

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 1 February 2018.

Clerk to Horley Parish Council

- 1) Apologies for absence
- 2) Declaration of Interests
- 3) Minutes of the meetings held on 16 and 30 November 2017
- 4) Matters arising
- 5) Finance - 2017/18 budget monitoring report to 31 December 2017

The report annexed below shows the income and expenditure for the 2017/18 financial year to 31 December, as compared to the annual budget. There are no particular issues to draw to the attention of Members at this time. It is **RECOMMENDED** that the budget monitoring report be approved.

6) Land adjoining the Old Council Houses, Wroxton Lane

No further guidance has been received from the County Council regarding the possibility of parking spaces being created on this land. The County Council has agreed to repair the blocked drain to the brook, and it would appear that someone has been on site to mark the position of underground services prior to carrying out this work. The area was tidied up by a small working party on 10 January.

7) Planning report

The Council has not been consulted on any new planning applications since the special meeting held on 30 November to consider the cricket club's application. Since that meeting, the cricket club's application has been approved as submitted, that is to say with the provision of 23 off street car parking spaces. The consent is subject to a condition which restricts the use of the building to a sports pavilion, and prohibits its use for other purposes within the same planning Use Class. The District Council's planning officer has advised that, if the bar were to be used when no cricket club activities were taking place, that is likely to comprise a breach of this condition.

8) Applications for charitable donations

A newsletter has been received from the Oxfordshire Association for the Blind, and a copy is annexed to this agenda. The Council made a donation of £25 to this charity last year. The newsletter highlights the charity's dependence on donations and requests further support.

9) Highways matters and kerbing at Church Lane

It was agreed at the meeting on 16 November that the Council should ask Oxfordshire County Council to proceed with the proposal to install a kerb on the east side of Church Lane, alongside the churchyard wall. The County Council subsequently indicated that they would meet 50% of the estimated cost of £12,242, and consequently this Council's share will be £6,121 plus VAT. The County Council have indicated that they do not have the funds available to finance their share of the expenditure in this financial year, and anticipate confirming their programme for the works when their budget for 2018/19 has been approved by the County Council later this month.

Meanwhile the County Council has undertaken some patch repairs in Church Lane, and plans to carry out some further repairs in Hornton Lane. The date for those works has yet to be determined, but it is likely to be during a school holiday week, as a part time road closure will be required.

10) Notice Board

Recently a suggestion has been submitted by Mr Barry Moss that the management of the village notice board be improved. Currently one section is locked and reserved for parish council notices, whilst the two remaining sections are open to all. There is little active management of the public sections, and many notices are posted by people from outside of the village, and they often remain in place for a considerable time. Mr Moss has suggested that one section be reserved for village notices only, and access to this be restricted.

If Members are sympathetic to this request, consideration will have to be given as to how the village only section is to be managed.

11) Reports from External Organisations

Any Member reports from external organisations.

12) Date of next meeting

Thursday 12 April 2018

13) Any other urgent business

REPORTS

Item 5: 2017/18 budget monitoring report to 31/12/17

	Category Description.	Budget 2017/2018	Spent to 31.12.17	Under/ overspend	Budget 2018/19
1	Clerk's Salary	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
2	Clerk's Expenses	£150.00	£50.50	-£99.50	£150.00
3	Churchyard Maintenance	£400.00	£400.00	£0	£450.00
4	Insurance	£300.00	£297.86	-£2.14	£300.00
5	Election Expenses	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£800.00
6	School Room Hire	£150.00	£0.00	-£150.00	£150.00
7	Subscriptions				
	OALC	£140.00	£0.00	-£140.00	£140.00
	SLCC	£50.00	£0.00	-£50.00	£50.00
	Community First Oxfordshire	£35.00	£0.00	-£35.00	£35.00
9	Audit Fee	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
10	Horley Views website	£50.00	£15.00	-£35.00	£50.00
11	S137 expenditure				
	Charitable contributions	£150.00		-£25.00	£150.00
	SOFO		£50.00		
	Clean Slate		£25.00		
	Katherine House		£50.00		
	Defibrillator	£125.00	£0.00	-£125.00	£125.00
12	Dog Bins				
	Servicing	£385.00	£384.38	-£0.62	£385.00
13	Hedges	£300.00	£0.00	-£300.00	£300.00
14	Verge maintenance	£450.00	£348.00	-£102.00	£450.00
15	Contingency	£4,065.00	£0.00	-£4,065.00	-£3,340.00
	TOTAL	£6,750.00	£1,620.74	-£5,129.26	£6,750.00

Balances and income to 31.12.17

Business saver account balance 31.3.17	£20,005.03
Community account balance 31.3.17	<u>£100.00</u>
	£20,105.33
less expenditure relating to 2016/17	£168.07
	£19,936.96
Income	
CDC precept	£3,375.00
CDC supplementary grant	£4.87
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Interest	£4.43
Total income	£6,759.30
	<u>£26,696.26</u>
Less expenditure	<u>£1,620.74</u>
Balance 31.12.17	£25,075.52

Providing specialist support to anyone with a visual impairment in Oxfordshire



On wheels and on the water: members of our ActivEyes group

We provide services that are not available anywhere else in the county. Our services are free of charge and are open to anyone affected by sight loss, including families & carers

Last year, we supported over 2,800 people

We provide support at our resource centre in Oxford, at the JR hospital, and across the county

We Offer:

Information, Advice and Equipment

- Information and advice – face to face, and by phone, email and newsletter
- Equipment demonstration and purchase at our resource centre
- A sight desk at the John Radcliffe Eye Hospital (open five days a week)

Emotional and Social Support

- Social clubs and groups, and sports activities (tennis, tandem cycling and more!)
- Volunteer home visits
- A counselling service run by a visually impaired counsellor

Children, Young People and Families

- Regular activities and trips for children and young people, and their families
- Information evenings and support for parents and families

Technology Assistance

- IT training; computer support at home; technology workshops and courses

Training for Employers, Carers, Friends and Family

- Visual impairment awareness training
- Support sessions for carers

'From the time I first arrived at the Resource Centre, I have felt boosted. My welcome was so warm and real and human. In my 65 years in universities I have never met anyone more expert and so able to make me understand new technology.

OAB made all this possible!' Mr R.



Our Impact

OAB has a **huge** impact. In the last year, support was provided on over **10,000** occasions and there were:

1,000 visits to our resource centre

600 visitors to our hospital sight desk

201 attendances at our ActivEyes groups

459 individual counselling sessions

98% of clients said our support improved their wellbeing and confidence; **100%** found OAB warm and welcoming; **100%** of those with a caring responsibility said that we helped with their individual needs.

Need

Over 21,000 people in Oxfordshire live with some degree of sight loss. Of these, around 7,500 live with a moderate or severe visual impairment. The RNIB estimates that this number will rise by around 50% by 2030. There is increasing demand for our services. Our visitor numbers have grown by 50% since 2012.

2018

Our aims for 2018 are to expand our services for children and young people, to continue to develop our technology training, and to sustain our many core services.



Children and Young People

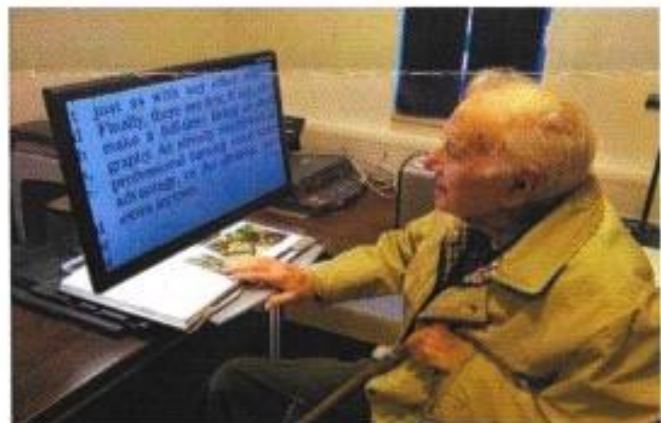
There are few social, creative and sporting opportunities for visually impaired children in Oxfordshire. We are filling this gap. In 2016, we launched a programme for local visually impaired children. This has included trips to museums and the pantomime, music workshops, and a Paralympics taster day. There have been over 200 attendances. In 2018, we hope to reach even more children and families, and to greatly expand our range of activities.

We have raised £24,000 but still need to raise **£32,500** to sustain and develop this service.

Technology

Around 50% of people with sight loss feel 'moderately' or 'completely' cut off (Pey, Nzegwu & Dooley, 2006). For a visually impaired person, access to IT can completely open up their world. Our technology training service is immensely popular. Over the last year, there has been a 142% increase in demand.

We have raised £5,000 but still need to raise **£24,000** to sustain this service.



It costs around £270,000 to run our services for one year. We rely almost exclusively on individual donations, support from trusts and foundations, and donations from town and parish councils. Our services must remain free of charge for the visually impaired. Cost cannot be a barrier to support.

We would be so grateful if you could consider making a donation to help the visually impaired

If you would like to speak to us about our work or this appeal, please contact Rosia Curtis, Fundraising Officer: rosiacurtis@oxeyes.org.uk or Colin Cure, Director: director@oxeyes.org.uk or call 01865 725595

2016/17 ACCOUNTS

Deficit in year	£
Income	150,677
Add realised gain on investments	7,104
Total income	157,781
Expenditure	275,367
Deficit	117,586

This level of deficit is quite exceptional for the Association. It was primarily due to a considerable reduction in the level of legacy income and grants from trusts and charities. The latest projection for 2017/18 is a deficit of £22,600. Legacy income has recovered.

Assets held	£
Total funds	819,011
Less tangible assets (building and equipment)	555,660
Funds, excluding tangible assets	263,351

Freely-available unrestricted reserves	£
Total unrestricted funds	399,854
Less tangible assets (building and equipment)	171,377
Freely-available unrestricted reserves	228,477

The freely-available unrestricted reserves are sufficient to meet total expenditure for a period of approximately 10 months.

Please note that we have been able to run our services at full capacity due to our excellent financial management. We are also currently investing in fundraising and in a name change/rebrand to strengthen our financial position and help us become more sustainable.