

**HORLEY PARISH COUNCIL – MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
14 APRIL 2016**

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

Item		Action
1	Apologies for absence Councillor Jennifer Cross. County Councillor George Reynolds also sent his apologies.	
2	Declarations of interests None	
3	Minutes of the meeting held on 11 February 2016 Approved, proposed by Cllr Barnwell, seconded by Cllr Curd.	
4	Matter Arising <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The hedge trimming in Hornton Lane had been ordered but remains outstanding. 2. Cllr Barnwell reported that he had attended the Local Plan briefing at Cherwell District Council, but felt that there was little of direct consequence to Horley, and that no response to the consultation was required. 3. Cllr Curd reported that he had attended the rural neighbourhood policing meeting at Banbury police station. He had raised concerns about petty thefts, particularly from sheds and garages. The main issues discussed were speeding, parking and antisocial behaviour. The Neighbourhood Action Group is not continuing, but Sgt Fishwick remains the liaison officer for rural policing issues. 4. The proposal that Mike Patching's recent award from the High Sheriff of Oxfordshire should be recognised at the annual fete is to be discussed by the Ladies Guild. 	
5	Finance – 2015/16 budget monitoring report The report was noted. It was agreed that of the funds held by the Council at the year end, £10,000 should be allocated to the reserve for future roadworks, and £5780.99 to the play area project. Proposed by Cllr Attfield and seconded by Cllr Raper it was agreed that the Annual Governance Statement 2015/16 and Accounting Statements 2015/16 be approved as set out on the agenda. These will now be submitted for audit.	Clerk Clerk
6	Planning Report Report noted.	
7	Reports from External Organisations None.	
8	Land adjoining the Old Council Houses, Wroxton Lane It was noted that the Oxfordshire County Council are amending their draft form of agreement for the delegation of powers to parish councils. It was agreed that the Council should not take any decisions on whether to take on any responsibility for this land until that revised agreement has been reviewed to establish whether it is acceptable. Before taking any decisions on what should be done to improve this land, it will be appropriate to consult residents.	Clerk

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9	<p>Cherwell District Council Housing Policy It was noted that there are no applicants on Cherwell's housing waiting list from Horley, or recorded as having a connection to the village. Consequently no action by this Council appears to be appropriate.</p>	
10	<p>HM the Queen 90th Birthday Celebrations It was noted that Judith Beck, Jenny Reynolds and Tracey Parsons are planning an event to mark this event on 11 June, and have requested a donation from the Council towards the costs. It was agreed that a donation of up to £100 should be made to reimburse expenditure incurred. It was noted that Cherwell District Council are offering grants to Parish Councils towards the cost of such events, and that up to £250 may be available if expenditure is planned which meets the District Council's grant criteria. Cllr Attfield agreed to discuss this with Judith Beck, to see whether it is possible to submit a grant application to CDC for further funding.</p>	Clerk Cllr Attfield
11	<p>Date of Next Meeting Annual General Meeting 19 May 2016 – 7.00pm Annual Parish Meeting 19 May 2016 – 7.30pm</p>	All
16	<p>Any other urgent business</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. District Councillor Webb highlighted the ongoing consultation on the CDC Banbury Masterplan. Whilst there may be no direct implications for Horley Parish Council, all residents are likely to be affected to some extent by the plans for the growth of Banbury. Transport issues are a particular concern. All residents are encouraged to respond to the consultation on line. 2. Councillor Webb also questioned whether residents had received the spring edition of Cherwell Link, as it appears distribution has been patchy. It appeared that not all those in attendance had received a copy. Clerk to contact Cherwell reporting this. 3. Wroxton Lane kerbing scheme – a number of positive comments had been received following the completion of these works. 4. Cllr Hamer commented that the section of Hornton Lane in front of Park House and Park Cottage is now in a very poor condition, and requires resurfacing. Clerk to raise this with Oxfordshire County Council. Also the existence of a collapsed manhole cover on the verge in front of Brook Cottage was mention, and is to be referred to the relevant authority 5. The Council did not wish to respond to a request received from a pressure group concerned about the strategy being pursued by the Oxfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership. 6. The Clerk reported an issue regarding a blocked public footpath where OCC are requesting assistance to contact the landowner. Cllr Hamer agreed to speak to the relevant County officer, Sarah Aldous. 	Clerk Clerk Cllr Hamer

MEETING CLOSED AT 8.55 pm