

**HORLEY PARISH COUNCIL – MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
13 APRIL 2017**

**PRESENT: Chairman Simon Attfield, Cllrs Martin Hamer, Duncan Raper,
Graham Curd, Bob Barnwell. Clerk to the Council David Marriott. Also in
attendance District Councillor Douglas Webb**

Item		Action
1	<p>Apologies for absence Councillors John Tite and Jennifer Cross. County Councillor George Reynolds also sent his apologies.</p>	
2	<p>Declarations of interests Councillor Attfield declared an interest regarding item 8 on the agenda, as Mr Freeman is a client of his. However the Clerk ruled that this did not comprise a pecuniary interest so far as the item in question was concerned, and that Cllr Attfield was free to contribute to the discussion on that item in the usual way.</p>	
3	<p>Minutes of the meeting held on 16 February 2017. Agreed, proposed by Cllr Barnwell, seconded by Cllr Curd.</p>	
4	<p>Matters arising</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It was confirmed that the first verge cut has been ordered for late April/early May. 2. It was noted that road markings indicate that Oxfordshire County Council are intending to patch some potholes in Church Lane. However, there has been no response to the Council's request that Hornton Lane be repaired between Lane Close and Church Lane junctions. Clerk to follow up. 3. It was noted that the annual litter pick had been well supported, although there had been less litter than previously. 	Clerk
5	<p>Finance</p> <p>a) 2016/17 budget monitoring report The income and expenditure statement for the 2016/17 financial year was approved, and it was noted that the Council's reserves had increased during the year to £19,936.96</p> <p>b) Annual Audit The Annual Governance Statement, Annual Accounting Statement, Risk Assessment and Asset Register, as annexed to the agenda were reviewed. It was agreed that these documents be approved, proposed by Cllr Attfield and seconded by Cllr Curd.</p>	Clerk
6	<p>Land Adjoining the Old Council Houses, Wroxton Lane Claire Moore of Mill house was in attendance at the meeting, and was given the opportunity to address the Council on this item. Cllr Attfield explained that the Council is seeking to undertake a feasibility study into the practicality of providing some parking spaces along the frontage to this land, but was currently awaiting information from Oxfordshire County Council. If this does appear to be feasible and affordable, the Council would consult local residents before proceeding further. Mrs Moore expressed her concerns about more parking in this area, and said that at present parked vehicles can make it difficult to access her drive. She also queried whether it would be possible to form an off street car park on the field immediately to the south. This land is owned by Cllr Hamer, and has not been considered previously. To be considered further when OCC provide the information awaited.</p>	Clerk

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7	<p>Planning report</p> <p>1) Christopher Howell was in attendance, and was given the opportunity to address the Council on this item. Withdrawn application number 16/02355/F was discussed, and Mr Howell, speaking on behalf of a number of residents, expressed his concerns regarding the unauthorised works to this building, and anxiety to see the District Council taking a robust and effective line with the landowner. District Councillor Webb indicated that he was aware that there are ongoing discussions between the District Council and the landowner on various legal issues, but he was not aware of all the detail. It was agreed that the Clerk should follow up with the District Council's Enforcement Officer to establish the current position, and what steps the District Council intend to take.</p> <p>2) It was noted that the Council had been consulted on an application since the report had been prepared. This comprises the Old Forge in Wroxton Lane. The property is not in Horley Parish, but the Council has been consulted due to the property's proximity to the parish boundary. The application seeks confirmation that a proposed change of use from office to residential comprises Permitted Development under the General Permitted Development Order. It was noted that there do not appear to be any grounds to object to the change of use under the relevant Order, but the Council would be concerned about any future application to extend what is currently a very small building, or to intensify the use of the site.</p>	Clerk
8	<p>Mains Gas Supply</p> <p>It was noted that enquiries had been made as to the possibility of mains gas being supplied to the village, as the main has been extended to supply the new development at Hanwell Chase. It appears that the cost of such an extension would require an unaffordable connection charge of at least £19,000 for local residents.</p>	
9	<p>Reports from external organisations</p> <p>None received.</p>	
10	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>Thursday 18 May 2017 – Annual General Meeting 7.00 pm Annual Parish Meeting 7.30 pm</p>	All
11	<p>Any other urgent business</p> <p>A query was raised regarding a large tree which appears to have been removed at the junction of Little lane and Church Lane. The Clerk was asked to investigate.</p>	Clerk

MEETING CLOSED AT 8.30 pm