Horton Parish Council
Meeting Tuesday 20th June 2017
Minutes

2017/06/	#01	**Present & apologies & declaration of interest (**and questions from the public if appropriate**):** **Apologies:** Cllr Sinclair-Hill **Present**: Cllr Bovingdon, Cllr Rayner, Cllr Cole, Cllr Coogan, Cllr Crame, Cllr McAuley, Cllr Patel, Cllr Tillyer, and one member of the public.	
	#02	**Minutes of previous meeting for approval:** Approved unanimously and signed by the Chair	
	#03	**Matters arising from previous meetings of the Parish Council:** A. Parish Graveyard: Andrew Scott of Cemex advises that they would be happy to look at selling the land for market value. Cllr Rayner will look into RBWM funding B. Rubbish Bin @ Arthur Jacobs' Nature Reserve : This item has been chased on 5 occasions since 4th May C. Memorial Green (chains & fences): Cllrs unanimously agreed to Garden Design's quote. Cllrs requested two "No Horses" signs, and to look into adding this as a bylaw. D. Memorial Green (the tree) : Cllrs unanimously agreed to Garden Design's quote E. Japanese Knotweed : This is being dealt with by RBWM Parks & Countryside team. Cllr Coogan advised that there is another clump along the wall by Brookfield House. Clerk to advise P&CT F. Bollard outside Horton Arms : this has already been repaired G. Lighting (new street lamps): RBWM Highways Parks & Countryside team advise the the existing lanterns are being upgraded to a new LED lantern which is in line with the modern standard. Cllr Rayner advised that this was not what was agreed – that village lights should be in keeping with the village setting. H. Flood Liaison Group – Duncan Parker is to be the Parish Flood Lead I. HPC Asset register – see 7B J. 17/01247 165 Coppermill Road.: Cllr Rayner has called this in (He explained that this means is the planning officer is minded to approve it the application will be heard by the panel. He was thanked for the explanation) K. Landfill at Kingsmead Quarry – invite Cappagh to HPM meeting Wet or dry fill? Cappagh advise that "We are filling Kingsmead with dry inert material, most commonly clay bound soil and stones." Concerns were raised that clay may block underground rivers and add to flooding problems. Councillors unanimously agreed that the clerk should contact Cappagh to ask if our representative may be able to occasionally visit the side on our behalf. **Matters arising from the Annual Parish Meeting** A. Flytipping : RBWM: 01753 853517 for out of hours & emergency support, and SLOUGH 01753475111 (option for Neighbourhood Enforcement). This is also one of three local police priorities so please call 101 or 999 (if it is hazardous) to also report it to them B. Arthur Jacobs' Nature Reserve & Poyle Poplars – Maintenance: The Highways Parks & Countryside Manager at Braywick Park advised that there would be a volunteer team at AJNR early June. Councillors advised that there had been little improvement. Clerk to find out who owns the areas (AJNR and PP) and who is responsible for maintaining it. Is there funding for maintenance? They understand that there is a trust (Cllr Beer may be one of the trustees) that meets every six months – can we see their minutes? Or attend a meeting? There are concerns that the poplars are rotting inside and will fall, and some patches are overrun with stinging nettles. C. Coppermill Road – lighting - see 6A D. Coppermill Road – speeding : Ben Smith from RBWM advised " I can advise that a review of the area and initial thoughts with respect to potential, effective solutions has been commissioned. I would suggest that attendance at the Parish meeting would be more productive after this exercise has been completed." E. Coppermill Road - visible policing: A reply has been received from Sergeant Rachel Jinks, and will be forwarded to the resident who raised the question. F. Coppermill Road - parking on verges see 06C : The clerk has asked a resident to help with this matter but has not received a reply. Councillors will try and get photos to evidence the problem G. Rubbish on NE corner of Sunnymeads Bridge (Cemex?) **– question to be clarified. Missed from meeting, to be revisited**	CR BH ~~BH~~ NC ~~BH~~ ~~BH~~ CR ~~BH~~ ~~BH~~ ~~BH~~ JC JP BH
	#04	**Planning applications and Highways:** A. 17/01125/DEM . Reply? and 17/01512 28-30 Coppermill Road. The reply to the demolition application shows that virtually none of the RBWM standard requirements were met. Are there any repercussions?. The application to build two chalet bungalows on the site was discussed. The councillors asked the clerk to write to the planning office to ask: 1. That a minimum of 3 parking places are provided per dwelling. 2.	~~BH~~

		That no further permitted development rights are considered (if approval given for bungalows). 3. That both bungalows to be of same construction materials (it says to be agreed for doors, bricks etc.). 4. That both properties are connected to mains drainage. 5. That there is a limit on commercial enterprise to be run from the sites. And that the usual HPC planning observations were included	~~BH~~
		B. 177 Coppermill Road: This has been chased 4 times since 20th May and no reply yet received.	
		C. 17/01546 74 Coppermill Road: Councillor Rayner did not take part in this discussion. The remaining councillors felt that the plans were not in keeping with the neighbouring properties, and expressed grave concerns over the imposing size of the planned dwelling: They voted unanimously in favour of rejecting the application. They have unanimously asked Cllr Rayner to call in this application if the planner is minded to approve it.	~~BH~~
		D. New premises licence (alcohol): Although this is not in Horton it is in a neighbouring village so the councillors have discussed this application. They unanimously ask that this application is rejected for three main reasons: (A) There are at least two pubs, two shops, and the village club (all mostly run by local residents) already selling alcohol in Wraysury and granting a licence to the Co-Op will be detrimental to their businesses. (B) Their opening hours (given shift staff) will inevitably be longer than these at the existing family run licensed premises and drink will therefore be available outside of the existing customary hours. (C) The village staff running and working in existing licensed premises know the local young people and take care not to sell to them: The councillors are concerned that this will not be the case in the new Co-Op resulting in the antisocial behaviour evidenced at the Datchet Tesco	~~BH~~
		E. Joint minerals & waste plan: Cllr Crame taken a copy of this document to report back for the next meeting	
		F. 17/01786 187 Coppermill Road: This application raised several concerns. Primarily there does not appear to be any access to the proposed separate annex which poses a serious fire risk as the fire brigade would have no access to the building in the case of a fire. Similarly the land is in the flood risk area and, if rescue was required in the case of floods, access would be limited. It was considered that connection to mains drainage, whilst required would be difficult to achieve, and that the new premises would overlook neighbour's gardens and be out of keeping with the immediate area . The building may be intended for a 'granny annex' but once built this could potentially become a separate dwelling. Horton PC are against the sub-division of plots/gardens. The councillors unanimously voted against this planning application, but would be prepared to revisit their decision if the application was amended to an extension.	~~BH~~
		G. Public Rights of Way Milestones Statement 2017-2018: Cllrs Cole and Coogan have taken a paper copy of this file to report back next meeting	
	#05	**Chairman's Communications:** A. No communications received after the agenda has been published	
	#06	**To receive reports from Borough Councillors:** A. Including village maintenance items: Councillors suggested Stanwell Road, Horton Road and Wraysbury Station bridge. Cllr Rayner has taken note of these.	CR
		B. 305 Bus update: Funding has been put in place to maintain the bus service. However we understood that the councils would be consulted as to suggested or preferred bus routes and this has not happened.	CR
		C. Pickins' Piece: Cllr Rayner advised that although the property is leased to the Parish Council, we could be given 12 month's notice of cancellation of the lease. Councillors understand that there is a licence for a fair on Pickin's Piece – this needs to be resurrected. Clerk to investigate. Also to investigate (B) The pack of papers the council has about Pickins' Piece mentions a lease – we do not have a copy of this: (C) The pack of papers mentions payments for the last 20 years – but accessible records do not indicate that payments have been made : clerk to ask RBWM to provide detail.	*BH*
		D. Coppermill Road: speeding & parking on verges: The request for photos and information has not been responded to. Cllrs will fulfil this request as and when evidence is noticed.	
		E. A Days lorry leaving from Jay flex gravel pit was seen driving through the weight limit in the village. Clerk to write to the company asking that drivers be reminded of the village weight limit. Clerk to contact the council to ask for more weight limit signs at the roads entering the village.	
	#07	**Other Communications or Consultations:** A. Register of Community Assets: No Horton properties are currently registered. Councillors suggested the two pubs, the church wall, the lynch gate, Champney Hall and the church wall in front of the horses. This matter to be revisited next month. The Neighbourhood Plan has identified significant buildings. Clerk to check Land Registry for ownership records of Horton properties	BH JC *BH*
		B. HPC Asset Register: This will need to be compiled from past accounts. Clerk to establish how long items need to remain on register.	*BH* ~~BH~~
		C. To update Councillors' Declaration of Interest: Forms have been handed out to all Councillors	
		D. Heathrow : In reply to a (very short notice) request for comments from Colne Valley Groundwork South re the propeosed Heathrow Expansion plans, Cllr Crame listed Horton's objections as relating to air quality and pollution, increased noise from aircraft and cars, increased traffic (road and airport)	

increased demand for housing and amenities for additional airport personnel, and increased house demand and therefore housing costs driving local/long term residents out of the area.

E. Neighbourhood Plan: A large number of Neighbourhood Plan groups have objected to the Borough Local Plan proceeding to Regulation 19 (citing consultations that have not taken place, and concerns that the NP will override the NPs.) A meeting was held with Cllr Dudley at which over 25 previously submitted questions were asked. These were listened to and answered to a greater or lesser extent. Cllr Dudley refused to make any amendments. On Monday 19th the BP was voted through to Regulation 19 (despite changes* being made which have not been discussed with the NP groups) and will now go to examination. (* such as 50% increase in number of homes proposed for Tithe Farm, land being removed from Green Belt, and parking requirements being changed from a number to "adequate". The Parish Councillors (excluding Cllr Rayner who did not take part in the discussion due to conflict of interest) unanimously voted to support Cllr Crame. She was thanked for her efforts by the Chair.

F. Flower Container / Betty: The Clerk to ask if there are any local samples we can look at. ~~BH~~

G. Neighbourhood Action Group – update: Clerk to provide a list of all residential roads, and appx number of dwellings. ~~BH~~

H. Poyle Bus Gate: following a large number of objections three alternatives have been proposed. Cllr Crame has proposed a meeting with all the organisations who have objected. Councillors voted unanimously to support this.

I. Victim Support – request for funding: Councillors declined to support this charity.

J. Trees at 4 Milton Close: A resident has written to complain about the trees (and lighting) outside her home. The tree is overgrowing the path, and newly planted trees restrict light to the path. Councillors unanimously agreed to Garden Designs' quote to crown lift this tree and two others in the areas Clerk to ask GD to complete the work and to forward this complaint to RBWM ~~BH~~ ~~BH~~

K. Parish Conference: Cllr Cole attended the Parish Conference. Cllr Cole reported to the meeting. Devolution- some Parish Councils tried to take on some RBWM responsibilities (ie planning) but this scheme has now been withdrawn by RBWM. Thames Valley Police were due to make a presentation but did not attend. David Scott confirmed there was funding for maintaining the local bus services. There is funding to support local businesses hit by the rates increase. Fast internet / fibre optics have been provided to the village. One junction box at the top of Bells Lane, and the other by the pumping station. The Pumping Station one is run by Call Flow who expressed surprise that there had been very little take up. They claim to have leafleted every home in Horton but no councillors have received one.

L. Any communications received after the agenda has been published

#08 Financial

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

Window Flowers (hanging baskets)	£649.80
MH-P (re website)	£516.00
Gardens Designs (greens)	£1015.06
Brian Hickley (clerk duties)	£189.63
Benta Hickley (clerk duties)	£189.63
Garden Designs (greens)	£315.00
Zurich Insurance	£1469.18
BALC	£271.86
Garden Designs (greens)	£735.00

#09 Questions from the public: None

#10 Dates of future meetings: 2017, Third Tuesday of each month

~~17th January~~	~~21st February~~	~~21st March~~	~~18th April~~	~~16th May~~	~~20th June~~
18th July	NO August meeting	19th September	17th October	21st November	NO December meeting

NOTE Meeting Rules apply.- circulated to Members - May 2015.

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