

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

PRESENT: Chairman Simon Attfield, Cllrs Bob Barnwell, Duncan Raper, John Tite, Jennifer Cross. Clerk to the Council David Marriott.

Item		Action
1	<p>Apologies for absence Councillor Graham Curd. County Councillor George Reynolds also sent his apologies.</p>	
2	<p>Declarations of interests None</p>	
3	<p>Proposed B4100 road closure The Clerk to the Council briefed Members regarding works which are currently being progressed by Thames Water, to provide a new sewer to serve the Hanwell Chase development north of Banbury. Whilst much of the work will be carried out under traffic light control, with one side of the carriageway remaining in use, in order to complete these works, Thames have obtained a road closure for 8 weeks between 10 August and 6 October. Concerns have been raised concerning both access to Banbury, and the potential impact of traffic in the village avoiding the closure.</p> <p>It was reported that recent contact with Thames's contractor indicated that the company was reviewing their plans, and they hope to reduce the period of total closure to something much closer to one week. The Clerk has agreed to help the company to publicise their plans through the Horley Views website.</p> <p>The Parish Council had attempted to obtain information from Oxfordshire County Council regarding whatever measures they are able to implement to avoid "rat running" through the village to avoid the B4100 works, and the potential consequences for Wroxton Lane. However no direct responses have been obtained from OCC, although it is understood that they propose to make a temporary 7.5 ton weight limit. It was noted that the official diversion is via the Stratford Road and the Fosse Way, and consequently this is unlikely to be used by local traffic.</p> <p>Members of the public attending the meeting were given the opportunity to ask questions and raise their concerns, and the following points were made:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If there is likely to be more traffic through the village, it would be helpful if OCC could arrange for the verges to be cut, particularly where visibility is an issue. 2. What will happen if there is a motorway closure during the closure period? The official diversion route will apply. 3. It was reported that there has already been an increase in the amount and speed of traffic in Wroxton Lane since the temporary traffic lights appeared. Perhaps a temporary speed camera could be employed. Suitable signage to slow traffic is needed. 4. It was suggested that it would be helpful if the closure period could be during the school holidays. 5. How will be temporary weight limit be enforced? Trading 	Clerk

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	<p>Standards are responsible for this.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">6. Why is the sewer being laid in the road, rather than adjoining land? It is understood that levels restrict the possible route.7. It was suggested that, if OCC continue to fail to respond, it may be worth raising the issue with our MP.8. It was suggested that advisory “20 is plenty” signage had proved effective elsewhere, and this should be suggested. Pictures could be sent highlighting existing parking issues.9. Concerns were also raised regarding the narrow bridge on Banbury Lane, if that is likely to attract more traffic, and more needs to be done to improve visibility and slow traffic here. <p>The Clerk indicated that these issues would be raised with the contractor and OCC, and that every effort would be made to try and ensure the village is protected from traffic during the works.</p>	
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MEETING CLOSED AT 8.30 pm