

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 January 2020.

Clerk to Horley Parish Council

- 1) Apologies for absence
- 2) Declaration of Interests
- 3) Minutes of the Meeting held on 17 October 2019
- 4) Matters arising
- 5) Finance

(a) 2019/20 budget monitoring report to 31 December 2019

The report annexed below shows the income and expenditure for the 2019/20 financial year to 31 December, as compared to the annual budget. There are no material issues to highlight at this time. It is **RECOMMENDED** that the budget monitoring report be approved.

(b) Draft budget for 2020/21

An additional column has been added to the report annexed, showing the draft budget for the next financial year. Estimated expenditure figures have been inserted where known, but Members will need to consider whether there are any additional items of expenditure which they wish to provide for, the amount of contingency to be included, and hence the precept required.

6) Parking issues at Wroxton Lane

Since the last meeting discussions have taken place to establish whether there is any likelihood of access being provided to the gardens at the Old Council Houses for off-street parking, and it seems this is unlikely. The alternative mentioned previously would be to provide some parking spaces on the pasture immediately to the south of the Old Council Houses.

Any development of this nature would require the consent of the Environment Agency, due to its proximity to the Horley Brook, and the County Council as highway authority, in addition to planning consent from Cherwell District Council. The Environment Agency have advised that a Flood Risk Activity Permit will be required, but hopefully this will not comprise an insuperable obstacle. The County Council have advised that they would have no objection in principle, but would need more detail as to the design and construction, and would require a formal agreement relating to the construction of the access across the existing highway verge.

7) Verges

During the growing season for the current year the Council arranged for three cuts to the verges within the village by the Council's contractor, Nigel Prickett. He also strimmed the triangle opposite Horley Mill three times. Whilst Colin Hirons was asked to maintain this land on a regular basis, and did at one stage agree to do so, unfortunately he failed to perform, and has proved difficult to contact.

In the past, Nigel Prickett was also the County Council's contractor, and cut the verges within the village once, together with the verges on the lanes outside the village, at the County Council's expense. However, he is no longer working for the County Council. Another contractor did the verges on the rural roads, but did not do any cutting within the village itself, presumably because the verges within the village were not overgrown at that time.

As this is somewhat unsatisfactory, the County Council has been contacted to try and achieve better coordination. However, the County Council's preference would be to transfer the responsibility for grass cutting to the Parish Council by way of a formal legal agreement. If the Parish Council were prepared to take this on, the County Council would pay the Council the sum of £408.25 pa.

8) Planning Report

A report showing the recent tree and planning applications on which the Council has been consulted is annexed below.

9) Assets of Community Value

At the last meeting it was agreed that Cllrs Attfield and Barnwell meet the cricket club to establish whether there is any reason to propose the club's premises as an Asset of Community Value, and report back at this meeting.

10) Applications for charitable and other donations

A letter has been received from North Oxfordshire and South Northants Citizens Advice, highlighting the valuable work they do, and requesting continuing financial support. Members will be aware that donations have been made to this charity in the past, but not this year to date.

11) Reports from External Organisations

Any Member reports from external organisations.

12) High Sheriff Award Scheme

An email was received in November, and circulated to Members, seeking nominations under the High Sheriff of Oxfordshire's annual awards scheme, with a deadline for nominations of 17 January. Nominees should be people who are considered to have made an outstanding contribution to the community in which they live or work. If the Council wishes to nominate anyone for such an award, they are asked to make the nomination confidential, so the nominee is not aware of it, in case the nomination is not accepted.

13) Date of next meeting

Thursday 16 April 2020 - 7.30 pm

14) Any other urgent business

Annex

Item 6: 2019/20 budget monitoring report to 31/12/19

Draft budget 2020/21

	Category Description.	Budget 2019/2020	Spent to 31.12.19	Under/overspend	2020/21 Draft
1	Clerk's Salary	£0.00	£0	£0	£0
2	Clerk's Expenses	£150.00	£49.00		£150
3	Churchyard Maintenance	£450.00	£450.00	£0	£150
4	Insurance	£320.00	£300.39	£19.61	£320.00
5	Election Expenses	£0.00	£0	£0	£0
6	School Room Hire	£150.00	£0		£150.00
7	Subscriptions				
	OALC	£140.00	£0		£140.00
	SLCC	£50.00	£44.00	£6.00	£50.00
	Community First Oxon	£35.00	£0		£35.00
9	Audit Fee	£0.00	£0	£0	£0
10	Horley Views website	£36.00	£15.00		£50.00
11	S137 Expenditure				
	Charitable contributions	£150.00			£150.00
	Oxon Assoc for the blind		£50.00		
	Katherine Hs		£50.00		
	Defibrillator	£150.00	£126.00	£24.00	£130.00
12	Dog Bins Servicing	£385.00	£432.43	£47.43	£480.48
13	Hedges	£300.00	£0.00		£300.00
14	Verge maintenance	£600.00	£540.00	£60.00	£600.00
15	Contingency	£3,844.00	£7200.00	£3,356.00	?
	TOTAL	£6,750.00	£9,256.82	£3,293.82	?

Balances and income to 31.12.19

Business saver account balance 31.3.19	£29,245.82
Community account balance 31.3.19	£84.00
	<u>£29,329.82</u>
less expenditure relating to 2018/19	£125.00
	<u>£29,204.82</u>
Income	
CDC precept	£3,375.00
CDC supplementary grant	£4.87
VAT recovery	£1452.76
Interest	£15.40
Interest	£13.01
CDC precept	£3,375.00
Interest	£14.12
Total income	£8,250.16
	<u>£37,454.98</u>
Less expenditure	<u>£9,256.82</u>
Balance	£28,198.16

Item 7 Planning Report

The outstanding applications, and those which have been determined by Cherwell District Council 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.

Number	Applicant	Description	Current position
19/02921/F	Chris Jarvis	Two storey extension to the rear of Meadowside, Hornton Lane	No objection by Horley PC