

**HORLEY PARISH COUNCIL – MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON  
6 August 2020**

**PRESENT: Chairman Cllr John Tite, Cllrs Graham Curd, Martin Hamer, Duncan Raper. Bob Barnwell. Clerk to the Council David Marriott. Also in attendance County Councillor George Reynolds and Kate Wythe.**

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Item		Action
1	<p><b>Apologies for absence</b> Simon Atfield. Due to the Coronavirus crisis, and in line with Government guidance, the meeting was held online as a virtual meeting.</p>	
2	<p><b>Declarations of interests</b> None relating to items on the agenda.</p>	
3	<p><b>Minutes of the meeting held on 25 June 2020.</b> Proposed by Cllr Tite, seconded by Cllr Hamer it was resolved that the minutes be agreed.</p>	Clerk
4	<p><b>Matters arising</b> It was noted that the application to register the Cricket Club site as an Asset of Community Value had been accepted by Cherwell District Council. It was noted that the hedge adjoining Brook Cottage had been cut ahead of the written request by the Council, but the adjoining hedge owned by the Hamer family still needs cutting back, and Councillor Hamer indicated that he would attend to this. OCC have acknowledge the report regarding the damaged footbridges, and will be arranging for the necessary repairs and replacements to be made.</p>	Cllr Hamer
5	<p><b>Appointment of a new Member of the Council</b> Following the advertising of the vacancy, two members of the public had expressed an interest in filling the vacancy, Kate Wythe and Simon Wynn. Councillor Barnwell expressed the view that, in order to maintain a degree of gender diversity, it was important that a woman be appointed, and proposed that Kate Wythe be co-opted to fill the vacancy. It was agreed that this should happen. The Council expressed their thanks to Simon Wynn for his interest in joining the Council</p>	Clerk
6	<p><b>Finance – 2020/21 Budget Monitoring Report</b> A report was annexed to the agenda setting out the income and expenditure incurred by the Council in the first quarter of the year. The Council resolved to note the report</p>	Clerk
7	<p><b>Parking Issues at Wroxton Lane</b> At the previous meeting the Council had agreed to proceed with a planning application for a parking area at Wroxton Lane, with the support of a planning consultant. The report set out the likely cost of employing a consultant to carry out this work, and it is likely that total consultancy costs are likely to be in the region of £4,000 to £5,000. Members felt that this level of expenditure could not be justified in view of the uncertainty. It was noted that a planning application would have to include a landscaping scheme, and be supported by a flood risk assessment and environmental survey. It was agreed that the Council should seek to prepare an application which addresses the concerns raised in the pre-application consultation response by Cherwell District Council without employing a planning consultant, and that all Members would provide support to the Clerk in</p>	

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	undertaking this work, as appropriate. In order to do this informal zoom meetings may be required to discuss individual work packages. In the first instance it was agreed that an initial meeting be arranged between the Clerk, the Chairman and the Council's retained Engineer to discuss the work needed.	Clerk
8	<b>Appointment of a replacement Clerk to the Council</b> Following the advertising of the forthcoming vacancy in the post of Clerk to the Council, David Beck had indicated his interest in filling this vacancy with effect from a date to be agreed in October. The Clerk, and the Chairman had met with David Beck to explain the duties of the post. It was resolved that Mr Beck be appointed as agreed on the basis that an annual honorarium equivalent to £1,000pa be paid in recognition of the duties to be carried out, proposed by Cllr Tite, seconded by Cllr Curd.	
8	<b>Date of next meeting</b> In view of the current restrictions on how meetings can be conducted, it was agreed that no date be set for the next meeting, but that a meeting be called in October if not before, when there is business which needs to be dealt with.	All
14	<b>Any other urgent business</b> Cllr Tite indicated that he would draft a news update for the next issue of Horley Views magazine, and circulate for comment. Cllr Curd mentioned that there had been a number of robberies from sheds to the rear of Gullivers Close. It was agreed that this be publicised on Horley Views. It was noted that as Di Marriott steps down from her role in running the Horley Views website, Alison Tite will increase her involvement to ensure the site continues to operate. The use of the field to the rear of Gullivers Close for dog training and exercise was raised, and the question of whether this requires planning consent had been raised with Members. It was agreed that the question be raised with Cherwell District Council planners. The Council had been contacted by Hornton Parish Council regarding the increased use on the Wroxton motocross site. Members were not aware of any complaints having been received. However, there were concerns regarding motorcycles being ridden in fields just to the south of Moor Mill, and it was agreed the Clerk write to the tenant of this land, Mr Pick, asking him to ensure this does not continue.	Cllr Tite  Clerk  Clerk  Clerk

**MEETING CLOSED AT 8.40pm**