HORLEY PARISH COUNCIL – MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13 AUGUST 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 Councillor Jennifer Cross. District Councillor Douglas Webb also sent his apologies.	
2	Declarations of interests None	
3	Minutes of the meetings held on 21 May and 2 July 2015 Approved	
4	 It was confirmed that a Land Registry search has confirmed that the triangle of land opposite Horley Mill is owned by the County Council. Cllr Attfield has spoken to Carlie Lee regarding youth activities which people might like to see available, and she will take some soundings before responding. Confirmed that the annual audit report has been received and no issues or comments were raised. Confirmed that the outline application for a dwelling on the site of 	Cllr Attfield
	Horley Mill garage has been approved by Cherwell District Council. 5. Councillor Attfield has drafted a piece for Horley Views magazine regarding parking in the village to appear shortly.	Cllr Attfield
5	Finance – 2015/16 budget monitoring report Report noted	
6	Kerbing works in Wroxton Lane	
	Four members of the public, Tony and Helen Ellis, Johnny Lynn and Christopher Howell, attended the meeting, and were given the opportunity to address the Council on this subject. They expressed their concerns about the impact which the works would have on the appearance of the lane, and suggested they should not be carried out in a conservation area such as this. They were concerned about the lane being narrowed making it more difficult for large vehicles to pass parked cars. There was one suggestion that more of the verge should be taken to provide some parking bays. They did not feel that further erosion of the verge was likely to occur, and that the projected cost of the works was too great. It was suggested that other potential uses for the funds such as the need to calm traffic crossing the bridge on Banbury Lane should take priority.	
	Members considered these comments and responded to the concerns raised. It is not the intention that the lane should be narrowed, and the proposed kerb line will be at the existing edge of the verge, with the carriageway made good to the kerb face, graded so as to ensure rainwater flows into the road gullies, which does not happen at present. The Members' view is that if nothing is done, the verge will continue to be eroded by weather and vehicles riding up onto it, and a hard edge is needed to prevent this happening. It is proposed that a type of kerb	

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	designed to be used in conservation areas be employed, and the kerbs will be set at a level which ensures that no more of the kerb face is showing than necessary. It was noted that whilst the expenditure is significant in the context of the Council's budget, the Council has been putting aside money to finance these works for some years, and is holding a contribution from the County Council.	
	It was resolved that the Council proceed with the scheme having ensured that Oxfordshire County Council are aware of the need to minimise the impact of the scheme by utilising the Marshalls conservation kerb in Harvest Buff, positioned on the line of the existing edge of the verge, and seated no higher than necessary to protect the verge.	Clerk
7	Acquisition of a Defibrillator It was agreed that the Council enter into a managed service agreement with Community Heartbeat to provide a defibrillator in the village at an initial cost of £1,995, plus £126 per annum, subject to the initial expenditure being spread over two years with no more than £1,500 payable in 2015/16.	Clerk
8	Amendment to The Council's Standing Orders It was agreed that the Council's Standing Orders be amended to permit members of the public to address the Council on subjects of their choosing, subject to the prior agreement of the Chairman. The wording of the amendments was approved as set out on the agenda for the meeting.	Clerk
9	Speeding Through the Village It was noted that the County Council has undertaken a traffic and speed monitoring exercise in Hornton Lane, but the data from that exercise has yet to be received. It was agreed not to consider any further measures in Hornton Lane until that data has been considered. However, in view of the concerns raised regarding the bridge on Banbury Lane, it was resolved that the Clerk contact OCC highways regarding potential traffic calming measures at this location.	Clerk
10	Parking in Lane Close Councillor Barnwell had been contacted by a resident of Lane close regarding problems caused by inconsiderate parking in the close. Cllr Attfield indicated that the piece he is writing for Horley views magazine will cover this. It was also agreed that the Clerk contact the Cricket Club to ensure that their members and visitors do not park in Lane Close. However, it was noted that the Council has no legal powers to control parking.	Clerk
11	Planning Report A report setting out the applications on which the Council has been consulted since the last meeting, and the Council's response to those consultations, was noted.	
	In view of the District Council's decision to approve the application at Horley Mill Garages, it was agreed that the Clerk contact Oxfordshire County Council to establish whether they would be prepared to permit their land opposite to be used for car parking.	Clerk
12	Reports from External Organisations A report had been received from the Cricket Club which indicated that amendments to their pavilion proposals would be needed to secure the support of the ECB. These amendments are being pursued with the	

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	District Council planning department.	
	Cllr Raper reported that an Academy order has been made to create a Multi AcademyTrust comprising The Warriner, Sibford Gower, North Newington and Hornton schools.	
13	Date of Next Meeting	All to
	12 November 2015 – 7.30pm	note
14	Any other urgent business Councillor Reynolds referred to two ongoing County Council consultations. One refers to waste and recycling, with the likelihood that the facility at Alkerton will close, and that a new facility will be created to serve the whole of north Oxfordshire, probably well to the south of Banbury. It was agreed that the Council respond to express its concerns that a facility should be provided which is convenient to residents in Horley.	Cllr Attfield
	The second referred to Community Transport, and it was noted that the current Thursday subsidised bus service from Horley to Banbury was likely to be threatened. It was agreed that the Council respond to indicate that this is a valued facility for residents. Councillor Reynolds also referred to an invitation to a meeting with the Leader of the County Council regarding the delivery of local services. It is considered likely that the County Council will be seeking to pass down costs for matters such as verge cutting to parish councils. It was noted	
	that the meeting is on 21 September at 18.00 hrs in Oxford, and it will not be possible for all parishes to be represented due to accommodation issues. It was agreed that no-one from Horley should attend.	

MEETING CLOSED AT 9.15PM