

HORLEY PARISH COUNCIL

AGENDA

Dear Councillor,

You are summoned to attend a meeting of the Parish Council which will be held in the Old School Room at 7.30 pm on Thursday 16 February 2017.

Clerk to Horley Parish Council

- 1) **Apologies for absence**
- 2) **Declaration of Interests**
- 3) **Minutes of the meetings held on 17 November 2016**
- 4) **Matters arising**
- 5) **Cricket Club**

David Beck to attend and provide a report on the cricket club's progress with their new pavilion scheme.

6) Finance - 2016/17 budget monitoring report

The report annexed below shows the income and expenditure to date, as compared to the annual budget, together with the budget for next year, as approved at the last meeting.

7) Land adjoining the Old Council Houses, Wroxton Lane

Following the discussion at the last meeting of the Council, a further meeting was held, attended by officers from all relevant OCC departments, concerning the possibility of using part of this land to provide additional car parking. Unfortunately, none of the OCC officers present had any budget available which might assist in moving forward the appraisal of the site. It is however clear that any proposal to park cars under the trees is likely to be resisted, and consequently any parking is likely to be restricted to the form of a layby parallel to the road.

Any widening of the road to accommodate additional parking would have to be constructed to full highway standards, and consequently, would be relatively expensive. The cost would be increased due to the presence of a water main which runs under the area in question at a shallow depth. This would have to be diverted or lowered. It will not be possible to obtain an estimate of the cost of this work from the County Council's contractor Skanska without first producing a drawing showing the works. The OCC Area Steward hopes to be in a position to procure such a drawing at no cost to the Council during February.

Meanwhile the drainage engineer in attendance at the meeting agreed to arrange for his operatives to clear the culvert which drains the road to the Horley Brook.

8) Planning report

A report showing the applications on which the Council has been consulted since the last meeting is annexed below.

9) First World War Memorials Programme

A national charity called Civic Choice has been asked by the government to coordinate a programme to survey and restore the Country's first world war memorials. The Council has been invited to send a representative to a workshop on this subject to be held in Oxford on the morning of 1 March 2017. Whilst the maintenance of memorials is a power available to parish councils, in Horley's case Members may feel this is a matter which should be referred to the Parochial Church Council.

10) Public Footpaths

An issue was raised under Any Other Business at the last meeting regarding non-statutory public footpaths. Following enquiries made, it would appear that this enquiry related principally to the path which follows the route of the former mineral railway from the edge of Horley to Apollo Park in Wroxton. The path also runs from Moor Mill through to Drayton. This is not a public footpath, but is widely used by Horley residents, particularly the section to Apollo Park. None of the path lies within the parish of Horley.

The initial enquiry was raised by Mike Patching, who was wondering whether it would be possible to have the path added to the definitive map, as a public footpath. Wroxton Parish Council were notified to check that they had no objection to this matter being investigated, as the path is mostly if not entirely within their parish. The land, in particular the section running to Apollo Park, is in the ownership of Trinity College, Oxford, and is leased to the Scouts. The position has been discussed with the Land Agent who acts for Trinity College, and his view is that his client would take vigorous steps to prevent the route being recognised as a formal public footpath. The possibility of them giving formal consent for the route to become a Permissive Path was also discussed, but raising this with Trinity College runs the risk that they may choose to take steps to close the path instead. The existence of a lease over the land might complicate matters as well.

In the circumstances, and while the path remains available to the public, the best course of action may well be to take no action.

11) Reports from external organisations

Any Member reports from external organisations.

12) Date of next meeting

Thursday 13 April 2017 – 7.30 pm.

13) Any other urgent business

REPORTS

Item 6: 2016/17 budget monitoring report to 31/01/17 & budget for 2017/18

	Category Description.	Budget 2016/2017	Spent to 31.01.17	projected under/ overspend	2017/18 budget
1	Clerk's Salary	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
2	Clerk's Expenses	£150.00	£36.18	-£100.00	£150.00
3	Churchyard Maintenance	£400.00	£400.00	£0.00	£400.00
4	Insurance	£300.00	£290.05	-£9.95	£300.00
5	Election Expenses	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
6	School Room Hire	£150.00	£0.00	£0.00	£150.00
7	Subscriptions				
	OALC	£140.00	£0.00	£0.00	£140.00
	SLCC	£50.00	£38.00	-£12.00	£50.00
	Community First Oxfordshire	£30.00	£0.00	£0.00	£35.00
8	Petty Cash	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
9	Audit Fee	£0.00	£120.00	£120.00	£0.00
10	S137 expenditure				
	Horley Views	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	
	Horley Views website	£50.00	£15.00	-£35.00	£50.00
	Horley Footlights	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	
	Charitable contributions	£150.00		-£100.00	£150.00
	C.A.B.		£0.00	£0.00	
	Oxfordshire Asoc for Blind		£25.00		
	Banburyshire Citizen Project		£25.00		
	Defibrillator	£650.00	£772.00	£122.00	£125.00
	Queen's Birthday grant		£100.00		
11	Dog Bins				
	Servicing	£385.00	£192.19	£0.00	£385.00
12	Hedges	£300.00	£0.00	£0.00	£300.00
13	Verge maintenance				£450.00
14	Contingency	£3,470.00	£0.00	-£3,470.00	£4,065.00
	Kerbing works				
	Refund of CDC Queen's birthday grant		£230.00		
	Reimbursement of Chairman's expenses		£41.94	£41.94	
	TOTAL	£6,225.00	£2,285.36	-£3,526.89	£6,750.00

Balances and income to 31.01.17

Business saver account balance 31.3.16	£15,865.99
Community account balance 31.3.16	£100.00
	<u>£15,965.99</u>
less expenditure relating to 2015/16	£185.00
	£15,780.99
Income	
CDC grant	-£3,117.37
interest	-£2.16
Queen's birthday grant	-£230.00
Interest	-£2.30
CDC grant	-£3,112.50
interest	-£2.52
	<u>£22,247.84</u>
Less expenditure to date	<u>£2,285.36</u>
Balance 31.01.17	£19,962.48

Item 8 - Planning Report

The applications on which the Council has been consulted since the last meeting are summarised below. All decisions issued by the Council in response to applications received are displayed on the village website (www.TheHorleyViews.com), including a link to the relevant application on the CDC website.

Application Number	Applicant	Description	Horley PC response
16/02355/F	Mr R Freeman	Retrospective – repair of existing covered yard and formation of cattle handling area at barn at Bramshill Park Farm, Horley	No objection to the application as submitted, but an objection to any increase in the size of the building.
16/02491/Q5 6	Mr R Freeman	Permitted Use application for the conversion of an agricultural building at Clump Lane to a dwelling	The Council expressed its concerns about the application, and suggested that, if it satisfies the Permitted Development Regulations, changes should be made to the building to reduce its impact on the countryside

17/00047/RE M	Mr John Naysmith	Reserved matters application submitting details reserved under the existing outline consent for the erection of one dwelling at Horley Mill Garage, Wroxton Lane	The Council reiterated its previous concerns regarding the shortage of parking, and suggested a contribution be sought towards the cost of providing additional parking spaces nearby.
17/00027/TC A	Mr Tim Allitt	Fell six trees in St Etheldredas Churchyard, replacing three of them	The Council did not object on the understanding that all the trees to be felled are diseased, split or rotten in some way.