

**HORLEY PARISH COUNCIL – MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON  
8 August 2019**

**PRESENT: Chairman Cllr Tite, Cllrs Martin Hamer, Duncan Raper, Graham Curd, Simon Attfield. Clerk to the Council David Marriott. Also in attendance  
County Councillor George Reynolds**

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Item		Action
1	<p><b>Apologies for absence</b> Councillors Jennifer Cross, Bob Barnwell. The Council expressed its best wishes to Cllr Barnwell for his forthcoming hip operation.</p>	
2	<p><b>Declarations of interests</b> None.</p>	
3	<p><b>Minutes of the meetings held on 16 May 2019.</b> Proposed by Cllr Attfield, seconded by Cllr Curd it was resolved that the minutes be agreed.</p>	Clerk
4	<p><b>Matters arising</b> It was noted that the pothole at the end of Manor Orchard had been attended to by OCC, together with one at the end of Lane Close.</p>	
5	<p><b>Finance – 2019/20 budget monitoring report to 30.6.19</b> The income and expenditure statement for the year to 30/06/19 was approved.</p>	Clerk
6	<p><b>Land adjoining the Old Council Houses, Wroxton Lane</b> It was noted that OCC have now replaced the drain across this land, and have undertaken some resurfacing works. However, these have not solved the problem of water ponding in front of Brook Cottage, as the levels do not allow the water to drain into the adjoining gully. Cllr Hamer expressed his belief that this water is coming from a mains water leak, and it was agreed that the Clerk should report this to Thames Water. It was noted that OCC have repaired the fence, but have not replaced it with posts as requested. Since work has commenced on the new dwelling nearby, the parking issues have become more severe, and Christiane MacGregor has raised her concerns about vehicles eroding the verge in front of her property. It was agreed that the Clerk should clarify with OCC whether this is OCC highway verge, and advise Mrs MacGregor accordingly. Cllr Hamer suggested that it might be possible to relieve the parking issues by providing a number of spaces in the field owned by his family opposite Brook Cottage, and that this might also be a location for a children’s play area. The Clerk was asked to contact OCC highways to establish their views on a new access in this location. It was agreed that a working party comprising Cllrs Tite, Hamer and Attfield be formed to consider the potential of this proposal once OCC’s advice has been obtained.</p>	Clerk  Clerk  Clerk
7	<p><b>County highway matters</b> It was noted that no further information had been obtained from OCC regarding their drainage survey, or the drainage in Hornton Lane. It was noted that OCC have applied for a two week road closure starting 30 September in order to address the badger sett undermining the Hornton Lane. Clerk to liaise with OCC regarding publicity, particularly with the schools.</p>	Clerk
8	<p><b>Planning report</b> A report showing the position regarding planning and tree applications on which the Council had been consulted since the last meeting was noted.</p>	

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9	<p><b>Assets of Community Value</b> The planned informal meeting with Oxfordshire Community First had not taken place. The Council agreed to have an informal discussion at a later time as to whether it is interested in considering registering any properties under the scheme, before seeking a revised briefing date.</p>	Clerk
10	<p><b>Applications for charitable and other donations</b> An application had been received from Oxfordshire Association for the Blind. It was agreed that a donation of £50 be made.</p>	Clerk
11	<p><b>Horley Camping and Caravan Site</b> It was noted that a complaint had been received regarding noise from dogs barking at the site. It was agreed that no action be taken as this appeared to be an isolated complaint. If it recurs, the complainant be advised to contact Cherwell District Council Environmental Services, who have to duty to investigate noise complaints.</p>	
12	<p><b>Reports from external organisations</b> None</p>	
13	<p><b>Date of next meeting</b> Thursday 17 October 2019 – 7.30pm</p>	All
14	<p><b>Any other urgent business</b> Cllr Attfield mentioned the abandoned OCC signage on Banbury Lane warning of ice. It was agreed that these be stored next to the bridge in case they are required again. The Clerk reported an invitation for the Council to join CPRE. It was agreed that the invitation be declined. OCC have offered to provide a bag of road salt. Cllr Hamer indicated that he holds half a sack from previous years. Large sacks are hard to handle, but he would be happy to hold a pallet of small bags if this could be supplied. A survey of polling stations is being undertaken by Cherwell DC. The Council confirmed it had no issues to raise in response. Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils are undertaking a survey of elections, and an email will be forwarded to all Members, should they choose to participate. Cllr Hamer raised the issue of fly tipping which appears to be getting much worse. Vigilance form all members of the public is required. County Councillor George Reynolds agreed to raise this with Cherwell DC's Environmental Services.</p>	Clerk Clerk Clerk Clerk Clerk

**MEETING CLOSED AT 8.50pm**