

**Minutes of the Meeting of
COUNCIL for the PARISH of HORTON
Held in Champney Hall at 7.30pm
on 21st July 2015.**

(Please note: Minutes are published as a DRAFT until confirmed or corrected at the next full meeting of the Council)

Present Councillor Mrs. F Bovingdon (Chairman), Mrs. E. Coogan, C.Rayner, Mrs. J. Sinclair-Hill, R.Tillyer and Mrs. B. Marlow (clerk).
Ward Councillor J. Lenton - No members of the public attended.

Prior to the start of the formal meeting the Council met with Ms K Morton an independent facilitator, employed by the Royal Borough to ascertain the views of Parish Councils regarding the Devolution of Services and the associated challenges

During discussion the following were identified: Small parishes do not have the capacity to take on additional duties, additional services must be paid at full cost including administration or double taxation will apply. Main areas of concern - litter - lack of bus services, and traffic speed, communication between and venues of RBWM meetings (non car owners cannot get from Horton to Maidenhead).

Members also highlighted that the Parish Councils difficulties in interacting with RBWM are mitigated due to, the close working relationship established with Ward Councillors. All working together as a community focused team

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15/87 Apologies.

Apologies were received from Councillor N Cole and D.Roberts.
There were no Declarations of Interest.

15/88 Planning Application

It was reported that the following application was received after the circulation of the agenda. It has received the statutory three days notice via the web site and notice boards so will be discussed under delegated powers to meet RBWM response times.

15/02123 Ivy Cottage, Stanwell Road.

To determine if the current use as a residential dwelling is lawful.

The applicant wishing to formalise the separation of the two dwelling Ivy Cottage and The Annex at Ivy Cottage. Considerable supporting evidence has been provided to the Planners Long serving Members confirmed that prior to 2004 it was used as two separate dwelling by the Hook and Parsons families. Without further discussion it was agreed that the application is lawful. (no objection)

15/89 Minutes of the last meeting.

After the following correction- 15/85 replace the word *Jack with Flag* The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 16th June 2015 were unanimously agreed as a correct record and signed accordingly.

Members were made aware of the communications from Councillor Cole but as he has submitted apologies, Members agreed that, no further action could be considered. .

15/90 Matters Arising

(a) Village Green Fencing.

The Chairman thanked those Members who responded with suggestions. Following a meeting arranged by Ward Councillor Rayner a design similar to the Datchet scheme has been agreed, but in light oak not painted white, height and spacing similar to existing. A picture of the actual post design was provided. It was reported that cost should be within funds allocated and the order has been placed.

(b) Milton Close Parking.

It was reported that after the meeting on the fencing, the RBWM Officer was requested to look at the parking issues. The opinion obtained being that it would be very unlikely that permission would be granted to re-design the grass verge as it may not meet highway standard. Possible sites for addition parking within the Close were identified but will require a direct approach to Radian Housing. The Clerk to action. Ward Councillor Rayner to ask the Parking Officer for advice.

(c) Play Area - No report

(d) Footpath - Park Lane.

It was reported that the Footpaths Officer has inspected the footpath and found no obstructions but confirmed that Park Lane contained considerable rubbish/fly tipping which has been reported to Street-care. Ward Councillor Rayner to also contact Street-care.

(e) Web Site.

The Clerk reported that the parish web site (www.hortonparishcouncil.gov.uk) went live on 6th July ensuring publication deadlines were met. New information requires that a number of publications need to be reviewed or written and this will be undertaken as time allows. The next priority is to work with the IT consultant to transfer information onto the Laptop to create an in house electronic filing system Members endorsing the latter and associated budgeted cost.

(f) NALC Policy Position.

The Clerk reported that comments received have been collated and submitted to NALC.

(g) Flag replacement - no report.

15/91 Chairman's Communications

Travelling Home - St. Michael's Church 12th July.

The Chairman report that the event had been very informative and community focused.

15/92 Communications and Consultations.

(a) Community Infrastructure Levy.

Members noted receipt of the consultation on the proposed new levy to be placed on future developments to support local infrastructure which will replace the current Section 106 charges currently paid by developers.

(b) Local Plan revised timetable and Land Availability Assessment.

It was reported that the RBWM Local Plan Working Group has recommended, due to comments made during the first preferred options consultation that, an extended time scale and work programme be adopted. This to ensure the successful final adoption of a RBWM new local plan which is now set for submission to the Inspector in September 2016.

During the summer and for the rest of the year, RBWM will be consulting on a number of areas of research and planning policy. Those specific to this area will include the following:

Called in Sites, Edge of Settlement/Green Belt assessment. Flood Risk, Transport, Gypsies and Travellers, Local Green Space. Windsor Railway Link. Details will be brought to Council as they become available.

(c) Shared Legal Services.

It was reported that SLS which is a legal service provided by a partnership of RBWM and Wokingham Borough Council. will be extending the legal services offered to Parish Councils. Proposed cost is £85 per hour plus VAT. The meeting noted the latter for future reference.

(d) Davies Report.

It was noted that the outcome of the report recommends the northwest option at Heathrow.

(e) The Clerk reported the following:

Invitation to nominate a representative to the RBWM Local Access Forum. This was deferred to the September meeting.

Riverside and Wetland Community Grant Funding available - has been sent to local groups and placed on the Web Site

D.Bartram seat at the AJNR needs replacing approx cost £100 which will be funded out of ring fenced funds held

15/93 Financial

(a) Accounts for Payment

The accounts for payment were notified to Members of the Parish Council proposed, seconded and accepted for payment and cheques signed accordingly (detailed attached to these minutes)

(b) Management Accounts

The management accounts for the first quarter were presented and endorsed by the meeting, with no areas of concern being identified or raised.

(c) Authorisation (August)

The Chairman was granted delegated powers to approve payments during the summer break

15/94 Reports from:

(a) Borough Councillor/s Reports:

* Extension of 30mph limited Horton Road now in 2015/16 highway budget

* RBWM will take over the gritting of the Horton Road from Slough BC.

* Application has been made to replace existing street lighting with the 'old type/gas light design' to create a village atmosphere.

* No further complaints have been received regarding Cemex.

* Officers have been requested to submit parking restriction suggestion for the village green area.

* Work is being planned to clear the local river/drain network (Wraysbury and Horton Drain etc)

* The Clerk reported that a number of comments have been received regarding addition caravans/mobile homes at Welley Corner - Ward Councillors agreed to contact Planning Officers.

The Chairman thanked Ward Councillors for their supporting actions.

(b) Horton and Wraysbury Neighborhood Planning Group.

No formal report was given but details of topic group developing policies and the minutes of the last group meeting were circulated.

15/95 Questions from the Public. - None

15/96 Future Events

The following were confirmed

- * Remembrance Sunday 8th November
- * Christmas Tree Lighting Service 3rd December at 6.30pm

15/97 Dates of future meeting

The dates for the remainder of the municipal year.

Sept. 15th, Oct.20th, Nov.24th 2015 2016 12th Jan. 16th Feb.22nd March and 19th April
Annual Parish Meeting 12th April 2016.

Payee	Budget	Nett	VAT	Gross
	Rural			
Garden Designs	Cut/Groundwork	788.33	157.67	946.00
Garden Designs	grass/groundwork			
	Church	382.50	76.50	459.00
	Web			
MH-P	Site	790.00	158.00	948.00
E.Marlow	Admin	508.86		508.86
HMRC	PAYE	127.20		127.20
E.Marlow	Office	116.80		116.80
MH-P	Annual Support	430.00	86.00	516.00
	Web.site.			
	(Due to no meeting in August)			
post dated 21st August 2015				
E.Marlow	Admin	508.86		508.86
HMRC	PAYE	127.20		127.20
E.Marlow	Office	96.63		96.63
TOTAL		3876.38	478.17	4354.55

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