

**HORLEY PARISH COUNCIL – MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 13th JANUARY 2022
7.30pm in the OLD SCHOOL ROOMS, HORLEY.**

PRESENT: Chairman Cllr John Tite, Cllrs Graham Curd, Martin Hamer, Simon Attfield, Kate Wythe, Bob Barnwell, Duncan Rapier, Clerk to the Council David Beck. One village resident was also in attendance

1) Apologies for Absence

Cllr G.Reynolds

2) Declarations of interests

None to record

3) Minutes of the meeting held on 11th November 2021

Acceptance was proposed by Cllr Hamer and seconded by Cllr Wythe. It was resolved that the minutes be agreed

4) Matters Arising

The Parish Clerk had previously circulated to the members the Local Plan 2050.

Drains through the village had been cleaned without any prompting from the Parish Council. It was noted there may be an issue with a drain on the Hornton Road. The Parish Clerk to investigate. **Action Clerk**

Other matters arising would be covered during this meeting

5) Finance

- Bank Statement to 31st December 2021

For information to the Members, the reconciled bank statement had been circulated to the Members prior to the meeting and was noted. The report showed bank balances of £40755.37 across the two accounts as at 31st December 2021. It was noted the VAT refund of £218.52 now been received and was included in the statement.

- 2020/21 Budget Monitoring Report

The budget monitoring report setting out income and expenditure during the period to 31st December 2021 had been circulated prior to the meeting and the Members resolved to note the report. Proposed Cllr Raper Seconded Cllr Wythe.

- **2022/23 Budget & Precept**

The Budget setting report had been circulated prior to the meeting. The report was considered line by line. It was agreed that £250 be added for any Queen's Jubilee Celebrations and the £2500 stated for Wroxton Lane fees be removed as this money had been received.

After discussion, it was agreed that the Precept for 2022/23 be set at the same level as previous year (£8000). Clerk to complete the necessary paperwork. **Action Clerk**

- **Other Matters**

Following instances in the village where it was required, it was agreed to make a donation of £100 to the Oxfordshire Air Ambulance. Proposed by Cllr Attfield Seconded Cllr Curd.

Clerk to request the invoice for Room Hire from the Michael Harding Trust **Action Clerk**

Clerk to produce a report for the next meeting reference the potential changing of the Parish Council's Bank. **Action Clerk**

6) **Annual Governance Review**

This was still within the First Stage consultation (ends 31 January 2022)

Clerk to write to the Hanwell and Wroxton Parish Councils explain the reasoning behind the request for boundary changes. **Action Clerk**

7) Received **Notice of Planning Applications**

- Highton, Horley Lodge, Hornton Lane – tree works – no comments

Received **Approvals of Planning Application**

- None to record
- Planning Applications for alterations to Manor Farmhouse internal and external (Mr. & Mrs Highstead) according to CDC still under consultation.
- Planning Application for stationing of temporary cabin at Hadsham Farm (Taylor) according to CDC still under consultation.

8) **Relevant Correspondence**

Mr.M.Abbotts – email ref parking opposite Red Lion Pub. This is outside the re-mit of the Parish Council and falls within CDC Parking Enforcement. Mr.Abbotts had been informed of this.

Oxfordshire County Council – ref protocols for the death of a senior figure. This was discussed, it was agreed the ideal place for a Book of Condolences was within the Church. Clerk to write to the Parish Parochial Council with this suggestion. **Action Clerk**

Thames Water Board – there was now no closure of Wroxton Lane late January 2022 as previously informed.

Cherwell District Council – ref 5% increase on the charges for collection of poo bins

Queens Platinum Jubilee Committee – notification of celebrations during the Jubilee weekend of June 2nd to 5th, including the lighting of beacons. This was discussed and agreed that Cllr Hamer should contact the Village resident who had provided and lit a beacon on the last occasion. It was agreed no commemorative gifts would be purchased by the Parish Council. **Action Cllr Hamer**

9) Parking issues at Wroxton Lane

The village resident in attendance was invited to join the discussions and the Parish Clerk gave the update.

The Architect had been instructed to include the latest agreed modifications and requested to apply for planning permission. It was agreed that before the actual application went into CDC, the new plans would be circulated to the residents and their support/agreement sought. The Clerk to inform the Architect. **Action Clerk**

10) Date of next meetings

Currently:

21st April 2022

12th May 2022 including the Parish Meeting and Annual General Meeting

It is accepted extra meeting(s) may need to be called to discuss any outstanding matters when and if the situation was necessary.

11) Any other urgent business

Verges out of the village on Hornton Road from the village sign to Hadsham Farm (left hand side). These were overgrown and untidy. Whilst recognising the need to preserve the wildlife, the members agreed these could be cut back to the fence. The Clerk to obtain the opinion of the Taylor family. **Action Clerk**

A general discussion then took place on the maintenance of the hedges/verges through the village. The Clerk to discuss with the current contractor and the CDC to formulate a constructive plan. **Action Clerk**

Poo Bins – The supply of poo bags through the CDC/village resident may be coming to an end. The Clerk to investigate including the cost of any required new bins/posts. To report back to the next meeting as an agenda item. **Action Clerk**

It was noted an untaxed blue BMW had been parked for some time on the corner opposite the Red Lion Pub. The Clerk to investigate and attempt to get it moved **Action Clerk**

MEETING CLOSED AT 21.00pm