

**HORLEY PARISH COUNCIL – MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON  
17 October 2019**

**PRESENT: Chairman Cllr John Tite, Cllrs Duncan Raper, Graham Curd, Simon Attfield, Bob Barnwell. Clerk to the Council David Marriott. Also in attendance County Councillor George Reynolds and District Councillor Douglas Webb.**

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Item		Action
1	<b>Apologies for absence</b> Councillor Martin Hamer	
2	<b>Declarations of interests</b> None.	
3	<b>Minutes of the meetings held on 8 August 2019.</b> Proposed by Cllr Attfield, seconded by Cllr Tite it was resolved that the minutes be agreed.	Clerk
4	<b>Matters arising</b> It was noted that the water leak on Banbury Lane had reappeared following recent rain. It was understood that the County Council has agreed with Cllr Hamer that he will extend his ditch in the adjoining field to try and intercept this flow of ground water.	Cllr Hamer
5	<b>Appointment of a new Member of the Council</b> Following the resignation of Councillor Cross, a vacancy existed on the Council, and the Returning Officer had confirmed that the Council was in a position to co-opt a new Member. Two members of the public had expressed an interest in filling this vacancy, Simon Wynn and Glenys Kyle. Cllr Barnwell expressed the view that it was desirable for the new Member to be a women, as all the other Members are men, and moved that Glenys Kyle be appointed. Cllr Attfield seconded this motion which was agreed. Cllr Tite thanked Simon Wynn, who was in attendance, for his interest.	
6	<b>Finance – 2019/20 budget monitoring report to 30.9.19</b> The income and expenditure statement for the year to 30 September 2019 was approved.	Clerk
7	<b>Parking Issues at Wroxton Lane</b> It was noted that Cllr Hamer had agreed to the Council pursuing a planning application for the development of a parking area and possible play area on the field owned by his family to the south of the Old Council Houses. It was agreed that before proceeding with this, Cllr Tite would speak again to Mr Gibbs of 1 The Old Council Houses, to check that he is still unwilling to permit vehicular access over his land to the neighbouring houses. In the event that vehicular access to the Old Council Houses cannot be secured, the Council to canvass occupiers, including neighbouring properties, to establish whether they would support and use car parking if provided on the Hamer's field. The possibility of providing a play area on this site to be included as a potential option at this stage. Members of the public to be invited to indicate whether they would wish to have an early meeting to discuss this proposal, or attend the next Council meeting on 16 January.	Cllr Tite  Clerk

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8	<p><b>County highway matters</b></p> <p>The Clerk provided a verbal report regarding information received from Oxfordshire County Council just before the meeting.</p> <p>The County Council have addressed the ponding in front of Brook Cottage, although they still believe this arises as a result of a mains water leak. However, Thames Water disagree with this, and are not planning to take any action.</p> <p>The County Council have received a complaint that the Horley Brook immediately downstream of the bridge on Wroxton Lane is choked by vegetation. Although they acknowledge that they are a riparian owner, the County Council do not intend to take any action, and are relying on the vegetation dying back in the winter.</p> <p>The drainage in Hornton Lane requires improvement as the outfall is partially blocked. It is anticipated that further design work will be done this year with a view to implementing a solution next year.</p> <p>The County Council are aware that Little Lane requires some resurfacing, but this will require a road closure, and may be done next year.</p> <p>The Clerk also reported that Mike Patching had raised the condition of Gulliver's Close, and in particular the damaged setts close to the entrance from Wroxton Lane. This defect to be reported to the County Council.</p>	Clerk
9	<p><b>Planning report</b></p> <p>A report showing the position regarding planning and tree applications on which the Council had been consulted since the last meeting was noted.</p>	
10	<p><b>Assets of Community Value</b></p> <p>The question of whether it would be appropriate to nominate the cricket club site as an Asset of Community Value was discussed. It is understood that the cricket club now own the freehold of the whole of their site. However, the question of what might happen to the site in the event that the club was unable to continue their activities was uncertain, due to the lack of information regarding the club's trust agreement. It was agreed that Cllrs Attfield and Barnwell meet the club to discuss the matter further, and report back at the next meeting.,</p>	Cllrs Attfield and Barnwell
11	<p><b>Applications for charitable and other donations</b></p> <p>It was noted that the Katherine House Hospice had written to previous donors, including the Council, seeking donations to support their ongoing operations. It was agreed that the sum of £50 be donated to the Katherine House Hospice.</p>	Clerk
12	<p><b>Reports from external organisations</b></p> <p>None</p>	
13	<p><b>Date of next meeting</b></p> <p>Thursday 16 January 2020 – 7.30pm</p>	All
14	<p><b>Any other urgent business</b></p> <p>The Clerk reported that a letter had been received from the Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils and the Armed Forces Charity referring to the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE day on 8 May 2020. Various activities are planned to commemorate this anniversary, and Local Authorities and community groups are encouraged to participate. It was agreed that the Clerk should notify the community through the Horley Views.</p>	Clerk

**MEETING CLOSED AT 8.30pm**