

HORLEY PARISH COUNCIL – MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 25th JULY 2024
7.30pm in the OLD SCHOOL ROOMS, HORLEY.

PRESENT: Chairman Cllr Graham Curd, Cllrs John Tite, Duncan Raper, Simon Attfield, Martin Hamer, Clerk to the Council David Beck. District Cllrs Chris Brant, Douglas Webb

Three village residents were also in attendance

1) Apologies for Absence

Cllrs K.Wythe and A.Hendry

2) Declarations of interests

None to record

3) Minutes of the meeting held on 18th April 2024

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

4) Matters Arising

- Maintenance of Village Gates – Cllr Curd had contacted C.Jarvis to do the maintenance.
- King's framed portrait. – Cllrs Curd and Tite to discuss with the MHT to see if they wished it to be hung in the Old Schoolrooms. If not the Cricket Club was an option.
Action Cllrs Curd & Tite
- De-Fib training – Parish Clerk to contact J.Abbott to arrange a suitable date for this to take place for the village residents during the Autumn.
Action Parish Clerk
- Mill Cottage extra extension built. – Parish Clerk confirmed this had been built without required planning permission and that the resident had been informed of the need to either get that permission or remove the building. Parish Clerk to contact CDC Enforcement Team for an update.
Action Parish Clerk
- Damaged Salt Bin on Banbury Lane – Parish Clerk had finally received confirmation from OCC Highways that this would be replaced.
- Parish Council donation towards upkeep of the Michael Hardinge Trust building – matter in abeyance.
- The relationship between the Michael Hardinge Trust and the Parish Council was discussed. Cllr Tite informed the meeting the MHT has six trustees. According to the Governance document dated 1896, of these three are ultimately approved and appointed by the Parish Council every 4 years from date of appointment, and three by the MHT Trustees themselves, who serve for 8 years. Established practice is that the MHT Trustees identify new (or continuing) PC Trustees and the PC has the power of appointment or veto. There is no reason why Trustees should not serve on the PC, although on matters of finance they should declare their interest and excuse themselves from decision making for the sake of transparency. It was agreed that the MHT would propose which Trustees should be classed as PC appointed, for consideration by the PC to allow decisions to be made when re-appointments become due.
Cllrs Curd/Tite (MHT) & All

5) Finance

The reconciled bank statement had been circulated prior to the meeting. The statement shows a total bank balance across the two accounts of £51964.51 less an uncleared cheque of £200.00 (£51764.51). The necessary year end documents (known as Annual Governance Audit Review – AGAR) were lodged with the appropriate Government agency and accepted.

2024/25 Budget Monitoring Report –

The budget monitoring report setting out income and expenditure during the period to April 1st to 30th June 2024 (1st quarter of new financial year) had been circulated prior to meeting. The update was noted.

A discussion took place on the cutting on the verges. DCllr Webb confirmed that OCC were responsible for the verges outside the boundary. Parish Clerk had booked in the contractor to cut the verges within the boundary. *Done since this meeting.*

6) Relevant Correspondence

Hornton Parish Council – email re Neighbourhood plan had been circulated prior to meeting. DCllr Webb explained the benefit of 'joint' PC initiatives on housing/developments etc and the assistance to Cherwell District Council policies. It was agreed to contact Hornton Parish Council and express an interest.

Action Parish Clerk

B.Ashdown – email re blocked gulleys (circulated prior to meeting). This was discussed along with other areas of concern about the infrastructure within the village. It was agreed to request a site meeting/walk round the village with the CDC Engagement Team

Action Parish Clerk

Planning Applications received since last meeting

Dr.J.Williams, Holly Tree Farmhouse. – replacing of slates (listed building).

Ms.Condon, Apple Barn House – tree works.

Planning Permissions received since last meeting

None to record

Gigaclear

Cllr Tite gave the update. Following correspondence etc, the 'new' poles were due to be removed. BT Openreach had no permission to put in another duct across Manor Orchard. Cllr Tite to monitor.

Action Cllr Tite

7) Parking issues on Wroxton Lane

There was a discussion on the way forward including the repairs to the verges further along Wroxton Lane. It was noted that part of the field was being used as a car park by the new owners. There may be benefit in talking to the new owners again when the time was felt right. Meanwhile Cllrs Attfield & Wythe to put forward 3 or 4 proposals on this item for the next meeting. A public meeting to be held to discuss this when the proposals agreed.

Action Cllrs Attfield & Wythe

8) Proposed Solar Farm – top of Banbury Lane

Update/current position. - Nothing new had been heard.

9) Vistry Appeal – development Warwick Road.

The appeal with the Secretary of State held been held - awaiting outcome. Thanks to Cllr Wythe for attending. *Since the meeting the appeal by Vistry had been upheld by the Secretary of State and the original application refusal decision reversed.*

10) 20mph speed limit through the village.

Matter in abeyance – awaiting final consultation.

11) Any other urgent business

Cllr Tite Apollo Garage signs. – had appeared through the village. – since removed.

Cllr Attfield – requested a list of Parish Councillor's contact details. Parish Clerk to organise and circulate. **Action Parish Clerk**

Cllr Curd. – It was not possible to use the path up to the Red Lion Public House due to overhanging bushes and plants. Cllr Curd to contact residents. **Action Cllr Curd**

Cllr Curd – informed the meeting of the 20th Anniversary celebrations of D. & N. Morris as landlords of the Red Lion Public House on August 4th.

Dates of next meeting

17th October 2024

16th January 2025

24th April 2025

15th May 2025 **7pm** Annual General Meeting and approval of accounts after audit

7.30pm Annual Parish Meeting/Village Groups.

24th July 2025

23rd October 2025

It is accepted extra meeting(s) may need to be called to discuss any outstanding matters when and if the situation was necessary

MEETING CLOSED AT 21.05pm