

**HORLEY PARISH COUNCIL – MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 20th October 2022
7.30pm in the OLD SCHOOL ROOMS, HORLEY.**

PRESENT: Chairman Cllr John Tite, Cllrs Graham Curd, Martin Hamer, Simon Attfield, Bob Barnwell, Duncan Rapier, Clerk to the Council David Beck, District Cllrs George Reynolds and Douglas Webb.

One village resident was also in attendance

1) Apologies for Absence

Cllr K.Wythe

2) Declarations of interests

None to declare

3) Minutes of the meeting held on 28th July 2022

Acceptance was proposed by Cllr Attfield and seconded by Cllr Curd. It was resolved that the minutes be agreed

4) Matters Arising

Replacement Poo Bin posts – matter on-going

Action Cllrs Hamer/Attfield

5) Finance

- Bank Statements to 30th September 2022.

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 £44277.61. It was noted that a VAT refund to 30th September 2022 of £527.70 had been applied for.

- 2022/23 Budget Monitoring Report

The budget monitoring report setting out income and expenditure during the period to 30th September 2022 had been circulated prior to the meeting. This showed the Parish Council Expenses were running to budget except for an expense of £100.00 from Cherwell District Council for the May 2022 Elections. The Members resolved to note the report. Proposed Cllr Raper Seconded Cllr Hamer.

6) Relevant Correspondence

Email Hanwell Village Action Committee – ref proposal by Vistry Homes to build 170 new houses on the B4100 (old Warwick Road) between Hanwell Chase and Hanwell village. Cllr Wythe had attended a meeting on behalf of Horley PC. It was noted that Hanwell village has organised leafletting, letters to the MP, Councillors and other local officials and is developing a media campaign with coverage on radio and local press. At the same meeting the proposal

to create a solar farm along the B4100 (old Warwick Road) was also discussed. The proposal was to use the land to the left hand side of Banbury Lane out of Horley with it's junction with the B4100. It had been noted that if both proposals went ahead there would be a continuous band of development from Banbury to the Warwickshire border. It was also noted that when the Annual Governance review was implemented this land would be in the Horley Parish. The concern, which was voiced at the action group meeting, was that planning applications could be approved under the current regime, even though the future Cherwell Plan appears to be protecting the character and integrity of villages.

Cllr Wythe and Clerk D.Beck had attended a presentation by the CDC Planning Enforcement Officer on the procedures to follow if a Parish Council believed approved planning applications/permissions had not been properly and correctly implemented.

7) Received Notice of Planning Applications since last meeting

Ms.J.Smith, Chapel Cottage, Wroxton Lane – single storey extension.

Brantlith, Manor Orchard – tree works – **now approved**

Moore, Horley Mill, Wroxton Lane - two extensions etc.

Corderly, Savee Farm, Hornton Lane – single storey extension and garage – this was discussed at this meeting and it was agreed the Parish Council had no comments to make.

8) Planning Permissions received since last meeting

Jackson, Lower Field Barn – conversion of garages.

Highstead, Manor Farm House – closing existing entrance and building new vehicle entrance.

Marshall, Field House, Little Lane – replace conservatory.

Other Planning items

Hobson, Hornton Lane – received **withdrawal** of planning application to block off current driveway and create an access from Clump Lane.

Bottom of the village – It was noted that some building works had commenced in the steam and on an outbuilding. After discussion it was agreed, that as questions had been asked, the Clerk would contact the Environment Agency and CDC Planning to see if they had any information on this.

Action Clerk

9) Parking issues at Wroxton Lane

A site meeting was held with Will Anstey CDC Planning on 22 September 2022. Representing the Parish Council were Cllrs Curd and Barnwell, Clerk David Beck and Bill Essex from Clford Essex. Following that meeting Will Anstey had responded. The CDC response had been circulated prior to this meeting. An extension until November 4th had been agreed. In the response, Will Anstey had requested a lot more back up information, particularly more justification for the car park and what would be done with the damaged verge along the road opposite etc. A site meeting with Ben Mundy, Highways Officer was held on 19th October. Cllr Tite, Cllr Wythe, Cllr Attfield and Clerk D.Beck attended on behalf of the Parish Council along with Bill Essex. Ben Mundy could see no issues from a Highways perspective regarding the application. The discussions included using the existing highway, with the use of white lining rather than the provision of a footpath and bridge. Ben Mundy would seek advice from his Line Manager and report back.

In the interim, Cllr Tite had produced (at the request of Will Anstey CDC) a draft historical statement of options considered for parking solutions. This was discussed, any suggested additions/amendments should be sent to Cllr Tite.

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A discussion then took place about the re-instatement of the damaged verge on the opposite side. Ben Mundy had informed the site meeting that this was not conditional to the planning application. It was agreed that plans should still be included as they would be needed at some time in the future. Parish Clerk to inform Bill Essex and seek his advice on the structure etc. of the re-instated verge.

Action Clerk

It was agreed that there will be the need for extraordinary meetings as the process proceeds

10) Community Governance Review

The decision on the Parish Council's proposed boundary changes was made at a CDC meeting on October 17th 2022. Following that meeting, written approval had been received for the changes as per the submitted plans.

The Clerk explained the next stages of the procedure. Changes to parish boundaries have to come in at scheduled parish council elections, as this is the opportunity to 'reset' things. For the boundary changes at Horley, under legislation Cherwell District Council require Horley, Hanwell and Wroxton to have Parish Council elections all at the same time, due to the various boundaries that are being moved. There is no public vote on the intended changes, changes can only be made after an election. Hanwell PC elections are next due in 2024, Horley and Wroxton in 2026. The options were considered. After discussion it was agreed to proceed with the option of Horley bringing forward their next Parish Council elections to 2024, then return to a four year cycle. Parish Clerk would inform CDC of this decision and await further notifications from them.

Action Clerk

11) Dates of future meetings

19th January 2023 – to include following year's budget/precept.

20th April 2023

11th May 2023 **7pm** Annual General Meeting and approval of accounts after audit

7.30pm Annual Parish Meeting/Village Groups.

27th July 2023

19th October 2023

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

Items raised by a resident in attendance

Wroxton Lane lighting – Parish Clerk confirmed he was in communication with the authorities over the light outside the Red Lion Public House. The Clerk had received mixed messages back but would continue to monitor the situation.

Verge cutting – the procedure for the village was explained.

MEETING CLOSED AT 21.00pm