Conservation Area appraisal as outlined by Cllr Seddon. Cllr Seddon summarised his analysis of the appraisal of the conservation area. Councillors agreed with Cllr Seddon that the Parish Council was responsible for scrutinising the appraisal and holding the Broads Authority to account. The Council **AGREED** with Cllr Seddon’s findings that the majority of the appraisal could be approved with the exception of the Crabbetts Marsh changes and the Lower Street East changes. Cllr Varley kindly offered to check to see if the conservation area rating bands for Council Tax are different than non-conservation area bands (note: finding following the meeting that they are **not** different).

The meeting was adjourned at 8.05am for a comment from a parishioner, and reconvened at 8.09 following the adjournment.

It was **AGREED** that the Clerk should respond to the BA with a formal objection, summarised in the following letter subsequently sent to the BA, as follows:

*The Parish Council has considered your draft appraisal document again prior to the opening of the formal consultation period.*

*The Council intends to* ***object*** *to the extension of the Horning Conservation Area with particular reference to the following recommendations:*

1. *Broads Authority Area 2 (page 8);*
2. *North Norfolk District Area 2 (page 10);*
3. *Broads Authority Area 3 (page 11).*

*You will note that the above cover the proposed extensions for east of Lower Street, both north and south sides of the road; and also your proposal for Crabbetts Marsh.*

*Your appraisal document details the historic development of the village and recognises the protection afforded to its historic core by the original conservation area designation. We accept that a guiding principle for local planning authorities in dealing with reappraisal will be whether there are parts of an area, not already covered by conservation area designation, where it would be desirable to conserve or enhance on account of their special architectural or historic interest; and you also explain the importance of local distinctiveness in this process. In several sections of the document you refer to the Norfolk Broads becoming a thriving holiday centre, with the growth of water-based tourism in the early 20th century; for Horning, this manifested itself with the construction of more holiday homes - particularly riverside chalets – and associated leisure plots, boathouses and moorings; and consequently, the village saw a recognisable period of expansion. As a general statement, this may be true. However, our parish councillors, have great difficulty in understanding how this assessment translates into a general application of conservation area protection to the areas outlined above, or any understanding of the benefits local residents presently living outside the existing conservation area might gain: without closer inspection of the buildings and land contained in BA Areas 2 and 3 and NNDC Area 2, there seems to be no logic in concluding that the contribution to the character of the area is such as to warrant conservation area designation. Moreover, we believe that your proposal to extend protection to these areas would* ***undermine and diminish the value and positive contribution of the core of the village****, currently benefiting from protection. For these reasons, the Parish Council will be opposing your recommendations for these areas.*

***We believe that the recommendations for North Norfolk District Area 1 (page 9) and the Broads Authority Area 4 (Church of St Benedict satellite area – page 12) are uncontentious and should be supported.***

1. **To list items for the Horning Reach Parish News** 
   1. Mitchells and Butler – response regarding The Swan potholes
   2. Football Club
   3. Planning
   4. Ferry Road update
   5. M&B good communication and action
2. **HTo identify other items at the Chairman’s discretion:** 
   1. **The Clerk** would contact allotment tenants with a view to asking for free space for new allotment tenants
3. **To identify the next venue for the SAM2 sign.** The PC agreed that the sign could be moved to Mill Hill
4. **Closure of meeting at 8.17 pm**
5. **To confirm that the next meeting will take place in St Benet’s Hall on Monday 3rd February 2020 in St Benet’s Hall at 7pm**