

**HORLEY PARISH COUNCIL – MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON  
17 January 2019**

**PRESENT: Chairman John Tite, Cllrs Bob Barnwell, Duncan Raper, Jennifer Cross, Graham Curd. Clerk to the Council David Marriott. Also in attendance County Councillor George Reynolds**

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Item		Action
1	<b>Apologies for absence</b> Councillors Martin Hamer and Simon Attfield. District Councillor Douglas Webb also sent his apologies	
2	<b>Declarations of interests</b> None.	
3	<b>Minutes of the meetings held on 11 October 2018.</b> Proposed by Cllr Barnwell, seconded by Cllr Curd it was resolved that the minutes be agreed.	Clerk
4	<b>Matters arising</b> It was noted that the planning application considered at the previous meeting at The Old Forge in Wroxton Lane, had been refused by Cherwell District Council	
5	<b>Finance - 2018/19 budget monitoring report to 31.12.18 and draft budget for 2019/20</b> The income and expenditure statement for the year to 31/12/18 was approved. It was also agreed that the outstanding budget of £25 for charitable donations be donated to Katherine House Hospice. The budget for next year was debated, and it was agreed that the budget for the website be increased to £36 so the site would not have to carry advertising. Concerns were expressed regarding the level of reserves, in the absence of firm proposals for the provision of a play area. It was noted that significant sums had been spent on environmental improvements, and agreed that further proposals for expenditure under this heading be considered. The Clerk was requested to bring forward to the next meeting costed proposals for improvements to the triangle of highway land in front of Horley Mill, and to the seat at The Square. It was agreed that the precept be retained at £6,750, proposed by Cllr Raper, seconded by Cllr Curd.	Clerk
6	<b>Village speed limit</b> The Clerk reported the response of Oxfordshire County Council to the request that the 30 mph speed limit signs at the southern end of Wroxton Lane be moved further to the south. The costs requested by Oxfordshire County Council were noted, and it was agreed that this expenditure was not justified. In the absence of Cllr Hamer it was not known whether he had spoken to the owner of Brook Cottage regarding their hedge, and it was agreed that it was important to ensure that the 30 mph sign is not obstructed by this hedge.	Cllr Hamer
7	<b>Planning report</b> A report setting out the applications on which the Council had been consulted since the last meeting, and the responses given, was received.	

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8	<p><b>Recent Flooding in the Village</b>  It was noted that Oxfordshire County Council had undertaken a survey of their highway drains in the village, and have confirmed that the system is now clear. A blockage to the pipe in front of Wykham in Hornton Lane had been repaired. However, many gullies, particularly in Wroxton lane, are not picking up water, as erosion has meant that water now follows down the road behind them. No funds are currently available to address this. However, the County Council still intend to replace the drain opposite Horley Mill, subject to consent from the Environment Agency for the new outfall to the brook.  It was noted that stones washed down into the square by the storm last May have yet to be removed by Oxfordshire County Council, and the water leak on Banbury Lane still continues. The Clerk was asked to pursue both issues.</p>	Clerk
9	<p><b>Printing</b>  It was noted that there does not appear to be sufficient demand to justify the Council providing a central printing service for the village.</p>	
10	<p><b>Reports from external organisations</b>  None</p>	
11	<p><b>Date of next meeting</b>  Thursday 18 April 2019</p>	All
14	<p><b>Any other urgent business</b>  It was noted that there had been a recent burglary in the village, and that the Police alert had been posted on the Horley Views website. Concerns were expressed as to how widely the site is followed by villagers, and it was agreed that the Council should seek to encourage villagers to follow the site by an article in Horley Views magazine, and a flyer distributed around the village.  Earlier in the meeting Cllr Cross had raised concerns regarding footways in the village being obstructed by vegetation from adjoining properties. She agreed to undertake a survey to assess the scale of this problem, and report back to the next meeting.</p>	Clerk and Cllr Tite  Cllr Cross

**MEETING CLOSED AT 8.40pm**