

# Horton Parish Council

To: Every Member of the Council for the Parish of Horton. YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED TO ATTEND A MEETING of the COUNCIL of the Parish of Horton at 7.30pm to transact the business specified in the agenda set out hereunder: to be held in Champney Hall on

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2017**

*Dated this the 12th February 2017  
Benta Hickley, Clerk to the Council.*

## Agenda

2017/02/	#01	<b>Present &amp; apologies &amp; declaration of interest:</b>				
	#02	<b>Minutes of previous meeting for approval;</b>				
	#03	<b>Matters arising from previous meetings of the Parish Council:</b>				
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tree on Village Green (from 2017/01/#03)</li> <li>• Phone Box (from 2017/01/#05)</li> <li>• Seating on Champney Hall Field (from 2017/01/#05)</li> <li>• Land at rear of Pickins' Piece (from 2017/01/#07)</li> </ul>				
	#04	<b>Planning applications and Highways:</b>				
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update re Station road signals &amp; footpath</li> <li>• Application re New Mill Cottage, Mill Lane</li> </ul>				
	#05	<b>Chairman's Communications:</b>				
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bus Route 305</li> <li>• Contact information for Councillors</li> <li>• External Auditors</li> <li>• Update re action to be taken where a proposal is made</li> <li>• Colne Valley Park CIC Annual Forum</li> </ul>				
	#06	<b>To receive reports from Borough Councillors:</b>				
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Including village maintenance items</li> </ul>				
#07	<b>Other Communications or Consultations:</b>					
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Question over editorial control of the official Parish Web Site. Please see: <a href="http://hortonparishcouncil.gov.uk/">http://hortonparishcouncil.gov.uk/</a> News &amp; Events column, item dated 29/01/2017</li> </ul>					
#08	<b>Financial</b>					
	Payment of invoices: to receive for approval a list of invoices received:					
	<b>Cheque #</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Purpose</b>		
		Garden Design	339.00	General Maintenance invoice 1910		
		Window Flowers	525.00	Winter 2016		
		B&B Hickley	379.27	Clerk duties to 10 Feb 2017		
	And other invoices received before the next meeting					
#09	<b>Questions from the public:</b>					
#10	<b>Dates of future meetings: 2017, Third Tuesday of each month</b>					
	17 <sup>th</sup> January	21 <sup>st</sup> February	21 <sup>st</sup> March	18 <sup>th</sup> April	16 <sup>th</sup> May	20 <sup>th</sup> June
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NOTE Meeting Rules apply.- circulated to Members - May 2015.

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Note: Personal callers by appointment only **I have arranged for this agenda and the previous minutes to be added to the Parish Council Website: [www.hortonparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.hortonparishcouncil.gov.uk)**

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## Minutes of the

COUNCIL of the Parish of Horton held in Champney Hall on

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at 7.30pm**

2017/01/	1	<p><b>Present &amp; apologies:</b>            Cllrs Freda Bovingdon, Richard Tillyer, Jillian Sinclair-Hill, Colin Rayner, Jamie Patel, Neil Cole, Janet Crame, Eileen Coogan and the clerks, Benta and Brian Hickley and a member of the public.</p> <p>The Chair acknowledged a letter from Mark McAuley who had expressed an interest in joining the Parish Council. Cllr Rayner proposed Mark fill the remaining vacancy and Cllr Patel seconded. Mark was unanimously invited to join the Parish Council: he accepted and joined.</p>	
	2	<p><b>Approval of the minutes of the last meeting:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Rayner clarified a matter regarding development sites mentioned in the Local Plan. It was recorded that this was not his opinion or view. The LP does not identify many proposed sites in villages. This is due to these developments not being encouraged as there are concerns that there would be insufficient local services (Doctors, schools, buses etc) where as towns would better accommodate additional residents. (This was the view of the planning officer who presented the LP to the Borough Councillors) The main area identified for development is Maidenhead, with Dedworth and Datchet also having a large number of sites.</li> <li>• Notwithstanding these clarifications the November 2016 minutes were approved. Proposed by Cllr Rayner, seconded by Cllr Cole.</li> </ul>	
	3	<p><b>Matters arising from previous meetings of the Parish Council:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The transformer for the Christmas tree lights needs repair. Cllr Rayner and Brian will sort this.</li> <li>• There are concerns about the size of the tree on the village green (opposite the Crown): Should it be controlled? Is it protected?</li> <li>• Also the wires in the tree are no longer required</li> <li>• Benta to ask Garden Designs to give advice on the tree size and to remove the wires.</li> </ul>	CR & BH  BH
	4	<p><b>Planning applications:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 225-227 Coppermill: application withdrawn</li> </ul>	
	5	<p><b>Chairman's Communications:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Telephone box: BT have notified RBWM of 39 phone boxes that it says are no longer viable. They plan to remove them. This includes the</li> </ul>	

	<p>phone box on the bend of Coppermill Road. The Parish Council can apply to buy this phone box for £1. The PC agreed that they would like to apply to buy the Coppermill phone box with a view to eventually possibly moving it to outside Champney Hall, and possibly using it to house a defibrillator subject to consents) Benta was asked to reply to RBWM, thanking them for extending the reply period and advising that that we would like to apply to buy the phone box, and that we hoped this would include a door. Additional queries: what are our responsibilities, can we move it, what consents do we need to move it, are we correct in assuming it comes with no power and no phone) <i>(For info: Cllr Cole found a door for sale on eBay for £275)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Defibrillator: We have received details of a defibrillator which is stored in a locked (key pad) heated cabinet, and may be suitable once the phone box is in situ</li> <li>• Seating on Champney Hall field: this is in place for a trial period. Not everybody had seen them so this item has been deferred to the next meeting.</li> </ul>	<p>BH</p> <p>BH</p>
<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>To receive reports from Borough Councillors:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (Not Cllr Rayner’s view or opinion). The Local Plan consultation period finished last Friday (13<sup>th</sup>) at 5pm. Some people had heard that it would be extended but Cllr Rayner read out a press release that confirmed it was closed. Cllr Rayner will forward the link and Benta will send it, and any future press releases about the LP, to the councillors. RBWM had had received 7000 responses.</li> <li>• Council tax will be increasing by 3.95%. 3% to cover the additional financial burden of adult care, and 0.95% being the basic raise which below the rate of inflation.</li> <li>• Cllr Rayner has received a complaint about trees and hedges near to Pickins Piece. He has contacted RBWM street care about the trees and Thames Water about the hedges</li> <li>• Path &amp; road repairs: there is funding for footpath and road repairs, and for village lighting upgrades. Can all councillors advise the clerk on areas that they think need repair or upgrading? She will advise Cllr Rayner.</li> </ul>	<p>CR</p> <p>BH</p> <p>CR</p> <p>All</p>
<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>Other Communications or Consultations: Neighbourhood and Borough Local Plans:</b> (please note that the Neighbour Plan (NP) and the Borough Local Plan (BLP) overlap in some areas) Cllr Rayner neither took part in the debate nor voted on the Neighbourhood Plan Local Borough plan due a</p>	

Conflict of interest. Cllr Rayner left early due as he was recovering from an operation in hospital.

- As the BLP was submitted for us to review only in mid-December, Cllr Crame had reviewed the plan and discussed the responses with Cllr Bovington on behalf of HPC. The submissions had to be sent on separate sheets and were received both in writing and electronically by the Borough before the deadline which was 13<sup>th</sup> January.

The submissions are as follows:

- That there is no effective Gypsy & Traveller policy in place to be referred to for future application (sheet 1)
- That the consultation period should be extended as the original was unachievable due to Christmas (sheet 2)
- That Neighbourhood plans should support development needs set out in the Local Plan but this will not be able to happen (as the NP is being created at the same time as the LP)(sheet 2)
- That Horton and Wraysbury are different villages and have separate Parish Councils (sheet 2).
- That The Colne Valley Regional Park should be included in the BLP, and its managing company should be consulted (sheet 2)
- That a representative from HPC be able to take part in and speak at the Public Meeting to discuss the LP (sheet 3)
- There are a number of brownfield sites in Horton which should be considered for housing, and would potentially reduce traffic and increase existing and future retail and community establishments (sheet 4).
- HA44 (land east of Queen Mother reservoir): we request that special planning restrictions are applied to prevent traffic driving through Horton to Poyle and M25, and that any development is in keeping with the area and provides substantial affordable housing (sheet 4)
- HA45 (land adjacent to Coppermill Road): We strongly object to the design of the proposed affordable housing. Any block of flats would be out of keeping and would cause social problems. Developments should be compatible with the character of the surrounding area, and of the same design, structure, building materials etc as other proposed and existing housing (sheet 4)

*(Please note the objection and comments have not been attached to the minutes but have been summarised here instead. If you wish to see a copy of the original please send a request to the Clerk specifying which document(s) you require)*

It was proposed that this was our official response. Proposed Cllr Cole seconded Cllr Coogan.

The NP is no longer in draft but has not yet been agreed by all members of the NP committee of the two villages. The primary sticking point is regarding Gypsies and Travellers. These people form a significant part of the villages' community, and the two villages are believed to be home to 90% of the RBWM Gypsy Roma Traveller community. There are already Gov Policies regarding GRT developments and these peoples should be tied in to the same rules as that apply to their neighbours. Cllr Bovingdon asked the Clerk to write to the Borough and ask for legal advice as to whether comments and/or a policy regarding Gypsies and Travellers needs to be included in the NP

**The Neighbourhood Plan** listing the following Horton buildings as listed buildings: Little Court (Bells Lane), The Old Rectory, St Michael's Church, 5 Bells (now Horton Arms) pub, Cedars, St M's Lynch gate, the Dairy at Berkyn Manor farm, Horton Lodge, Ashgood Farm, The Crown, Brookfield (Park Lane), Mildridge Farm and the West wall at St Michael's. The Chair thanked Cllr Coogan and Cllr Crame for all their hard work

**Land at [rear of St Michael's] Horton:** Brian and Cllr Bovingdon met with Stuart & Angela Ingar (from St M) and Andrew Scott (from Cemax) to discuss the land behind the church being used as a municipal graveyard. CEMEX have no problem in principle but will need to establish its value. The land can't easily be used for graves as the door in the rear church wall is too narrow to allow diggers etc through, so consideration needs to be given for access by them and by mourners. Cllr Rayner to discuss with Andrew and RBWM

**Pickins Piece:** This items was postponed to the next meeting due to time constraints

**Champney [Hall] Village [Hall]:** This is run by a management committee, and the HPC are custodial trustees (set up in 1989 and registered with the Charities Commission to ensure no individual can make decisions)

**Footpath repairs, Village road repairs, Village lighting upgrades:** See end of section 6.

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**Financial**

Payment of invoices: to receive for approval a list of invoices received:

Cheque Number	Payee	Value	Purpose			
300435	B&B Hickley	£758.52	Wages 13/10/16 to 13/12/16			
300436	My Controller	£118.56	PAYE & NIC due for above period			
300437	Andrew Proctor	£55.00	Repairs to Roger Marlow's notice board			
300438	Garden Designs	£186.00	General maintenance invoice 1880			
300439	Garden Designs	£48.00	Clearing & cleaning salt bins (1887)			
300440	Garden Designs	£42.00	Moving existing salt as requested (1916)			
300441	Garden Designs	£66.00	Removal of leaves for Remembrance service (inv 1892)			
300442	RBWM Operations & Cust Service	£35.00	Supply of salt (IR0991910)			
300443	Mazars	£270.00	Auditors			
300444	B&B Hickley	£379.27	Wages 13/12/16 to 13/1/17			
<p>All cheques agreed and signed by Cllr Sinclair-Hill and Cllr Patel</p> <p><b>Precept</b>  Benta and Brian explained that they had done the best they could to establish what had been spent in previous years, but there are documents, computer records, cheque books and bank statements currently mislaid or missing so the values are best guess values. It is clear that HPC did not spend as much in the year 2016/2017 as in previous years but this is believed to be due to Betty not being the driving force behind repairs and new projects.</p> <p>HPC cannot, at this stage, be certain of last years' spending, and there may be outstanding commitments that are not currently known. It was proposed (Cllr Cole) that we set the precept at the same value as last year. Seconded by Cllr Crame.</p>						
<b>9</b>	<b>Questions from the public:</b> None received					
<b>10</b>	<b>Dates of future meetings:</b> 2017: Third Tuesday of each month					
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The meeting closed at 9:05

Draft minutes are subject to amendment until approved by the Council at the next meeting