

HORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting of the Council
held in Champney Hall
at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 3rd February 2009

Present: Councillor D. Burkin (in the Chair), N. Bell, N. Cole, Mrs. M. Hodgson, P. Manning, Ms..A. Young and the Clerk.

2 members of the Public were present.

09/018 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs. F. Bovingdon, D. Davies and C. Rayner.

The Chairman reported that Councillor Davies had applied for six months' leave of absence for personal reasons. It was agreed that this would be granted.

09/019 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Council discussed the following planning applications and made representations to the local authority as shown:

08/03050 MR. SIAN, 70 COPPERMILL ROAD, HORTON:

Objections - un-neighbourly and over development in the Green Belt.

09/00109 MRS. BELDOM, 177 COPPERMILL ROAD, HORTON:

No objections.

The results of planning applications and appeal as detailed on the agenda were noted.

Environmental Permit Application - Jayflex (Aggregates) Ltd.

The Chairman reported that he and a number of other Councillors had reviewed this 2,000 page document and formulated a response. This had been submitted due to time constraints. It was considered that no objection would be raised to this application providing all conditions mirrored those included within the planning appeal decision but that a number of minor but vital comments should be addressed. These related to Environmental Setting, Risk Identification Matrix, Environmental Management and Hours of Operation. The full letter is held on file. The Parish Council fully endorsed actions taken.

Borough Councillor Lenton reported that Councillor Rayner had arranged a public meeting to be held in the Red Lion at Colnbrook at 5.00 pm on Friday 6th February 2009.

09/020 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 6th January 2009 were agreed without amendment and signed accordingly.

09/021 MATTERS ARISING

09/004 Speed Humps

The Chairman raised concerns on the new speed hump constructed in Stanwell Road following re-surfacing. He felt that the profile was detrimental to road safety. Borough Councillor Lenton undertook to take these concerns forward to Borough Councillor Rayner together with previous comments regarding the speed cushions installed by Cemex.

09/013 Summer Playscheme

The Clerk was instructed to approach Wraysbury Parish Council asking that they give consideration to making a contribution of £500 towards the cost of the summer playscheme. However it was agreed that even if this funding was not forthcoming the playscheme would still go ahead.

09/014 Groundwork Thames Valley

As Councillor Davies has now been granted leave of absence, Councillor Cole agreed to accompany the Chairman at a meeting with Groundwork Thames Valley on a date still to be determined.

09/013 Recreation Ground

Councillor Ms. Young reported that the young people had been successful in obtaining a grant of £16k for the re-surfacing of the Recreation Ground and the supply of new goal posts. Councillor Cole stated that he could supply top soil with the proviso that it must be free from contamination.

09/022 CHAIRMAN’S COMMUNICATIONS

The Chairman had no further communications to place before the Council.

09/023 REPORTS FROM BOROUGH COUNCILLORS

Apologies for absence were received from Borough Councillor Rayner. Borough Councillor Lenton reported that a recommendation was to be placed before the Cabinet of the Royal Borough that council tax should be raised by 1.9% in the next financial year. He further reported that there appeared to be a mini crime wave in Wraysbury at the present time. Further to discussion held at the last meeting of the Parish Council regarding possible recycling sites in Horton, Councillor Lenton stated that he had no more details but would enquire further.

09/024 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The following accounts were then notified to members of the Parish Council, proposed, seconded and accepted for payment:

Date	Cheque	Payee	Memo	Category	Gross Amount	Net Amount
3.2.09	224	Mr. R. Marlow	Salary	ADMIN.	458.16	458.16
3.2.09	225	Mr. R. Marlow	Office	ADMIN.	78.05	71.41
3.2.09	226	RBWM	Election	ADMIN.	2,038.65	1,918.61
3.2.09	227	Asbestos Removal Logistic	Champney Hall	PROPERTIES	980.38	852.50
3.2.09	228	R. Tillyer	Bollards	OPEN SPACES	180.00	180.00
3.2.09	229	HCI Data	Web site	ADMIN.	115.00	100.00
3.2.09	230	Churchmead School	DVD production	NAG	250.00	250.00
3.2.09	231	Garden Designs	Rose bed	OPEN SPACES	379.50	330.00
TOTAL PAYMENTS					4,479.74	4,160.68

TRANSFERS

Date	Cheque	Payee	Memo	Category	Amount	Amount
3.2.09		Transfer Base Tracker to Current			4,500.00	

However concerns were expressed at the cost of the recent election and the continuing cost of grass cutting and ground maintenance. Councillor Cole expressed the view that, in the light of current expenditure, the agreed budget should be re-visited in order to achieve some reductions. This was not considered to be necessary but the Chairman will contact Borough Councillor Rayner with a request that he endeavours to obtain a rebate on the bill for the election. Councillor Manning will inspect the notice board at the north end of Coppermill Road with a view to repairing thus saving the cost of replacement. Later in the year quotations will be sought for grass cutting and ground maintenance as the present costs are considered to be excessive.

09/025 HORTON VILLAGE QUESTIONNAIRE

This was deferred until the next meeting at the request of Councillor Cole.

09/026 HORTON VILLAGE FETE

Councillor Manning reported that he and Councillor Ms. Young were members of the Fete Committee. He stated that the Village Fete would be held on Saturday 8th August 2009 and that plans had moved a long way since the last meeting of the Parish Council. He felt that this had been achieved by keeping the committee relatively small. The Parish Council were pleased to grant permission for the use of the Recreation Ground on the day of the fete. It was proposed by Councillor Bell that a grant of £400 be made to the committee under Section 137. This was seconded by Councillor Cole and agreed without dissension. Payment was authorised as follows:

Date	Cheque	Payee	Memo	Category	Gross Amount	Net Amount
3.2.09	232	Horton Village Fete	Grant	SECTION 137	400.00	400.00

09/027 VILLAGE SPRING CLEAN

It was agreed that the next spring clean would be on Sunday 15th March 2009.

09/028 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

It was agreed that a representative of Thames Valley Police and Father Simon Douglas Lane would be invited to attend the Annual Parish Meeting which would be held at 7.30 pm on Friday 1st May 2009. A newsletter will be prepared for circulation to every dwelling in Horton together with the official notice of meeting.

09/029 CORRESPONDENCE

Slough Borough Council advised that they formally adopted the Core Strategy DPD at their meeting on 16th December 2008.

A communication from BAA advises that the Government had announced its conditional approval for adding a third runway at Heathrow. BAA state that it is their intention to communicate openly and regularly with local people as they work through the planning process.

The Chairman reported that there were still two vacancies on the Borough Standards Committee for parish council representatives. The final date for the receipt of nominations is 12th February 2009. It was agreed that Councillor Cole be nominated. The Royal Borough have launched the Community Emergency Planning and Community Flood Plan templates and have arranged a series of drop in sessions for Parish Coordinators. The Chairman will contact the Flood Warden to ask if he will attend.

09/030 ITEMS FOR PLACEMENT UPON FUTURE AGENDAS

It was agreed that the following items be placed upon agenda of the next meeting of the Council:

- Horton Village Questionnaire
- Village Fete
- Parish Meeting
- Application from St. Michaels's for a grant
- Leaflet from Neighbourhood Action Group

09/031 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC & MOTIONS SUBMITTED TO THE MEETING

There were no questions from the public nor were any motions submitted to the meeting.

09/032 DATES AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING/S

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on:
3rd March, 7th April and 12th May 2009

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Chairman

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Date