

Annual Parish Meeting Minutes

TUESDAY 11TH APRIL 2017

2017/03/APM/	#01	<p>Present & apologies & declaration of interest (and questions from the public if appropriate): Freda Bovington, Jillian Sinclair-Hill, Eileen Coogan, Richard Tillyer, Janet Crame, Mark McAudley, Stuart Inger, Paul Shine, Edward Chandler, Gurpreet Sokhi, Ewan Lancombe and 7 others.</p> <p>Those present were asked if they wanted to chair or minute the meeting. No one stepped forward so the chair and clerk of Horton Parish Council took the posts</p>	
	#02	<p>Minutes of previous Annual Parish Meeting for approval: The Chair and the clerk explained that an extensive search (past parish papers, councillors' papers, the Parish Council website and the Parish Council laptop) failed to find a copy of the 2016 minutes. This item has therefore not been completed. If anyone is able to find a copy of the minutes they will be approved at a later date, but for now it has to be assumed that they do not exist.</p>	
	#03	<p>Matters arising from previous meetings of the Parish Council: None, see above.</p>	
	#04	<p>Chair's Annual Report Presented (attached). No questions</p>	
	#05	<p>Report on the Horton and Wraysbury Neighbourhood Plan from Janet Crame Janet was introduced as the Horton Parish Councillor, who (along with Eileen Coogan, and previously Betty Marlow) has been representing the village on the Horton and Wraysbury Neighbourhood Plan (NP).</p> <p>SUMMARY: The NP was an initiative for communities to have a say regarding planning in their own area. When it has been approved it will become statute and therefore will give Parish Councils more weight when they put forward their views on planning applications. The steering group was set up in 2013. Horton has added some key initiatives encompassing local values and requirements: in summary all development should demonstrably keep the village as good it is now or make it better.</p> <p>CONTENT: the Neighbourhood Plan contain 5 main policies and two 'non land use' sections:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HOUSING: i.e. control of quality, design, width, height, footprint etc. Also concerns derelict buildings, redevelopment and change of use. • BUSINESS AND ECONOMY: i.e. trying to maintain/encourage such retail business as are important to the community. Other local commerce will keep the village active during the day. • OPEN ENVIRONMENT AND LANDSCAPES: These need to be looked after, not taken for granted • SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND WATER MANAGEMENT: Developers of significant number (>10) of dwellings to be encouraged to discuss their plans with the Parish Council in advance • BUILT ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNITY ASSETS (PROTECTION OF): Retention of such as shops, pubs, church, Champney Hall – things that add to our community • NON LAND USE – TRANSPORT AND MOVEMENT: To retain public transport (train stations and services, bus service etc) improve traffic management and ensure sufficient parking for facilities. • NON LAND USE – KEY FACILITIES / COMMUNITY ISSUES: Such as Post Office, Doctors', footpath, rights of way. To look at retaining, expanding, improving the provision as appropriate. Ensuring villagers understand the importance of using/choosing local facilities. <p>NEXT STEPS: After the document has been approved by the Steering Group at the two Parish Councils it will go RBWM, to a NP Examiner, back to the villages and then will become law. It then becomes the responsibility of the village Parish Councils to ensure that they reference it on all planning applications they receive.</p>	

#06	<p>To receive the accounts of Parish Charities for 2016/2017</p> <p>Parish Charities accounts presented (attached). No questions Champney Hall Accounts presented (attached). No questions</p>	
#07	<p>To receive suggestions for village amenities that could be considered for listing as Parish Assets</p> <p>The Clerk explained this. The NP details The Crown, Horton Arms (Previously 5 Bells) Champney Village Hall, Queen Mother Reservoir & Sailing Club, and the convenience store, together with 13 listed buildings in Horton. No additional amenities were suggested.</p>	
#08	<p>To receive, for discussion, any matters that electors registered in the parish of Horton may wish to raise</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paul Shine raised the issue of Fly Tipping (Stanwell Road between Coppermill Road and the Crown, Polye): Clerk to establish phone numbers for notifying RBWM and Slough fly tipping teams, and to query whether they collect only up to their boundary. • Paul Shine raised the issue of neglect of Arthur Jacobs Nature Reserve and Poyle Poplars (including fallen trees and David Bartram Memorial bench): Clerk to check ownership (Colne Valley Trust?) and discuss maintenance responsibilities. Clerk to establish status re DB memorial bench & plaque • Gurpreet Soki raised the issue of inadequate lighting along Coppermill Road: Gurpreet is concerned that inadequate lighting is contributing to the high numbers of burglaries. Can additional street lights be added? Clerk to refer to next Parish Council meeting • Gurpreet Soki raised the issue of speeding along Coppermill Road: She suggested permanent speed camera. A general discussion established that cameras are generally used only in accident black spots, and that speed traps generally 'catch' mainly locals. Speed bumps / sleeping policemen were considered good by some, and useless by others. Narrowing points were suggested. Clerk to refer to next Parish Council meeting • Gurpreet Soki raised the issue of lack of visible policing in the village specifically along Coppermill Road: (resulting in increase of burglaries and speeding). Clerk to refer to next Parish Council meeting. • Edward Chandler raised the issue of parking on verges on Coppermill Road: These are an attractive feature of Coppermill Road, but are being turned to mud by people parking on them. Could small bollards be installed to prevent inappropriate parking? Clerk to refer to next Parish Council meeting • Eileen Coogan raised the issue of Cemex rubbish on the NE corner of Sunnymeads Bridge: Clerk to refer to next Parish Council meeting • Ewan Larcombe raised the issue of the Thames Scheme (Lower Thames Flood Risk Management): <div data-bbox="587 1400 1031 1648" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>The planned route through Horton is from near to Sunnymeads station, parallel to the railway line (50m wide in places) under the railway bridge just before Wraysbury Station, under Staines Road, under Hythe End Road, and into the Thames just downstream of Bell Weir Lock. The plan will be submitted to the Treasury in spring 2018. The expected cost will be £478million</p> <p><i>The Clerk will investigate the matters raised and the information will be circulated to the Councillors and the interested parties at the meeting. If you would like a copy of this please contact the Clerk at Clerk@HortonParishCouncil.gov.uk</i></p>	<p>BH</p> <p>BH</p> <p>BH</p> <p>BH</p> <p>BH</p> <p>BH</p> <p>BH</p>

The meeting closed at 8:25pm