

**HORLEY PARISH COUNCIL – MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY
11TH MAY 2023 7.00pm in the OLD SCHOOL ROOMS, HORLEY.**

PRESENT: Cllrs John Tite, Graham Curd, Simon Attfield, Kate Wythe, Bob Barnwell, Clerk to the Council David Beck. 5 village residents joined the latter part of the meeting.

1) Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Raper and Hamer, District Cllrs Reynolds and Webb

2) Declarations of interests

None to record

3) Nomination and election of the Chairman for the year

Nominated: Cllr John Tite. Proposed Cllr Attfield. Seconded Cllr Barnwell – elected. Cllr Tite signed the required acceptance form.

4) Nomination and election of the Vice-Chairman for the year

Nominated: Cllr Graham Curd. Proposed Cllr Wythe. Seconded Cllr Attfield – elected. Cllr Curd signed the required acceptance form

Allocation of responsibilities

- a. **Finance and general purposes** Cllr Raper
- b. **Highways and footpaths** Cllrs Curd and Hamer
- c. **Proposed Wroxton Lane Car Park Project** Cllrs Attfield and Wythe
- d. **Planning** Cllr Barnwell
- e. **Cricket club liaison** Cllr Attfield
- f. **School liaison** Cllr Raper
- g. **Michael Hardinge Trust liaison** Cllr Tite
- h. **Quarrying, Ironstone and scout camp liaison** Cllr Barnwell
- i. **Communications and notice board** Cllrs Barnwell and Curd
- j. **Parochial Church Council and Ladies Guild liaison** Cllr Wythe
- k. **New role – Hanwell Developments** – Cllr Wythe

All accepted and returned en bloc

6) Dates for Future meetings

- 27th July 2023
- 19th October 2023
- 18th January 2024
- 18th April 2024

7) Annual Audit

The Council's Internal Auditor had audited the Council's accounts for the year 2022/23 and his report confirming the records were complete and clear was read out to the meeting. It was proposed by Cllr Tite and seconded by Cllr Attfield that the report be accepted/approved. All agreed.

8) Vistry Homes Planning Application – Warwick Road.

This was discussed. In a 'straw poll' of the residents in attendance all were against the proposal. Cllr Barnwell informed the meeting that there were approx. 20 comments on the CDC Planning Portal from Hanwell Residents. (out of a total of 200+ comments). After the discussion the Parish Council members agreed to object to the application. Cllr Wythe to prepare the objection statement for circulation to and agreement of the Parish Council members. After this, the Clerk would send in the agreed objection to CDC. **Cllr Wythe/Parish Clerk**

9) Proposed Solar Farm on both sides of Warwick Road

Cllr Tite had requested an open meeting with the Developers, but so far there had been no response. The matter was discussed and based on the information received so far, the Parish Council agreed in principle to vote against the application.

10) Date of next meeting

Agreed as 27th July 2023

11) Any other urgent business

Wroxton Lane Car Park – the update was given by Cllr.Tite. It was a slow process mainly due to the positions taken by the Environment Agency and the CDC Planning Department. The Architect Bill Essex was frequently chasing the issue but with little success. His latest email to CDC was read to the meeting.

A letter to the Parish Council from a resident regarding the non-closure of gates in fields alongside the Scout Camp was discussed. Cllrs Wythe and Barnwell would contact the relevant personnel for further clarification on which gates etc. **Cllrs Wythe/Barnwell**

Meeting closed 7.25pm.