

# Horningsea Parish Council

	<b>Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at 7.30pm at Horningsea Village Hall</b>
	<b>Present:</b> William Neale Chris Coldron Catherine Morris Emily Williams Tessa Pleasants Hayley Livermore Anna Bradnam Graham Cone Nick Dakin (Dakin estates) 21 members of the public
37/24-25	<b>Open Forum:</b>  Nick Dakin of Dakin estates addressed 21 members of the public regarding the land in Horningsea owned by Quy estates at Laney Meadow. Quy estates have proposed an idea of building 2 houses, grasscrete parking spaces, a tennis court in the upper meadow and creating a nature reserve in the lower meadow. The PC conducted a survey of residents; the outcome was that the vast majority of respondents were opposed to the development.  Nick stated that it was the wildlife trust that had been consulted and shown interest in overseeing the proposed nature reserve.  At present there are no legal rights for Horningsea tenants to walk over the land. The land is currently on a 363-day grazing tenancy; when this expires the tenant could choose not to renew or Quy estates can choose not to offer to renew the tenancy and can sell to any buyer without going to the open market.  Following an email from the HVHT concerning the ditch and reported flooding of the village green, JW spoke during the open forum to emphasise the Village Hall's concerns. He highlighted that the culvert appeared to be installed incorrectly and sits too high, potentially contributing to the issue. The lack of safety grills to prevent animals and children from accessing the culvert was also questioned. The Clerk to write to SCDC and CCC regarding potential safety issue at ditch and installation.
38/24-25	<b>Apologies for absence</b> Carla Hofman

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39/24-25	<p><b>Declarations of interest</b></p> <p>None</p>
40/24-25	<p><b>To approve minutes of the meeting 24<sup>th</sup> July 24</b></p> <p>Minutes of 24<sup>th</sup> July 24 approved and signed by the chair.</p>
41/24-25	<p><b>District and county councilors reports</b></p> <p>Circulated before the meeting.</p>
42/24-25	<p><b>Laney meadow follow-up</b></p> <p>Following the discussion in the open forum it was agreed to go back to Dakin Estates and reiterate the general objection from residents to the plans (as per survey results). We will also state that the Parish Council would like to revisit our previous request to discuss the possibility of taking control of Laney Meadow preferably through the gifting of the land. To copy in Carter Jonas and Quy estates.</p>
43 /24-25	<p><b>Website and email addresses</b></p> <p>Over the last few audits, it has been raised that we do not have gov.uk email addresses for councillors; WN is currently investigating how we can implement this.</p> <p>There is also the issue of the current community website where the PC page is, not meeting WCAG accessibility standards. It may be possible to update the current website, or the council may need to have a separate website. Clerk to work with CL going forward on this.</p>
44/24-25	<p><b>Bus franchising consultation</b></p> <p>This will be placed on Facebook for all residents to respond and councillors can respond individually if they wish.</p>
45/24-25	<p><b>Biodiversity</b></p> <p>Biodiversity policy circulated before the meeting was approved and adopted. Proposed by WN, seconded by TP. Will be placed on our website with other policies.</p> <p>We are looking at undertaking a Biodiversity study to establish a base line reference point.</p> <p>Matthew Asplin advised that there was a fund available from the Quy Fen Trust available to Horningsea for biodiversity projects, the available funds to be confirmed.</p>

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46/24-25	<p><b>Baits bite lock</b></p> <p>AB updated that the Cam Conservators are currently obtaining official quotes for the work that needs to be done.</p>
47/24-25	<p><b>Horningsea Gateway/GCP update</b></p> <p>At the time of the meeting there was no update other than the buildout works had commenced.</p>
48/24-25	<p><b>Anglian water sewage leak/River monitoring</b></p> <p>There is no update on when works required at the pumping station in St Johns Lane will take place.</p> <p>WN is working with the Rivers Trust on a scheme where volunteers take regular water samples from the river and log the result.</p>
49/24-25	<p><b>LHI bids and MVAS choice</b></p> <p>Both LHI bids (from Parish council for an Options Report for the north of the village and HRA for MVAS unit) were successful. We have been given a choice of 2 MVAS units- the second being more expensive but captures more data and is easier to link to other devices in the future. It was agreed to proceed with this option.</p>
50/24-25	<p><b>HVHT/HMGT letter regarding Village green and PC rep</b></p> <p>Cllr Coldron agreed to be PC rep for HVHT and HMGT; clerk to pass on contact details.</p>
51/24-25	<p><b>Electrical work bus stop</b></p> <p>It has become apparent that there are some unsafe electrical connections in the consumer unit to the rear of the bus stop. Currently these connections have been made safe however quotes are being obtained undertake the necessary works.</p>
52/24-25	<p><b>Jubilee garden</b></p> <p>Work needed in the Jubilee garden was discussed. We have obtained one quote for pressure washing the block paving and we will obtain further quotes for this. We will also obtain quotes for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Repairing or replacing</b> the bird-mouth fencing along the roadside near the bus stop</li> </ol>

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	<p>2. <b>Remove and replace</b> the broken fence behind the toilet block at Jubilee Gardens.</p> <p>3. <b>Repointing</b> the blockwork paving in Jubilee Gardens with a jointing compound or cement</p>																																																												
53/24-25	<p><b>Cambs ACRE membership renewal</b></p> <p>It was agreed to renew the annual membership with Cambs Acre at a cost of £65 per year. Proposed by TP, seconded by CC.</p>																																																												
54/24-25	<p><b>Land off Low Fen Drove Way - Solar Proposal.</b></p> <p>We have been notified that Innova have recently submitted an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Screening Request to South Cambridgeshire Council relating to a proposed solar and energy storage at land off Low Fen Drove Way, off Horningsea Road. Documents can be seen on the Greater Cambridge planning portal; at present we have not been asked formally to comment on this.</p>																																																												
55/24-25	<p><b>Highways and Streetlighting Contracts - Stakeholder surveys</b></p> <p>These will be placed on Facebook for all residents to respond and councillors can respond individually if they wish.</p>																																																												
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	<p><b>Bank rec and budget update</b></p> <p>There is currently £49039 across the 2 bank accounts with expected income of a further £1150 this tax year totaling £50189. Expected spends are between £11500 and £13500 leaving a total of £37000-39000.</p>
57/24-25	<p><b>To consider passing a resolution, in accordance with section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, to exclude the press and public due to the confidential nature of the remainder of the business to be transacted.</b></p> <p>This motion was agreed unanimously and proposed by WN and seconded by TP.</p> <p>The meeting was declared closed at 21:43</p>
58/24-25	<p><b>Confidential Item</b></p> <p>No further update on the issue of encroachment of the village green; PC is seeking further advice.</p> <p>Meeting reopened at 21:52</p>
	<p><b>Next meeting: 27<sup>th</sup> November 2024</b></p> <p>Meeting closed at 21:55</p>

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