

HORLEY ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18 MAY 2017

PRESENT: Chairman John Tite, Cllrs Simon Attfield, Martin Hamer, Bob Barnwell, Graham Curd, Clerk to the Council David Marriott. District Councillor Douglas Webb, County Councillor George Reynolds, and parishioners Brian Ashdown, Simon Wynn, David Beck, David Kyle, Alison Tite, David Morris and Ross Freeman.

1	Introduction of Members Councillor Tite introduced the parish councillors who were present at the meeting.
2	Michael Hardinge Trust Annual Report Cllr Curd described the Trust's activities in providing grants to local children to support them in their education. He encouraged parishioners to come forward and enquire as to what support the Trust could provide. This is funded principally by rent from the adjoining cottage, but also other fundraising events which had been well supported through the year. The trust also maintain the Old School which is used for a variety of community activities.
3	Cricket Club David Beck provided an update on the club's activities , in particular towards their new pavilion scheme. Two shirt sponsorship agreements had been made with Purple Mango and MKD Developments which will increase the club's annual income significantly. The plans for the new pavilion are being finalised, with the old building to be converted to an equipment room and scoreboard. Funding applications are in, and the planning application is due to be submitted very shortly. It is hoped that the scheme can be completed next year, but if necessary, it will be possible to continue to play while the works are ongoing.
4	Parochial Church Council David Kyle described the activities of the PCC both in maintaining the church, and promoting the spiritual aspects of church's mission across the benefice. He indicated that there is a healthy congregation for the various festival services. Funding comes from within the village with various fundraising activities taking place such as the summer fete and Christmas market organised by the Ladies Guild, and the progressive dinner. The PCC is in a sound financial position, and has been able to undertake a number of recent projects such as the restoration of the bells, and the church clock. However, there are other projects they wish to address such as restoration of windows and wall paintings. The PCC would welcome more members, and would like to see kerbing provided along Church Lane to protect the verge. A query was raised as to whether there is space in the graveyard for more burials, and David agreed to investigate.
5	Ladies Guild Alison Tite described the principal activities of the Guild, which comprise looking after the interior of the church, and fundraising. In addition to regular cleaning, provision of flowers etc. the Guild organise various fundraising events, such as the summer fete which will take place on 24 June this year, and will include a dog show. Whilst significant funds are raised for the church, other events such as coffee mornings have raised funds for charities such as the Katherine House Hospice. The Guild meet bi-monthly, and there is a social aspect to their meetings.
6	Parish Council The Chairman of the Council, Councillor John Tite began by recording his appreciation of his predecessor as chairman, Cllr Attfield's efforts on behalf of the Council. He described the Council's principal activities, and highlighted particular efforts made during the last year to minimise the impact on the village from the closure of the Warwick Road whilst sewerage works were carried out in connection with the Hanwell chase development. He also noted that the Council has decided to

	<p>arrange for some verge maintenance to be carried out within the village, as the County Council have reduced their service to one cut per annum.</p>
7	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>David Marriott read out a short note provided by the police rural neighbourhood team, which indicated a very low level of crime in the village. If anyone needs to contact the team, the Clerk to the Council, David Marriott can provide contact details.</p> <p>Simon Wynn raised concerns regarding the condition of land used by dog walkers at the scout camp. In particular, there is a former water tank which is not adequately protected and is unsafe. This had been reported to the scouts. Cllr Martin Hamer described recent contact between the Council and the agents acting for the landowner regarding public access to this land, as no public rights of way exist. The landowner will take steps to ensure public rights do not become established, and the Council had decided not to pursue any permission for villagers to use the land, as this would run the risk of more active steps being taken to exclude the public. However, the Clerk to the Council was asked to advise the landowner's agents as to the issue with the water tank.</p> <p>The forthcoming annual Banbury Star bike race was mentioned, scheduled to take place on the following Sunday. Resident on the route had been notified, but the cricket club had not been given sufficient notice, and there is a concern regarding the afternoon race which will take place while cricket club parking is likely to be in place on Banbury Lane. The Clerk was asked to contact the club with the request that in future the Council is notified well in advance, so details can be disseminated.</p> <p>David Kyle queried what is done to welcome new residents to the village. Julie Attfield and Rachel Curd do provide a welcome pack from Horley Views to new residents, and seek to introduce them through the quarterly magazine.</p> <p>David Morris referred to the recent success of the Red Lion in winning the CAMRA pub of the year award again. He said that this reflected well on the patrons as well as the landlord and premises. However, he emphasised that the continuation of the pub depended on current levels of business being sustained, and expressed his concerns about the possibility of the cricket club becoming a 12 month operation once the new pavilion is completed. Alternative licensed premise in the village might prevent the public house being registered as a Community Asset in the future, should that be proposed.</p>