

**HORLEY PARISH COUNCIL – MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 27th July 2023 7.30pm
in the OLD SCHOOL ROOMS, HORLEY.**

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

Four village residents were also in attendance

1) Apologies for Absence

Cllrs M.Hamer, S.Attfield

2) Declarations of interests

None to declare

3) Minutes of the meeting held on 20th April 2023

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

4) Matters Arising

- The CDC donation for the Coronation Celebrations had been forwarded to the Ladies' Altar Guild and the necessary paperwork completed and acknowledged by CDC.
- Still no responses 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.
- Maintenance of Village gates – matter in abeyance **Action Cllr.Curd**

5) Finance

Bank Statement to 30th June 2023

Barclays Bank had closed the on-line facility and therefore currently no updated statements were available. Cllr Barnwell and Parish Clerk were attempting to resolve.

Action Cllr Barnwell/Parish Clerk

- 2022/23 Budget Monitoring Report

The budget monitoring report setting out income and expenditure during the period to July 27th 2023 had been circulated prior to the meeting. In answer to a query it was noted the £150.00 entered for Bank charges was a contingency amount. Currently the Parish Council received interest on the account.

6) Relevant Correspondence

Oxfordshire County Council – Countywide 20mph speed limit project. – According to the correspondence out of 317 towns and parishes across Oxfordshire around 80 had not currently applied for a 20mph limit. If successful new applicants would see their limits in place by the end of 2025. OCC advise was to initially gauge resident's opinion. The matter

was discussed at length. It was agreed that the Parish Council recommend the 20mph implementation, with initially the members of public being asked for their opinion.

Action Parish Clerk

Cherwell District Council - OCC Councillor Priority Fund – noted. District Councillor's responsibility for distribution.

Village resident Ms.M.Whitton – re Duke of Edinburgh children not using correct footpath routes. This was discussed at length including opinion from the village residents in attendance. One suggestion was to contact schools involved. It was felt this could be difficult because of the numbers involved. The recommendation was that Ms.Whitton put up signage clearly indicating the land is private and there is no footpath, please close gates etc. Cllr Wythe would respond to Ms.Whitton and Cllr Barnwell would contact the Scout Camp management. It was noted that in previous communications the fences etc had been erected by the Scout Camp because of 'Safeguarding' issues. It was also noted that within a year the land would fall under the Horley Parish Council boundaries.

Action Cllrs Wythe/Barnwell

Planning Applications received since last meeting

The Cottage, Wroxton Lane – remove garage and replace with office building - *note 2nd August 2023, since the meeting approval granted.*

Meadowsweet Farm – change of use from shop space to residential accommodation – *note 2nd August 2023, since the meeting approval granted.*

Motocross site, Stratford Road, Wroxton. – it was noted that the media were reporting that the new application had been refused. The Parish Council had not at the date of this meeting received any official notification.

Chapel Cottage, Wroxton Lane – Ms.J.Smith – notification of appeal against previous refusal

Planning Permissions received

4 Lane Close – Erection of single storey porch and rear extension (from June 2022)

The Cottage Wroxton Lane – Single storey rear extension

7) Parking issues at Wroxton Lane

Update/current position - Cllr Tite/Parish Clerk gave the update on Architect Bill Essex's communications. The Environment Agency still had two major concerns – the effect on the environment and the flooding risk. Bill Essex had put forward two alternative solutions to the potential flooding risk which would mean moving the actual parking spaces further away from the brook, but would reduce the number of spaces. To produce a report on the environmental effects could cost up to £4000. Cllr Tite confirmed that the land (whole field c.8 acres) was now up for sale by online auction mid August. The matter was discussed at length including input from the residents in attendance. It was agreed to wait until the sale of the land had been completed before taking any further action.

8) Proposed Solar Farm – top of Banbury Lane

Update/current position. - Cllr Tite still had not any response from Elgin Energy despite numerous attempts. At the date of this meeting, no planning application had been notified. A communication had been received from Hanwell Village Rural Action Group for a donation towards the costs of a planning consultant to work on a joint objection led by the action group.

This was discussed and whilst it was agreed in principal, more details would be required, including the actual planning application, before releasing any funds. Parish Clerk to communicate with the Action Group.

Action Parish Clerk

9) Proposed development on the Warwick Road (Hanwell)

Cherwell District Council's Planning Committee meeting to consider the application was being held on Thursday 10th August 2023, 4pm at Bodicote House. All were encouraged to attend. Cllr Barnwell would attend.

10) Dates of next meeting

Currently:

19th October 2023

18th January 2024

18th April 2024

9th May 2024 **7pm** Annual General Meeting and approval of accounts after audit

7.30pm Annual Parish Meeting/Village Groups.

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

Cllr Wythe – had attended the Cherwell Parish Liaison meeting in June 2023. Various items covered including bin collection, solar panel installation etc. Parish Clerk to investigate why official notification of this meeting had not been received.

Action Parish Clerk

MEETING CLOSED AT 20.50pm