

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

**PRESENT: Chairman Cllr John Tite, Cllrs Graham Curd, Bob Barnwell, Kate Wythe, Duncan Raper, Simon Attfield, Clerk to the Council David Beck. District Cllr G.Reynolds, District Cllr D.Webb**

**Two village residents were also in attendance**

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**1) Apologies for Absence**

Cllr M.Hamer

**2) Declarations of interests**

It was noted that following the sale of the field, Cllr Hamer had withdrawn his declaration of interests in the proposed car park project

**3) Minutes of the meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

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

**4) Matters Arising**

- Maintenance of Village Gates – Cllr Curd reported a village resident had agreed to look at the gates.
- Ms.M.Whitton ref DoE youngsters not using correct paths - Cllr Wythe had responded on behalf of the Parish Council. Cllr Barnwell had attempted to contact the relevant person at the Scout Camp with little response.
- Proposed development on the Warwick Road (Hanwell) – It was noted that the application had been rejected.

**5) Finance**

As access to accounts for the Parish Clerk had finally been resolved, financial reports etc could now be accessed. It was agreed that the Parish Clerk should now pursue on-line banking for the Parish Council

**Action Parish Clerk**

**Bank Statement to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023 -**

Circulated prior to meeting. Statement shows a current balance of £49771.04 with a potential further budgeted spend of £1750 before year end 31 March 2024. (Not including any future spend on the proposed car park).

**2023/24 Budget Monitoring Report –**

Circulated prior to meeting. The update was noted.

## 6) Relevant Correspondence

Possible erosion to bank Manor Orchard/Lane Close. – Cllr Hamer had been contacted by a resident. The matter was discussed. It was considered that the problem rather than being caused by excessive verge cutting, may be due to traffic eroding the bank as the road narrows. Parish Clerk would discuss with County Highways. **Action Parish Clerk**  
OCC – notice to remove dead oak tree on Hornton Road. – work completed

Cherwell District Council – Draft Local Plan review 2022 to 2040 & Banbury Town Plan 2050  
LOCAL PLAN 2040.

Consultation runs until November 3<sup>rd</sup> 2023.

Public exhibition in Lock 29 Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> 11.00 to 15.00

Housing & Economic Development Needs Assessment states Oxfordshire needs 25860 dwellings between 2020 & 2040 which has become the draft local plan, Government recommendations are 742 per annum or 14840, existing housing supply is 21,206, remaining draft requirement is 4654. Banbury 5950 over the period.

Horley is classified as a smaller village .

No new motorway junction, improvements to Hennef Way and current junction

A 65 question survey should be completed by November 3<sup>rd</sup> – not all apply to Banbury and area. It was agreed to hold an extra-ordinary meeting to complete the survey at Cllr Barnwell's house, 25<sup>th</sup> October at 5pm. **All note**

Campaign to Protect Rural Environment Oxfordshire – charity Action Group.

Parish Clerk and Cllr Wythe had attended an on-line meeting. 22 in attendance from across Oxfordshire

Outlined the plans and reasons to object etc. Bicester heavily affected – reps were very vocal.

BANBURY TOWN CENTRE PLAN TO 2050

Not to be confused with Local plan 2040.

Parish Clerk attended an online CDC meeting 19<sup>th</sup> October. 19 in attendance.

Presentation by CDC and Hemingway Design Consultants.

Survey launch November 9<sup>th</sup> looking for narrative from Banbury and surrounds residents. 6 sections, 20 minutes, hopefully 3 to 4000 responses.

On-line survey runs November to January – in addition there will be specialist workshops.

January 2024 results of the survey will be analysed, February published.

Literature, posters etc will be provided for circulation through the normal routes.

OCC - Local Bus services – the documents relevant to Horley had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was noted that the proposal included one bus service to and from Banbury on a Thursday with little time in Banbury. The documents had been posted on the website, with two responses to the Parish Clerk.

### **Planning Applications received since last meeting**

Sutherland, Old Manor Court – conversion of garage to create utility room

Moore, Horley Mill, Wroxton Lane – proposed plans circulated prior to meeting. The application was discussed. The Parish Council had no comments to make on the actual application. However CDC to be informed of the Parish Council's concerns over potential disruption to the village road during the work.

### **Planning Permissions received**

Ellis, Roseacre Cottage, Wroxton Lane – tree works

Moss, Park Cottage, Hornton Lane - tree works

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

Update/current position - Cllr Tite gave the update. The whole meadow had been sold to Mr. & Mrs. Apps (Hanwell). Cllr Tite had an informal meeting with the new owners. It appeared his solicitors didn't pick up on the Parish Council's interest in providing a car park on part of the field, and were not aware of the Environment Agency's two major concerns – the effect on the environment and the flooding risk. It seemed Mr. & Mrs. Apps wished to turn the field into a 're-generative' project. They were keen to meet with the Parish Council to further discuss. It was noted a new wooden fence had been erected around 20 metres away from the road boundary. Cllr Tite would arrange a meeting with the new owners with himself, Cllrs Wythe and Attfield. **Action Cllrs Tite/Wythe/Attfield**

### **8) Proposed Solar Farm – top of Banbury Lane**

Update/current position. - No further news or update.

### **9) 20mph speed limit through the village.**

Village opinion had been sought via website and magazine. There had been 11 responses, all of which supported. (1 whilst supporting was concerned it might be a waste of money).

Support had been requested from and received from DCllr G.Reynolds.

An application had been submitted – Horley in OCC's 3<sup>rd</sup> phase if agreed (Easter 2024 to Easter 2025) . Next phase would be the OCC meeting with the Parish Council. At that meeting the Parish Council would request details/agreement on the amount and type of signage.

There was a discussion with the members of the public present regarding the Parish Council's rationale for the application. It was confirmed there was no financial cost to the village.

### **10) Dates of next meeting**

Currently:

18<sup>th</sup> January 2024

18<sup>th</sup> April 2024

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

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

25<sup>th</sup> July 2024

17<sup>th</sup> October 2024

16<sup>th</sup> January 2025

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**

DCllr Reynolds – confirmed the Alkerton tip is to remain open and small items would remain free.

DCllr Webb confirmed the Council were working hard to reduce the amount of fly-tipping. If there were any issues the CDC 'Blitz' team should be contacted who were responding in good time.

**MEETING CLOSED AT 20.55pm**