

**HORLEY PARISH COUNCIL – MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY
15th MAY 2025 7.00pm in the OLD SCHOOL ROOMS, HORLEY.**

PRESENT: Cllrs Graham Curd, John Tite, Simon Attfield, Annaliese Hendry, Duncan Raper, Mike Abbotts, Clerk to the Council David Beck. 3 village residents joined the meeting.

- 1) Before the meeting newly co-opted Cllr M.Abbotts signed the Parish Councillor Acceptance Form to run to the Elections in 2026

2) Apologies for Absence

None to record

3) Declarations of interests

Cllrs Curd, Tite and Hendrie expressed an interest in any matters pertaining to the MHT.

4) Nomination and election of the Chair for the year

Nominated: Cllr Graham Curd. Proposed Cllr Attfield. Seconded Cllr Abbotts.– elected.

5) Nomination and election of the Vice-Chair for the year

Nominated: Cllr Attfield. Proposed Cllr Tite. Seconded Cllr Curd – elected.

Allocation of responsibilities

- a. **Finance and general purposes** Cllr Raper
- b. **Highways and footpaths** Cllrs Curd and Hamer
- c. **Wroxton Lane Parking issues** Cllr Attfield
- d. **Planning** Cllr Tite and or the Parish Council
- e. **Cricket club liaison** Cllr Attfield
- f. **School liaison** Cllrs Raper and Hendry
- g. **Michael Hardinge Trust liaison** Cllr Tite
- h. **Quarrying, Ironstone and scout camp liaison** Cllr Abbotts
- i. **Communications and notice board** Cllr Hendry
- j. **Parochial Church Council and Ladies Guild liaison** Cllr Tite
- k. **Potential Solar Development** – Cllr Curd
- l. **New role - Electronic Communications and infrastructure** – Cllr Tite
- m. **New role – DeFib and emergency procedures** – Cllr M.Abbotts

All Proposed by Cllr Attfield and seconded by Cllr Curd. All accepted and returned en bloc

6) Dates for Future meetings

17th July 2025

16th October 2025

22nd January 2026

16th April 2026

14th May 2026 7pm Annual General Meeting and approval of accounts
7.30pm Annual Parish Meeting/Village Groups

7) Annual Audit

The Council's Internal Auditor had audited the Annual Accounts, and all found in good order. The Accounts were approved and accepted. The Certificate of Exemption for AGAR purposes was approved and would be lodged with the appropriate Government Agency before the necessary date of 30th June 2025.

8) MHT donation.

Cllr Tite presented a report on the difficulties faced by the MHT with the upkeep of the Old Schoolrooms etc. This was discussed at length. It was agreed in principle that the Parish Council should offer support to the MHT via the renting of the rooms. A firm proposal to be presented the next Council Meeting.

Cllr Tite

9) Proposed Solar Farm on both sides of Warwick Road

No further updates, although it was noted some archaeological digs had taken place on the site.

10) Date of next Parish Council meeting

Agreed as 17th July 2025

11) Any other urgent business

Narrow Bridge on Banbury Lane. There had been recently two collisions on the bridge probably due to excessive speeding. Cllr Attfield to pursue with OCC.

Cllr Attfield

Cllr Abbotts – The 20 mph speed limit through the village appeared to be being abused. Clerk to investigate with the Police.

Clerk

Meeting closed 7.45pm