

Horton Parish Council

Minutes of the

COUNCIL of the Parish of Horton held in Champney Hall on

Tuesday 17th January 2017 at 7.30pm

2017/01/	1	Present & apologies: Freda Bovington, 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: Mr Mark McAuley. The Chair acknowledged a letter from Mark McAuley who had expressed an interest in joining the Parish Council. Colin proposed Mark fill the remaining vacancy and Jamie seconded. Mark accepted and joined the council.	
	2	Approval of the minutes of the last meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Colin 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.• Notwithstanding these clarifications the November 2016 minutes were approved. Proposed by Colin, seconded by Neil.	
	3	Matters arising from previous meetings of the Parish Council: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The transformer for the Christmas tree lights needs repair. Colin and Brian will sort this.• There are concerns about the size of the tree on the village green (opposite the Crown): Should it be controlled? Is it protected?• Also the wires in the tree are no longer required• Benta to ask Garden Designs to give advice on the tree size and to remove the wires.	CR & BH BH
	4	Planning applications: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 225-227 Coppermill: application withdrawn	
	5	Chairman's Communications: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 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	

	<p>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: Neil found a door for sale on eBay for £275)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 • 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. 	<p>BH</p> <p>BH</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>To receive reports from Borough Councillors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (Not Colin’s view or opinion). The Local Plan consultation period finished last Friday (13th) at 5pm. Some people had heard that it would be extended but Colin read out a press release that confirmed it was closed. Colin 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. • 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. • Colin 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 • Path & 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 Colin. 	<p>CR</p> <p>BH</p> <p>CR</p> <p>All</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>Other Communications or Consultations: Neighbourhood Plan: (please note that the Neighbour Plan and the Local Plan overlap in some areas) Cllr Rayner neither took part in the debate nor voted on the Neighbourhood Plan Local Borough plan due a Conflict of interest. Cllr Rayner left early due as he was recovering from an operation in hospital.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.

Janet submitted a number of comments on behalf of the Parish Council.

- 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)

Janet and Eileen represented HPC on the committee and ensured that their views, on behalf of HPC, were received both in writing and electronically by the deadline.

It was proposed that this was our official response. Proposed Neil seconded Eileen. The Chair thanked Eileen and Janet for all their hard work.

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.

Land at [rear of St Michael’s] Horton: Brian and Freda 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. Colin 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		
	All cheques agreed and signed by Jillian and Jamie					
	<p>Precept</p> <p>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 (Neil) that we set the precept at the same value as last year. Seconded by Janet.</p>					
	9	Questions from the public:				
		None received				
	10	Dates of future meetings: 2017, Third Tuesday of each month				
		17 th January	21 st February	21 st March	18 th April	16 th May
		18 th July	NO August meeting	19 th September	17 th October	21 st November
						NO December meeting

The meeting closed at 9:05

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