

**HORLEY PARISH COUNCIL – MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
25 AUGUST 2016**

PRESENT: Chairman Martin Hamer, Cllrs Duncan Raper, John Tite, Graham Curd. Clerk to the Council David Marriott. County Councillor George Reynolds

Item		Action
1	Apologies for absence Councillors Simon Attfield, Bob Barnwell and Jennifer Cross. District Councillor Douglas Webb also sent his apologies.	
2	Declarations of interests None	
3	Minjutes of the meetings held on 19 May and 14 July. Agreed	
4	Matters arising Councillor Curd reported on the meeting attended with Councillor Attfield hosted by OCC to discuss their unitary authority proposals. It was noted that OCC's consultants have reported recommending a unitary County authority, and that this could result in greater devolution and delegation of powers to Parish Councils. Such an outcome, if approved by the Government, could present challenges for small councils such as Horley, having very limited resources.	
5	Finance – 2016/17 budget monitoring report Report approved. It was agreed that the sum of £41.94 incurred by the Cllr Attfield on providing refreshments at the annual fete be reimbursed by the Council. Councillor Raper requested members to consider what the substantial reserves held by the Council should be earmarked for, so this could be discussed at the next meeting.	Clerk All
6	B4100 road closure It was reported that the formal road closure order for the sewerage works at Hanwell Chase has now been made, and will take effect on 12 September for a period not expected to exceed 10 to 14 days. OCC has also made an order imposing a temporary weight limit on roads through Horley, although it is understood that this will not be enforced against vehicles making deliveries in the village. It was also noted that some temporary signage to warn motorists that Wroxton Lane is single track, and seeking to reduce speeds, is due to go up on 31 August. It was agreed that residents should be reminded of the closure shortly before the 12 th through the Horley Views website.	Clerk
7	Land Adjoining the Old Council Houses, Wroxton Lane The question of whether any further works should be done to improve this land was discussed, and it was agreed that no further action is needed at this time. It was agreed that the Clerk should approach Oxfordshire County Council to see whether they are prepared to produce a costed scheme for the provision of a number of parking spaces along the frontage to the land. It was also noted that if further works are carried out on the land in the future, the neighbour Mr Gibbs should be advised in advance.	Clerk
8	Verge Maintenance It was noted that Oxfordshire County Council has reduced its annual grass cutting regime, and in future, other than where visibility is an issue, rural verges are likely to be cut in late July, and those within the village in August. Members agreed to consider whether the Council should fund	Clerk

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	some additional cuts, and the Clerk was instructed to obtain some costings for consideration at the next meeting.	
9	Planning report The report was noted. It was also noted that Cherwell District Council had refused the application for the conversion of an agricultural building at Clump Lane, and the listed building consent application for replacement windows at Park Cottage. The other applications listed had been approved.	
10	Reports from external organisations None	
11	Date of next meeting Thursday 17 November 2016 – 7.30 pm	All
12	Any other urgent business <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Further to item 5 above, it was suggested that Members should consider the Council's future priorities at the next meeting, in view of the generally favourable feedback from the kerbing works in Wroxton Lane. 2. The sad and untimely death of Horley resident, Gary Fox was noted. The Clerk was requested to pass on the Council's sincere condolences to Debra and family. 	All Clerk

MEETING CLOSED AT 8.40 pm