

**HORLEY PARISH COUNCIL – MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 16<sup>th</sup> April 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.**

**No village residents were in attendance**

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**1) Apologies for Absence**

DCllr Webb

**2) Declarations of interests**

Cllr Attfield expressed an interest on the planning application for his new shed

**3) Minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

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

**4) Matters Arising**

There had been good attendance for the village litter pick. It was noted there was no representation from Gigaclear.

Parish Clerk had attended the on-line presentation regarding the new NPPF for planning applications. The presentation was primarily for district councils so nothing of substance to report to the Parish Council

Improving the vision over the Sor Brook bridge on Banbury Lane. Cllr Hamer had done work on this – now wait and see in the summer/autumn had much more improvement had been made. Cllr Abbotts to monitor (with OCC) **Action Cllr Abbotts**

Other items would be dealt with through the meeting.

**5) Finance**

The reconciled bank statement to March 31<sup>st</sup> 2026 had been circulated prior to the meeting. This showed current balances in total across the two bank accounts of £55557.98. This report would form the basis for the end of year accounts

Parish Clerk had contacted Barclays to see what high interest accounts they offer. They required £100k in any new account with 6 month's notice of withdrawal. 2 other banks had been approached but they required monthly charges of £18-£20. Cllr Raper to investigate further options. **Action Cllr Raper**

**2025/26 Budget Monitoring Report –**

The budget monitoring report setting out income and expenditure during the period to April 1<sup>st</sup> 2025 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026 had been circulated prior to meeting and was noted. This showed an underspend for the financial year to budget of £1942, including allowing the spends on the Schoolroom rental and the donation to Horley Cricket Club.

**6) Correspondence**

Elections 2026 – CDC report 6 nominations received and therefore they would be returned uncontested. Parish Clerk explained the procedure going forward and co-options. The current Councillors would remain in office until May 11<sup>th</sup> 2026, when the new term of office begins.

Hornton Parish Council – re two recent events on the Moto-cross site. (One a private booking). This was discussed at length and it was agreed the Parish Clerk would contact CDC to see if these events contravened the original agreements and the check these agreements were being adhered to.

**Action Parish Clerk**

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

Mr.& Mrs.S.Attfield, Hillside Farm – erection of a new replacement shed – no comments to make

Mrs. Hendry – Rowarth House – tree works

Ms. N.Crowe – Oakdene, Hornton Lane – erection of extensions – details had been sent prior to the meeting. No comments to make

It was noted that the application by Hadsham Farm for the erection of venue buildings was still under consultation by CDC

### **Planning Permissions received since last meeting**

None to record

### **7) Affordable Housing – Hornton Lane.**

Cllr Hendry reported there had been a 22% return to the survey, with 43% of the returns in support. The project was being driven by the Church Diocese. It was suggested that there was no need at present and the Council would await any further developments

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

Update/current position – It was noted the decision date had been moved to 20<sup>th</sup> April 2026.  
*Note: As at 30<sup>th</sup> April CDC Planning showed this application as 'still under consultation'*

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

Cllrs Curd and Attfield had met with OCC Highways regarding suggestions for parking and the re-instatement of verges. The verge works could potentially be funded by OCC. No response had been received from OCC following the meeting. Cllr Attfield to chase.

**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 firstly to set up a PC WhatsApp group. Members phone numbers to be sent to her. Parish Clerk had contacted other Parish Councils re a village WhatsApp Group and/or Facebook group. It was felt a WhatsApp group and Facebook group could weaken HorleyViews website and would need constant monitoring to ensure no abuse etc.

*Note: Parish Clerk has sent members details to Cllr Hendry*

### **12) Dates of next meeting – note change**

Currently:

21<sup>st</sup> May 2026 – AGM 7.00pm Annual Parish Meeting 7.30pm

16<sup>th</sup> July 2026

15<sup>th</sup> October 2026

21<sup>st</sup> January 2027

15<sup>th</sup> April 2027

20<sup>th</sup> May 2027 – AGM 7.00pm Annual Parish Meeting 7.30pm

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

**12) Horley Community Playground**

Cllr Attfield had met with village resident E.Harries. A briefing pack had been produced and circulated to PC members. Sub-committee formed of Chair Cllr Attfield, Cllrs Hendry, Curd and E.Harries. A site location was the prime and first objective.

**13)Any other urgent business**

Cllr Curd informed the meeting he would be stepping down as Chair at the May meeting.

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

Cllr Hamer still has bags of salt!

**MEETING CLOSED AT 20.55pm**

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