

## HORLEY ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17 MAY 2018

**PRESENT: Chairman John Tite, Cllrs Simon Attfield, Martin Hamer, Bob Barnwell, Clerk to the Council David Marriott. County Councillor George Reynolds. David Beck, and Sarah Walther (Cricket Club), David Kyle, (PCC), Alison Tite, (Ladies Guild).**

1	<p><b>Introduction of Members</b> Councillor Tite introduced the parish councillors who were present at the meeting.</p>
2	<p><b>Cricket Club</b> David Beck provided an update on the club's activities, in particular towards their new pavilion scheme. Planning consent has been granted for the new pavilion, although there are two conditions which the club intend to challenge. A snag has arisen regarding the ECB funding, with the result that the club will have to move the pavilion slightly in order to achieve increase the distance from the square to the boundary slightly. This will require the acquisition of some additional land, and a new planning application. Other fundraising is on track, and consequently the club expects to be in a position to proceed as soon as the planning amendments to satisfy the ECB are in place. The possibility of providing a bottle bank as part of the scheme was raised.</p>
3	<p><b>Parochial Church Council</b> 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 mentioned that the monthly café church service is held on the third Sunday of each month in Horley, aimed at attracting families, and is usually attended by 30-40 people. The church clock is now working and the PCC will be focussing on repairs to the west window, and in future hopes to do works to stabilise the wall paintings. Brian Ashdown is leading an eco-church project, and whilst this is initially focussing on the churchyard, it should go much wider to promote eco activities across the parish. David confirmed that portable ramps are now available to provide disabled access, and the churchwardens are the contact should they be required. It was confirmed that permission is in place to fell a number of trees in the churchyard as these are considered to be unsafe.</p>
4	<p><b>Ladies Guild</b> 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 winter market and summer fete which will take place on 23 June this year, and will include a dog show. £3,415 had been donated to the church last year. Whilst significant funds are raised for the church, other events such as coffee mornings and a frugal lunch have raised funds for charities such as the Breast Cancer Care, Christian Aid, NSPCC, Pancreatic Cancer UK, British Heart Foundation and Motor Neurone Disease Association.</p>
5	<p><b>Michael Hardinge trust</b> John Tite described the charitable purpose of the trust to support the educational needs of young people in the village. Grants are paid at specific milestones, including £1,000 to young people about to go to university. The Trust maintains the Old School and has recently purchased a new projector. Funds are raised from rents from the school house, and old school room, and from other events such as the cinema club and evening talks, together with the village lottery.</p>

6	<p><b>Parish Council</b></p> <p>The Chairman of the Council, Councillor John Tite described the Council's principal activities, although activity last year was less than sometimes. The Council is a consultee on all planning applications, and has also considered applications beyond the parish boundary, such as proposals at the Old Forge in Wroxton Lane. The Council has agreed to jointly finance with OCC the provision of kerbs in Church Lane, and is waiting to hear from OCC when this will be done. The Council also hopes to work with OCC to provide some additional parking near the Old Council Houses in Wroxton Lane, although this has proved to be far from straightforward.</p>
7	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p>Martin Hamer mentioned the poor state of roads in the parish, in particular Hornton Lane where there are numerous serious potholes. This is a County wide problem, and the County Council lacks the funds to do much more than pothole repairs. County Councillor Reynolds did not expect the situation to improve significantly in the foreseeable future.</p>