## HORLEY PARISH COUNCIL – MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11 February 2016

PRESENT: Chairman Simon Attfield, Cllrs Bob Barnwell, Martin Hamer, Jennifer Cross, Graham Curd, John Tite, Clerk to the Council David Marriott.

Item		Action
1	Apologies for absence Duncan Raper. District Councillor Douglas Webb and County Councillor George Reynolds sent their apologies.	
2	Declarations of interests None	
3	Cricket Club  The Chairman of the club, David Beck was present at the meeting, and gave an update on the club's new pavilion scheme. Two alternative locations are being considered, and pre-application discussions held with Cherwell's planners. Discussions have taken place with the ECB who are likely to provide up to 50% of the funding required. A fund raising committee has been formed to raise further funding. An open evening will be held on 24 March at 7.30 pm at the Old School where the latest plans will be available for inspection.	
4	Minutes of the meetings held on 12 November 2015 and 7 January 2016 Approved, proposed by Cllr Curd, seconded by Cllr Hamer	
5	<ol> <li>Matter Arising</li> <li>No further feedback from Carlie Lee regarding youth activities.</li> <li>Dog bin at Little Lane reinstated.</li> <li>The Council's nomination of Mike Patching for an award from the High Sheriff of Oxfordshire was successful. Award ceremony 29 February, Cllr Attfield to attend.</li> </ol>	Cllr Attfield
6	Finance – 2015/16 budget monitoring report  The report was noted. It was agreed that the annual hedge trimming in Hornton Lane should be arranged as in previous years.  A request for financial support had been received from the Katherine House Hospice, and it was agreed that a donation of £50 should be made.	Cllr Hamer Clerk
7	Kerbing works in Wroxton Lane Tony and Helen Ellis, Tessa Howell and Johnny Lynn were present at the meeting, and were given the opportunity to participate in the debate on this item. They expressed their continuing concerns regarding the works which were partially completed, particularly relating to the kerbing materials chosen, and the lack of consultation with Cherwell District Council's conservation officer. Members explained their reasons for promoting the scheme, which is being carried out by the County Council as Highway Authority, and emphasised their wish not to cause upset amongst villagers. They agreed to ask OCC to set the kerbs as low as possible to minimise their visual impact. It was noted that whilst OCC are under no obligation to consult Cherwell's conservation officer before undertaking such works, as a result of conversations arising through this scheme, they have agreed to consult on future projects.	

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8	Planning Report Report noted. Cllr Barnwell agreed to attend the briefing meeting to be held at Bodicote House on the current Cherwell consultation documents on 23 February. Cllr Barnwell/Clerk to liaise with District Councillor Webb regarding the views of other Parishes in his ward, before agreeing on the responses to be given on the consultation documents by 11 March.	Cllr Barnwell/ Clerk
9	Reports from External Organisations None.	
10	Rural Neighbourhood Policing Cllr Curd agreed to attend the Banbury rural neighbourhood meeting at Warwick Road police station on 15 March at 7pm.	Cllr Curd
11	It was noted that no members of the public responded to the recent consultation regarding the closure of the bus service, although it is understood that one or two villagers do rely on occasional lifts to and from Banbury and elsewhere. It was noted that the Banbury and District Dial-a-Ride service has funding to continue, and that this service should be publicised in case any villagers may wish to use it.	Clerk
12	Land Adjoining the Old Council Houses, Wroxton Lane It was noted that whilst the whole of this land is public highway, OCC only have title to the freehold interest in part of the land, and consequently, if a stopping up order were sought, only that part could be conveyed to the Council. It is not know who owns the freehold of the remainder, but in the past Mr and Mrs Naismith have registered an interest in this land. It was agreed that the Council should further investigate the possibility of entering into an agreement with OCC to take on the management and maintenance of the land.	Clerk
13	Cherwell District council Housing Policy Cherwell's recently published rural housing policy documents were noted. It was agreed that this is something which should be publicised at the Annual Parish meeting. The Clerk was asked to obtain more information from Cherwell regarding their housing needs information for Horley.	Clerk
14	HM the Queen 90 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations It was understood that some arrangements to mark this occasion may be in hand already, and the Clerk was asked to investigate further.	Clerk
15	Date of Next Meeting 14 April 2016 – 7.30pm – Annual Parish Meeting 19 May 2016	All
16	Any other urgent business  1. The High Sheriff of Oxfordshire award to Mike Patching was discussed. It was felt that the Council should make sure that this achievement is marked locally with a suitable celebration. It was proposed that a suitable plaque be erected in the Old School. It was suggested that something might be arranged to take place on the day of the annual fete, and Cllr Tite agreed to discuss this with the Ladies Guild.	Cllr Tite
	<ol> <li>It was noted that the annual village litter pick will take place on 5 March at 10.00am. Clerk to publicise ahead of the date.</li> <li>It was noted that a former member of the Council, Jean-Claude Peissel, had died recently. The Council expressed their condolences to his family.</li> </ol> MEFTING CLOSED AT 9.30 pm	Clerk

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