

**HORLEY PARISH COUNCIL – MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 15th January 2026
7.30pm in the OLD SCHOOL ROOMS, HORLEY.**

PRESENT: Chair Cllr Graham Curd, Cllrs John Tite, Simon Attfield, Mike Abbotts, Annaliese Hendry, Martin Hamer, Duncan Raper, Clerk to the Council David Beck.

One village resident was also in attendance

1) Apologies for Absence

DClr Webb

2) Declarations of interests

None to record

3) Minutes of the meeting held on 16th October 2025

Acceptance was proposed by Cllr Attfield and seconded by Cllr Abbotts. All in agreement.

4) Matters Arising

Parish Clerk reported the new Clerk's email address had been registered. Awaiting confirmation.

Cllr Hendry reported she was now a full trustee of the MHT.

Cllr Abbotts had spoken to the owner of the sheep which kept escaping onto Banbury Lane.

5) Finance

The reconciled bank statement to December 31st 2025 had been circulated prior to the meeting. This showed current balances in total across the two bank accounts of £57115.55. At this meeting cheques were raised and signed for – Community Heartbeat (DeFib annual maintenance) and Website domain annual charge. These expenses will appear on the next bank statement. Parish Clerk to contact Barclays to see what high interest accounts they offer.

Action Parish Clerk

2025/26 Budget Monitoring Report –

The budget monitoring report setting out income and expenditure during the period to April 1st 2025 to 31st March 2026 had been circulated prior to meeting and was noted.

2026/27 Annual Budget Setting.

The annual budget for the next financial year was discussed and agreed by the Members of the PC. Also discussed was the Precept for the next financial year. In view of the healthy bank balances, it was agreed the Precept request be reduced from previous years to £6400. It was noted that there may be capital expenditure for a new children's playground and new verges on Wroxton Lane.

6) Correspondence

The new NPPF for planning applications. - Parish Clerk would attend the on-line meeting

Action Parish Clerk

Oxfordshire County Council – booking system for waste recycling centres. – noted. The notice had been placed on the website.

Rosie Tubb – ref new cricket pavilion. After discussion the Parish Council agreed to donate £1000 towards the project.

Cllr Tite – not standing for election at the May 2026 elections. The Parish Council recorded their thanks for his service over 12 years, including being the Chair for 7 of those.
Gigaclear – assistance with litter pick 2026. - This was noted and their offer would be accepted. The provisional date was set at March 7th 2026. **Action Parish Clerk**

Planning Applications received since last meeting

Mrs. Whitton – appeal against refusal for new housing on Banbury Lane
Dr. Williams, Holly Tree Farm – retrospective insertion of two roof beams
Mr. Loxton, Horley House, - Refurbishment of swimming pool
Chris Jarvis, Meadowside, Hornton Lane – New porch
Mr & Mrs Brady, Horley Fields Farm – Holiday letting and barn conversion – this was discussed and it was agreed the Parish Council had no comments to make on the application.

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7) Affordable Housing – Hornton Lane.

Cllr Hendry had contacted Fiona Brown (Housing Agency). They can produce paper copies of the survey form, with a QR code for completion, for the Parish Council to distribute through the village. The cost for printing and analysis would be approximately £1000. If the Parish Council can get the request in before March 2026 it could be included in the Agencies budget. The QR code for replies could be put on the village website. All agreed to continue.

Action Cllr Hendry

8) Proposed Solar Farm – top of Banbury Lane

Update/current position – It was noted the decision date was 20th March 2026

9) Parking issues at Wroxton Lane

In spite of several requests, the Parish Council were still awaiting contact from Jamie Raffell OCC. Cllr Attfield to contact OCC to try and get a response.

Action Cllr Attfield

10) Proposed Housing Development west side of Warwick Road

Cllr Curd and Parish Council Clerk had attended a presentation on this matter. As there wasn't any application in yet, very much a case of wait and see. Potentially 200 new houses.

11) Village intra communication

Cllr Hendry had investigated this. Possible WhatsApp group? There were concerns including management, content not being in line with the specific purpose, already have a vibrant website/village magazine. Parish Clerk to contact other Parish Councils to ascertain what vehicle(s) they use. On the agenda for the next meeting.

Action Parish Clerk

12) Dates of next meeting – note change

Currently:

16th April 2026 **NEW DATE**

21st May 2026 – AGM 7.00pm Annual Parish Meeting 7.30pm

16th July 2026

15th October 2026

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

13) Any other urgent business

Speed watch – Parish Clerk is in communication with the police.

Cllr Abbotts to meet with Cllr Hamer to discuss improving the vision over the Sor Brook bridge on Banbury Lane. Initially Cllr Hamer would try and improve this.

Action Cllr Abbotts & CllrHamer

MEETING CLOSED AT 21.15pm

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