

**HORLEY PARISH COUNCIL – MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON  
16 FEBRUARY 2017**

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

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Item		Action
1	<p><b>Apologies for absence</b> County Councillor George Reynolds and District Councillor Douglas Webb sent their apologies.</p>	
2	<p><b>Declarations of interests</b> None</p>	
3	<p><b>Minutes of the meeting held on 17 November 2017.</b> Agreed, proposed by Cllr Tite, seconded by Cllr Curd.</p>	
4	<p><b>Matters arising</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. It was agreed that the first verge cut should be ordered for late April/early May, subject to confirmation that OCC do not plan a cut at around that time.</li> <li>2. It was noted that confirmation had been received that the telephone box is to be removed.</li> <li>3. The issue raised at the last meeting regarding heavy goods vehicles using sat navs being directed to Horley via Wroxton Lane had been investigated. It is confirmed that there are no weight limits to prevent vehicles using any route. It is likely some sat navs will direct vehicles onto the Stratford Road rather than the Warwick Road, as the latter is a B road, hence vehicles arriving from the south. OCC have no ability to influence how sat navs operate.</li> </ol>	Clerk
5	<p><b>Cricket Club</b> David Beck from Horley Cricket Club attended the meeting, and gave a presentation on the club's progress towards their new pavilion scheme. The club are still proceeding towards a planning application for a new pavilion in the south-east corner of the ground, and hope to submit this in approximately 4 to 6 weeks. The building will be stone faced with a slate roof. A landscaping scheme was under preparation. Fundraising continues, but the major funding applications cannot be submitted ahead of planning. The new track across the field to the east of the ground will provide access to the proposed new car park, but was constructed without the prior knowledge of the club. It was constructed to provide access to land owned by Mr Prickett to the north. It is proposed that later extensions to the old pavilion be removed, and the original building be re-used as an equipment store. Consideration to be given to extending the 30 mph speed limit zone to the east beyond the new entrance to the cricket club car park. The Clerk agreed to contact Oxfordshire County Council regarding the possibility of this happening. If it does, it will be appropriate to relocate the village gates. It was also suggested that the footway along Banbury Lane should be extended to the entrance to the club. A letter received from David Morris of the Red Lion public house was discussed. This expressed concerns about the type of drinks Licence which the club may seek for their new pavilion, and the potential for competition which could make the public house uneconomic. David</p>	Clerk

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	<p>Beck indicated that the current committee do not want to see the club operate as anything other than a cricket club, and expect to continue in the same manner as they have to date, but it has to be acknowledged that thinking at the club could change in the future. The Council wishes to see both the club and the public house thriving.</p> <p>It was noted that commercial considerations are not considered by Cherwell District Council when they deal with Licence applications. Any possibility of restrictions being placed on the operation of the club would have to be dealt with through the planning consent. It was agreed that, when the Council is consulted on the planning application, a meeting should be held, at which both the club and David Morris can have their say, and the Council can consider whether it asks Cherwell District Council to impose any relevant planning conditions.</p>	
6	<p><b>Finance - 2016/17 budget monitoring report</b></p> <p>Report approved. It was agreed that as the adjoining owners at Manor Orchard have undertaken substantial works to the hedge along Hornton Lane this winter, it will not be necessary to spend the budget allocated for hedging works this year. It was agreed that a donation of £50 should be sent to Banbury Citizens Advice Bureau.</p>	
7	<p><b>Land Adjoining the Old Council Houses, Wroxton Lane</b></p> <p>The Clerk reported that a further meeting had been held with Oxfordshire County Council to discuss the possibility of additional parking being provided on this highway land. They would not agree to parking under the alder trees on the land, but it may be possible to provide a lay-by alongside the existing carriageway. However the cost of such works would be increased as it would be necessary to divert or lower the water main. Currently the County Council are not able to produce a plan showing what could be achieved, which could be used to obtain an estimated cost, but they hope to be in a position to do so shortly. Further consideration to be given when it is possible to establish the likely cost of constructing this lay-by. It was noted that the residents at both Mill House and Mill Cottage had expressed concerns about parking being provided in this location. It was also noted that it might be possible to provide some spaces on the wider verge in front of Brook House.</p>	Clerk
8	<p><b>Planning report</b></p> <p>The report setting out applications received, and the Council's responses to them, was noted. John Naysmith was in attendance being concerned about the Council's response to his application at Horley Mill garage. He wished to reassure the Council that his new dwelling will have a large integral garage, and this should avoid causing any parking issues nearby.</p>	
9	<p><b>First World War Memorials Programme</b></p> <p>It was noted that the Council had been invited to attend a workshop organised by Civic Choice, aimed at promoting the restoration and maintenance of first world war memorials. It was noted that Horley's memorial is inside the church, and is consequently in good condition. It was agreed that in the circumstances, the matter should be referred to the Parochial Church Council.</p>	Clerk
10	<p><b>Public Footpaths</b></p> <p>It was noted that the enquiry reported at the previous meeting</p>	

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	concerning non-statutory public footpaths had been raised by Mike Patching, and referred to the path from Wroxton Lane to Apollo Park, via the former mineral railway line. Following discussions with the landowner's agent, the advice received was that any attempt to put the path onto a statutory basis, or to gain formal permission for its use, would create the risk of the path being closed, and consequently it may better to leave the situation as it is. Mike Patching appears to be satisfied with this advice, and the Council agreed to take no further action.	
11	<b>Reports from external organisations</b> None received.	
12	<b>Date of next meeting</b> Thursday 13 April 2017 – 7.30 pm	All
13	<b>Any other urgent business</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The condition of Hornton Lane between Lane Close and the church was raised, and in particular the unsurfaced passing area which had been formed by vehicles pulling into the verge. The Clerk was instructed to raise this with Oxfordshire County Council again.</li> <li>2. The Clerk reminded Members that the annual litter pick will take place on Saturday 11 March. It will be publicised through Horley Views website.</li> <li>3. The Clerk mentioned the initiative being pursued by the High Sheriff of Oxfordshire to establish a community network to support unpaid carers in Oxfordshire. The Council was unaware of anyone acting in this capacity in the village, and asked the Clerk to arrange for the High Sheriff's letter to be publicised on the Horley Views website.</li> <li>4. The Clerk reported on Oxfordshire County Council's proposals for local government reorganisation. These will be submitted to the Secretary of State shortly, and propose a single unitary council for Oxfordshire. It was noted that Cherwell District Council strongly oppose these proposals, but do not appear to be pursuing an alternative structure at present. It was noted that, if the Secretary of State is minded to accept OCC's proposals, there will be a public consultation.</li> <li>5. The Clerk referred to the on-going public consultation on the Clinical Commissioning Group's Sustainability and Transformation Plan. This considers changes to the Horton Hospital, although, as the consultation is being undertaken in two phases, the full impact is not yet clear. The Clerk was instructed to respond to say that the Parish Council feels it is essential that the Horton Hospital continues to operate as a general hospital provide a full range of services, including maternity and accident and emergency.</li> </ol>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>All</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

**MEETING CLOSED AT 9.30 pm**