

HORLEY ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19 MAY 2016

PRESENT: Chairman Simon Attfield, Cllrs Bob Barnwell, Jennifer Cross, Graham Curd, John Tite, Clerk to the Council David Marriott. County Councillor George Reynolds, and parishioners Brian Ashdown, Mike Patching and David Beck

1	<p>Introduction of Members Councillor Attfield introduced the parish councillors who were present at the meeting, and outlined the responsibilities allocated to individual Members</p>
2	<p>Michael Hardinge Trust Annual Report Mike Patching introduced his written report which had been circulated before the meeting. He highlighted the Trust's financial position and principal activities. He indicated that the Trust was in the process of appointing a new Trustee, and this appointment would be referred to the parish council for their approval in due course. He also highlighted continuing concerns regarding accessibility and lighting of the access to the premises across the churchyard, and requested the parish council's assistance in making improvements to this.</p>
3	<p>Chairman's report</p>
	<p>a) Kerbing works Cllr Attfield described the kerbing works which the Council had procured in Wroxton Lane. Whilst some opposition had been raised to the works by residents, following completion it appears that most residents see them as an improvement to the lane.</p>
	<p>b) Play Area Cllr Attfield reported that whilst a site for a play area has been identified, access to it would be via the cricket club, and is dependent on their proposals for a new pavilion. Currently progress is on hold until the cricket club are ready to bring forward their own proposals.</p>
	<p>c) Proposed Defibrillator Cllr Attfield reported that the Council has acquired a defibrillator, which has been installed at the Red Lion. An induction meeting was run by Community Heartbeat, which was very well attended. Fortunately the device has not been required as yet.</p>
	<p>d) Speeding Through the Village Cllr Attfield referred to the speedcheck exercise which had been carried out on 30 April, and a subsequent week long monitoring exercise conducted by OCC. The outcome was that a relatively small minority of vehicles were found to be speeding, and most of those by only a small amount. The County Council's advice is that the data does not support the implementation of any traffic calming measures.</p>
	<p>e) Reports from other village organisations A report from the Ladies Guild had been circulated before the meeting, and no queries were raised on this. David Beck reported progress on the cricket club's proposals to build a new pavilion. At a recent public meeting there was a strong majority in favour of the new site in the south-east corner of the field. It is proposed that the old pavilion be converted to an equipment store. On funding it appears the ECB grant is likely to be restricted to one third of the cost of the scheme, but further funding may be available from the Oxfordshire Cricket Board. Meanwhile fundraising continues with some success.</p>
	<p>f) Questions from the public None</p>
4	<p>Any other business The Oxfordshire Together initiative was mentioned. This is OCC's plan to delegate some of their powers and responsibilities to parish councils. Horley PC does not intend to participate at present, but it is apparent that, as county council funding is further reduced, it may be necessary for the parish council to consider financing some local maintenance in the future.</p>