

# Horton Parish Council

## Minutes of the COUNCIL of the Parish of Horton held in Champney Hall on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2017 at 7.30pm

2017/02	1	<p><b>Present &amp; apologies &amp; declaration of interest:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Present:</b> Cllrs Freda Bovingdon, Richard Tillyer, Neil Cole, Janet Crame, Eileen Coogan, Mark McAuley and the clerk, Benta Hickley. One member of the public (Ewan Larcombe).</li> <li>• <b>Apologies:</b> Cllrs Jillian Sinclair-Hill, Colin Rayner, and Jamie Patel,</li> <li>• <b>Declaration of Interest:</b> None</li> </ul>	
	2	<p><b>Minutes of previous meeting for approval:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposed Cllr Neil Cole, seconded Cllr Janet Crame, and were unanimously accepted by a show of hands. A copy of the minutes was signed for the records.</li> </ul>	
	3	<p><b>Matters arising from previous meetings of the Parish Council:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The tree on the Green:</b> Garden Designs asked that the Tree dept at RBWM be asked about the tree. They confirmed (by email dated 12/02/17) that it was not protected by a TPO, nor is it under Conservation Area controls, and that they will arrange an inspection re size and cut back query</li> <li>• <b>Potential purchase of BT phone:</b> Still awaiting reply from BT. RBWM to chase.</li> <li>• <b>Concrete seats on Champney Hall Grounds.</b> These were discussed and although not in keeping with the village it was agreed that this was acceptable for the play area and the fact that they were indestructible outweighed this concern. The vote was 5:1 in favour. Neil Cole voted against.</li> <li>• <b>Pickins Piece:</b> deferred to next meeting.</li> </ul>	
	4	<p><b>Planning applications and Highways:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update re Station road signals &amp; footpath (footpath due to finish 10th March, signals have been finished). The path needs resurfacing and possibly the road too. The yellow lines will remain. A concern was raised regarding a tree overhanging the path on the Wraysbury side of the bridge, but we have been advised that this has been dealt with.</li> <li>• An decision re cert of lawfulness re application 16/04001 (New Mill Cottage, Mill Lane, Horton) has been issued by RBWM (that the development was lawful)</li> </ul> <p>We have been advised of two applications for Horton:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (17/00216) Replacement of car &amp; light commercial vehicle repairs &amp; MOT testing building at Horton Garage, Cllr Janet Crame has taken the details to check.</li> <li>• (17/00455) First floor rear extension at No. 225 Coppermill Road and two-storey rear extension at No. 227 Coppermill Road following demolition of existing.</li> </ul>	JC
	5	<p><b>Chairman's Communications:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Bus Route 305:</b> Cllr Colin Rayner has taken the petition (1600 names) to RBWM and will report back at the next meeting. Cllr Eileen Coogan had collected additional signatures: these will be forwarded to Cllr Rayner. RBWM are obliged to provide transport for some school children for whom Magna Carta is their designated school. Alternative arrangements could ideally cover journeys to Datchet for the Doctors' surgery. RBWM are obliged to ensure best use of limited funds with respect to quality of life for all constituents. It is the responsibility of HPC to argue how vital this service is to the parish. Councillors are to get quotes from residents who use the service and this will be included in a letter from HPC to RBWM. (I.e. only public transport between Horton and Wraysbury, only public transport to Post Office etc). The Councillors unanimously agreed they wanted to keep the service if possible.</li> <li>• <b>Contact information for Councillors:</b> At present Councillors' addresses are on the Parish Council website (Cllrs Janet Crame and Mark McAuley's details to be added) but the website manager advises that phone numbers should be included to remove the need for personal callers. Councillors asked if this could be phone number OR address as per individual preference. Clerk to check with website manger as to legal requirements. Can "personal callers by appointment only" please be added to contacts page</li> <li>• <b>External Auditors:</b> Last year we used Auditing Solutions for the internal audit of our accounts. Are we happy to do this again? Proposed Cllr Janet Crame, seconded Cllr Neil Cole, unanimous show of hands.</li> <li>• Update re action to be taken where a proposal is made: The Councillors were advised that this needs to be recorded as Proposed / Seconded / show of hands in the minutes.</li> <li>• An invitation to the Colne Valley Park CIC Annual Forum on Monday 27th Feb was shared with the Councillors. Any attendees should let the clerk know so she can RSVP.</li> <li>• An invitation to the Mayor's Charity Ball on 6th May was shared with the Councillors. Any attendees</li> </ul>	EC & BH  BH

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6	<p><b>To receive reports from Borough Councillors:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Including village maintenance items: this was postponed.</li> </ul>																									
7	<p><b>Other Communications or Consultations:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Editorial control of the official Parish Web Site.</b> For example: <a href="http://hortonparishcouncil.gov.uk/">http://hortonparishcouncil.gov.uk/</a> News &amp; Events column, item dated 29/01/2017. The Councillors felt that political content was not appropriate for the Parish Council website. They asked whether it would be possible for us the update the News &amp; Events section ourselves with purely local news, or if more filters could be used (ie include Horton, Wraysbury, Slough, Windsor, and local news, and exclude political and international events. Additionally could a disclaimer be added that we are not responsible for the News &amp; Events contents, and that external links do not reflect the PCC's views</li> <li>Cllr Jane Crame pointed out that the page regarding Champney Hall was out of date. Clerk to refer this to Champney Hall Committee to review and update</li> <li><b>The Neighbourhood Plan</b> is still being finalised, so it has not been presented to the Parish Council for approval.</li> <li><b>Local Government Boundary Commission:</b> Cllrs Janet Crame and Freda Bovingdon and the clerk attended at RBWM meeting about possible boundary changes. RBWM needs to advise the commission (by September) its view on future council size: the total number of councillors to be elected to the council. The Commission will then invite ward proposals based on that size and (December 2017) propose new boundaries which meet an optimum councillor: elector ratio. The new arrangements will come into force in 2019. A copy of the guide for councillors is available from the clerk on request.</li> <li>Cllr Eileen Coogan advised that Betty had been investigating flower containers for the Village Green. Could we look into these, possibly as a memorial for Betty.</li> </ul>	BH BH																								
8	<p><b>Financial</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Payment of invoices: to receive for approval a list of invoices received: These were signed by the Chair, and a secondary signatory is required</li> </ul> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Cheque Number</th> <th>Payee</th> <th>Value</th> <th>Purpose</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>300447</td> <td>Garden Design</td> <td>339.00</td> <td>General Maintenance invoice 1910</td> </tr> <tr> <td>300446</td> <td>Window Flowers</td> <td>525.00</td> <td>Winter 2016</td> </tr> <tr> <td>300445</td> <td>Ash Utilities</td> <td>9600.00</td> <td>Re car park – Champney Hall Committee to refund)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>300448</td> <td>B&amp;B Hickley</td> <td>379.27</td> <td>Wages to mid February 2017</td> </tr> <tr> <td>300449</td> <td>Mr Richard Tillyer</td> <td>870.00</td> <td>Seats for Champney Hall Grounds (submitted after approval in section 3 above)</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Cheque Number	Payee	Value	Purpose	300447	Garden Design	339.00	General Maintenance invoice 1910	300446	Window Flowers	525.00	Winter 2016	300445	Ash Utilities	9600.00	Re car park – Champney Hall Committee to refund)	300448	B&B Hickley	379.27	Wages to mid February 2017	300449	Mr Richard Tillyer	870.00	Seats for Champney Hall Grounds (submitted after approval in section 3 above)	
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9	<p><b>Questions from the public:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ewan Larcombe attended as a member of the public and raised a number of points: He suggested a “Questions from the Public” slot at both the beginning and at the end of the meeting for the purpose of improved public participation. He advised that there were concerns over the Wraysbury Station Bridge’s structure now that vehicles were all using the same side of the road, and that the bridge was not designed to take this (parts date back to 1850). He mentioned the Neighbourhood Plan and that the ideal of recording problems and proposing solutions in order to make life better had not been met. Items were missed, removed, overlooked, or not scrutinised. Ewan also mentioned the Wraysbury Drain and the lack of water in The Splash.</li> </ul>																									
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