

**HORLEY PARISH COUNCIL – MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 19<sup>th</sup> January 2023  
7.30pm in the OLD SCHOOL ROOMS, HORLEY.**

**PRESENT: Chairman Cllr John Tite, Cllrs Graham Curd, Bob Barnwell, Kate Wythe, Clerk to the Council David Beck, District Cllr George Reynolds.**

**One village resident was also in attendance**

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**1) Apologies for Absence**

Cllrs Hamer, Attfield, Raper and District Councillor Webb. It was noted that the meeting was quorate.

**2) Declarations of interests**

None to declare

**3) Minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

Acceptance was proposed by Cllr Curd and seconded by Cllr Barnwell. 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 Statement to 31<sup>st</sup> December 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 £43374.69 less uncleared cheques totalling £213.99. It was noted that the VAT refund to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022 of £527.70 had been received.

**- 2022/23 Budget Monitoring Report**

The budget monitoring report setting out income and expenditure during the period to 31<sup>st</sup> December 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.

**- 2023/2024 Budget and Precept**

The Parish Clerk had circulated prior to the meeting a suggested draft budget. Members discussed this draft. It was noted that an item of £1000 be included for any extra professional fees regarding the proposed new car park. The Members agreed to accept the draft as presented.

With reference to the **Precept 2023/2024**. Cllr Reynolds informed the meeting that CDC were imposing a 5% increase. After a full discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council would increase the Precept request to £8400, an increase of 5%. Parish Clerk to inform Council members not in attendance.

**Action Parish Clerk**

#### 6) **Relevant Correspondence**

Email from Mr.& Mrs.Abbotts – ref dropping of poo bags in inappropriate areas and general dog poo not cleaned up around the village. – This was discussed at length and all agreed this was an issue throughout the village and awareness needed to be raised.. It was decided that the Council would not provide any extra bins at present. As stated earlier, it was now important the current bins posts were replaced and the areas surrounding the bins tidied up. Cllr Wythe would prepare an article for the website and D.Beck on behalf of the cricket club would do the same.

**Action Cllr Wythe & D.Beck HCC**

Cherwell District Council – ref draft Local Plan. The meeting to consider the 'draft' local plan was considered by the Executive at a meeting today, January 19<sup>th</sup> 2023, and if approved will be published for consultation shortly afterwards. Since that meeting the following response has been received

*A proposed consultation draft of the Plan was presented to the Council's Overview & Scrutiny Committee on 11 January 2023. The proposed draft and the comments of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee were subsequently reported to the Council's Executive on 19 January 2023. The papers and webcasts of both meetings can be accessed online:*

*<https://modgov.cherwell.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=116&MId=3873&Ver=4>*

*<https://modgov.cherwell.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=115&MId=3872&Ver=4>*

*The Executive resolved to defer the consideration of the item until a later date (to be determined) in light of the Overview & Scrutiny comments and the Executive's comments.*

*The proposed consultation draft has therefore not been approved for consultation and officers will be undertaking further work to consider the comments made.*

*A revised programme for the Local Plan (the 'Local Development Scheme') will be presented to the Executive for consideration at a future meeting. Please do keep an eye on our website (<https://www.cherwell.gov.uk/info/9/planning-and-building>) for further information in due course or contact the Planning Policy team at [planning.policy@cherwell-dc.gov.uk](mailto:planning.policy@cherwell-dc.gov.uk) or by telephoning 01295 227985.*

*David Peckford*

*Assistant Director – Planning & Development*

Oxfordshire County Council – ref tree planting. Tree Services are to plant a tree in each parish. Parish Clerk to ask where the intended site of the tree is to be.

**Action Parish Clerk**

#### 7) **Received Notice of Planning Applications since last meeting**

Mr.& Mrs.Hamer – first floor extension. The Parish Council has no comments to make Hedges & Kerwood – re-submission of creation of moto-cross track. The new plans were considered and were discussed at length. It was agreed that the Parish Council would object to this new submission on the grounds it used for the first application.

**Action Parish Clerk**

Taylor – Adjacent to Hadsham Farm - construction of track and car park. This had been considered by the members by email prior to the meeting. It was confirmed that in the interest of safety this was a worthy application.

#### **8) Planning Permissions received since last meeting**

Highstead, Manor Farmhouse – new windows  
Cordery, Savee Farm – erection of stabling, riding arena etc.

#### **Planning Application refused**

Ms.J.Smith, Chapel Cottage, Wroxton Lane – re-submission of rear extension.

#### **Planning Application withdrawn**

Moore, Horley Mill, Wroxton Lane. – erection of two storey side extensions

#### **9) Parking issues at Wroxton Lane**

Update/current position - Bill Essex (Architect) has been in contact with CDC Planning Case Office after delay in responding to previous communications. The Case Officer has now contacted the Environment Agency following their concerns which includes a suggestion for an 8m buffer to the stream. A new plan omits the footbridge, a buffer between 1.5m and 4m., new hedging which would be a benefit to biodiversity, with white lining on the road and a new entrance further up Wroxton Lane following the approval of Highways. Awaiting response from the Environment Agency.

The Parish Council need to start considering ways of raising the funds for the project with costs likely to be in excess of current funds.

**Action All**

Parish Clerk to discuss with Bill Essex what drawings/plans etc would be needed after Planning Permission had been received.

**Action Clerk**

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

#### **10) Community Governance Review**

The Parish Clerk had been informed by CDC that all three parishes – Wroxton, Hanwell and Horley have agreed elections for 2024 and the boundary changes can take place after then. Once the legal orders have been completed and sealed in the next few weeks, the process is officially finished.

#### **11) Dates of future meetings**

20<sup>th</sup> April 2023

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

**7.30pm** Annual Parish Meeting/Village Groups.

27<sup>th</sup> July 2023

19<sup>th</sup> 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

Coronation 2023 – The Parish Council did not have any official plans to celebrate the event. As stated above, £200 had been put into the budget in case of any consideration of requests from village organisations. The Parish Council were informed that it is unlikely the cricket field would be available as there were cricket matches planned for that weekend.

Wroxton Lane lighting – In spite of numerous communications from the Parish Clerk, the light outside the Red Lion Public House still had not been fixed. Cllr Tite as Chairman to write to the authorities on behalf of the Parish Council/residents. **Action Cllr Tite**

No actual responses (acknowledgements only) had been received from CDC and the Environment Agency following the Parish Council being informed of potential building works at a house/surrounds on Wroxton Lane.

**MEETING CLOSED AT 20.50pm**

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