

**HORLEY PARISH COUNCIL – MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
16 APRIL 2015**

**PRESENT: Chairman Simon Attfield, Cllrs Bob Barnwell, Martin Hamer,
Graham Curd, Duncan Raper, John Tite, Clerk to the Council David Marriott. In
attendance County Councillor George Reynolds.**

Item		Action
1	Apologies for absence Judith Beck. District Councillor Douglas Webb had also sent his apologies.	
2	Declarations of interests None	
3	Minutes of the meeting held on 22 January 2015 It was agreed that the minutes previously circulated be accepted as a true record of the meeting, proposed by Cllr Barnwell, seconded by Cllr Raper.	
4	Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting Hedges and bushes in Wroxton Lane It was noted that the elder bushes on the OCC triangle had been trimmed back. Some new fencing erected. Clerk to clarify boundaries in this area. Proposed Speed Check The proposed speed check exercise is scheduled to take place on 24 April. District Councillor Webb plans to raise the issue of an OCC check at the Neighbourhood Action Group. Youth Activities Councillor Attfield had yet to find an appropriate time to raise the issue of youth activities with Carlie Lee, and this item remains to be addressed. Kerbing Works in Wroxton Lane Item considered later on the agenda. Tree on verge outside Hillside Farm The tree appears to be growing now, so no further action at this time. CAB grant CAB have confirmed that they intend to ask for a grant, but have not done so as yet. Housing waiting list Item submitted to Horley Views published last time. Fireworks Item submitted to Horley Views published last time.	Clerk Clerk Cllr Attfield
5(a)	Finance 2014/15 Budget Monitoring Report It was resolved that the underspend of £3,998 be allocated to reserves, proposed by Cllr Attfield and seconded by Cllr Curd.	
5(b)	2015 Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities It was noted that the Council is now required to publish a significant amount of information regarding its activities on the internet. Copies of the information to be published in respect of 2014/15 will be provided at the next meeting. Assuming the Council complies with this code, from 2017 it will no longer be required to have its accounts audited externally.	Clerk
6	Planning report The report detailing the applications considered since the previous meeting was noted.	

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7	<p>Kerbing works in Wroxton Lane It was reported that in accordance with the decision taken at the last meeting, an order has been placed with Titchmarsh Construction to undertake approximately 75 metres of kerbing work in Wroxton Lane at a cost of £9196 plus VAT. Titchmarsh are willing to extend the area covered to the south at the same rate per metre, and it will be possible to carry out a further 40 metres or so of kerbing within the budget allocated, taking the works up to the entry to Ivy Cottage. It was resolved that this additional work be added to the order, proposed by Cllr Raper and seconded by Cllr Atfield.</p>	Clerk
8	<p>Village website A report concerning the new village website was noted. Members considered the site to be useful and informative. In light of the new Transparency Code it is essential that the information provided under the Parish Council heading is controlled by the Council, but this should not be an issue under the current arrangements.</p>	
9	<p>Reports Michael Hardinge Trust Mike Patching attended the meeting and presented the annual report for the Michael Hardinge trust for the year ended 31.12.2014. A copy of this report is annexed to these minutes. Hornton School Cllr Raper reported that 15 children have been offered places so the school is full, and one child did not get a place.</p>	
10	<p>Acquisition of a Defibrillator A report outlining some of the issues affecting the possible acquisition of a defibrillator was considered. It was agreed that a working party be established comprising Cllrs Atfield, Barnwell and Hamer to consider the issues in more detail, and report back to the Council with recommendations. Clerk to arrange for advice to be obtained from potential suppliers.</p>	Clerk
11	<p>Superfast Broadband A report concerning the programme for the provision of superfast broadband to the village was considered. It was noted that since the report had been prepared, Better Broadband had corrected their advice, and that properties on the OX15 6BD postcode will have the benefit of the faster speeds, although those on the OX15 6BN postcode will not.</p>	
12	<p>Date of next meeting – Annual General Meeting 21 May 2015</p>	All
11	<p>Any other urgent business Cllr Hamer raised the issue of the annual litter pick, when Cherwell District Council had failed to deliver the equipment for this as arranged. He suggested that the Council consider purchasing its own tabards, litter pickers, gloves and sacks. It was agreed that this should be considered again in January 2016, when details of the possible arrangements for that year are known. Cllr Atfield suggested that rather than have one “open meeting” when any member of the public can address the Council, space should be included on the agenda for each meeting for this to take place. The Clerk was requested to investigate the implications of such a change and report back.</p>	Clerk Clerk

MEETING CLOSED AT 9.00PM