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|  | **Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 20th January 2021 at 7.30pm via Zoom call** | **Action** |
|  | **Present**: Cllrs Robert Balm, Jessica Kitt, Emily Williams, William Neale, Tessa Pleasants, Keith Long  District Cllr Claire Daunton  Graham Cone  Anna Bradnam  Hayley Livermore Clerk  5 members of the public |  |
|  | **Open Forum:**  Margaret Starkie informed that she is no longer able to be the Head co-ordinator for the Parish emergency plan. Clerk to try to find replacement.  The drain outside 74 High Street needs attention as floods badly in downpour. |  |
| 77/20-21 | **Apologies for absence**  Michael Gingell |  |
| 78/20-21 | **Declarations of disclosable pecuniary & other interests**  TP- St Johns Lane moorings |  |
| 79/20-21 | **To approve the minutes of the meeting 25th November 20**  Minutes 25th November 20 were approved. Signed copies to be sent to the clerk by chair. |  |
| 80/20-21 | **Matters arising from the minutes of 25th November 20**  None not covered in agenda |  |
| 81/20-21 | **District Councillor reports**  Circulated before the meeting |  |
| 82/20-21 | **County Councillor reports**  Circulated before the meeting |  |
| 83/20-21 | **Play area**  Installation of new equipment will begin on 1st February and last up to 3 weeks depending on weather. Grass will need reseeding and to be let to establish for 1-2 months, therefore opening anticipated in late March/Early April.  Agreed that the PC will contribute £2300 towards the project, for one item of play equipment that will need to go on our asset register. Proposed by RB, seconded by WN |  |
| 84/20-21 | **Sunnica Solar Farm**  Agreed that we will not comment on this consultation as it is too far away to affect Horningsea. |  |
| 85/20-21 | **LHI 21-22**  A letter was delivered to every household in Horningsea inviting them to give their feedback on various highways related issues via an online survey or by email. The main proposals for feedback related to the south end of the village, specifically:   1. A build out to protect the parked vehicles and to help pedestrians cross the road. To be located a few metres north of the current crossing point by the post box. 2. Double yellow lines (DYL) to allow for a passing place within the run of parked cars. Must be 15m+ long. 3. DYL to prevent people from parking on the roadside outside the Plough and Fleece and Scotsdales. Extending on east side to opposite Sunnyside to prevent cars switching to park on the opposite side of the road to now. 4. To stop people parking half on the pavement.   Responses were:  **Stopping parking on the pavement**  Strong feeling of support:  Easier to walk along pavement, especially with prams or mobility scooters; Would make road a single lane (not 1½) so vehicles will have to slow down, stop and give way; should be no illusion that 2 vehicles can pass. Single file traffic should reduce damage to vehicles. A build-out should help protect parked vehicles from damage. Positive example of Station Road in Waterbeach cited by a few.  Some concerns raised:   * How can it be enforced (here and in other parts of the village)? * Potential increase in vehicles mounting pavement opposite to pass. * Parked vehicles at increased risk of damage if parked entirely on the road. * Will drivers speed up more to get through this stretch?   Additional measures e.g., bollards or high curbs were suggested to prevent parking on the pavement and stop people from mounting it. Also, the idea of having right of way signage for passing the parked vehicles even if there is not a build out was mentioned.  **15m stretch of double yellow line to provide a safe passing place**  Overall support:  Including those living along this stretch (only 1 out of 8 responding disagreed), Some with off-road parking cited visibility issues driving onto the High Street so this could help depending upon location, A passing place should help avoid the need for 2 vehicles to pass on a too-narrow stretch of road and therefore also reduce risk of damage to parked vehicles.  Concerns to consider  Some residents may not be able to park outside their property (depending upon location), Resultant loss of much needed parking – where would displaced High Street residents park?,  Might result in more parking fully on the wider sections of pavement; May park on Priory Road and Abbots Way; Visibly undesirable to have DYL in our village.  Introducing allocated residents parking bays and creating a new parking area e.g., section of the Village Green was mentioned as possible solutions to address loss of parking and to ensure residents had parking close to their property.  **A ‘build-out’ just north of the post box**  Positive response:  Many advocated ‘build-outs’ or ‘chicanes’ to help slow drivers down and requested more/ one at the north entrance too; Felt that it could help protect parked vehicles from damage; could make a safer, easier pedestrian crossing point; could be made visually attractive e.g., plant flowers.  **Double yellow lines to prevent parking on roadside outside Scotsdales & Plough & Fleece**  Less strong support   * It is felt that preventing parking here will facilitate speeding. Parked vehicles slow drivers down. * Visibly undesirable to have DYL in our village   **Other highways related points raised**  Significant concern regarding both the speed and increase in volume of traffic. How can we discourage people from driving through Horningsea? Need to make it unattractive/ slow to drive through the village – or even to get to the village. Suggestions include reduce to 20mph limit, speed cameras (with fines), police presence, speed humps, pedestrian/zebra crossing, traffic lights, one-way systems, reduce Clayhithe Bridge to 1 lane and implement traffic lights or priority passage, residents & permit holders only allowed at peak times   * Measure actual speeds to determine extent of speeding * Update on Community Speedwatch status * Need a safe cycle route from north to south end of the village and on/off the cycle path at south end.   An action was taken to ask CCC to put in a speed box survey which would provide a week of speed data plus information on the type of vehicle that is speeding e.g., car, transit van etc.  **Next steps**: PC to discuss further and engage with Horningsea residents on proposed way forward with view to submitting a Local Highways Initiative (LHI) bid this year (May TBC).  Agreed this is likely to include stopping people parking on the pavement, a build out just north of the post box (provided it does not impede vehicular access to any High Street properties), review of need for a passing place amongst the stretch of parking/ houses. It is unlikely to include double yellow lines on the road outside Scotsdales and the Plough and Fleece pub.  JK to consult with the Highways team to see what might be feasible at the north end of the village. |  |
| 86/20-21 | **Finance**   1. Payments have been made since last meeting   1.834-Kiddle-Grass cutting-£385.20  2.835-Swarco-MVAS repair-£207.84  3.836-Will Neale-Tree reimbursement-£53.99  4.837-Cambridge Water-£40.08  5.838-Information commissioner-£40.00  6.839-Red Shoes Accounting-£45.00  7.840-Kiddle-Grass cutting-£385.20   1. Bank Rec- As of 17/12/2020 there was £36,445 across the 2 accounts. Of this £3000 is ringfenced for asset purchase only. 2. Budget reports   Spending is in line with budget. We have spent so far £10,273 of our £18750 budget with further projected spend of £8000 this financial year.   1. Budget and precept   Budget for 21-22 distributed to all before the meeting. If precept is kept the same as this year, there would be a deficit of £1565. The projected spend includes a 20% contribution to the LHI bid for the high street. As this is the number one priority in the village and of great importance to residents it was agreed to increase the precept by 9% (£1503) to cover the deficit. Proposed by RB, seconded by EW |  |
| 87/20-21 | **Covid 19 Village support**  Support group still running and available to anyone in need in Horningsea. |  |
| 88/20-21 | **PC Moorings**  All residents in St Johns Lane have been consulted about the possibility of Camboats using the moorings at St Johns Lane for trips from Cambridge so that people can have lunch or dinner at Horninsgea pubs. Concerns were:  1. Parking in St Johns Lane where the moorings are. It’s very congested already so there must be absolutely no cars coming down St. John's Lane in relation to this service. i.e., it must be explicitly limited to collecting only the passengers that have been dropped off. No one way trips  2. Trips to take place in the daytime only  3. Small groups only  4. Mooring by Camboats must not prevent other users (especially residents) from using the river. The riverbank here is narrow and a moored boat would prevent other river users from accessing the river.  5. Concern re once The Rosie starts using it other boats might try to as well and how would we police this  Peter, Camboats skipper confirmed that the boat will only be moored there for approx. 20 minutes at a time whilst people embark/disembark. Trips will mainly take place between April and September and during daylight hours. The boat only sits a maximum of 12 people. Health and Safety is the operator’s responsibility.  Agreed to allow this and move forward in principle subject to a satisfactory agreement being reach between the PC and Camboats, which will be looked at and agreed at the next meeting. |  |
| 89/20-21 | **Village hall issues**  Several residents have reported unsociable activity taking place around the village hall. Cllr Daunton has reported this to the police sergeant and is waiting to hear back and will update the council as soon as possible. |  |
| 90/20-21 | **To accept matters for the next agenda**  **Meeting to be held Wednesday 3rd February at 7.30pm via Zoom call (Extraordinary meeting)** |  |
|  | **The meeting closed at 22:10** |  |