

HORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting of the Council
held in Champney Hall
at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 2nd February 2010

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

4 members of the Public were present.

10/014 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received.

10/015 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were no planning applications for consideration nor were any notifications of result received prior to the agenda being published.

However the Clerk reported that he had now received notice that the following application had been approved:

09/02543 The Old Rectory, Horton Road

Change of use from part office & children's nursery with residential use to office & residential use.

The Officer's report stated that:

Provided the training rooms are an ancillary use to the office use, planning permission would not be required.

Any complaints on traffic, noise & disturbance should be pursued through the relevant agencies.

The current use has no condition attached controlling the hours of use.

The application is for a change of use which is appropriate under current Green Belt policies and therefore special circumstances do not need to be demonstrated.

However it was noted that included in the S106 agreement was a sum of money for the Recreation Ground.

10/016 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 5th January 2010 were agreed without amendment and signed accordingly.

10/017 MATTERS ARISING

09/000 Planning Application Consultations

The Clerk reported that he had now been advised that the transition to receiving planning applications electronically had now been delayed until August 2010. He had received guidance notes on how to use the Borough Council's website, some notes on a suggested IT specification and an up to date telephone list for the Planning & Development Unit. The Planning Services Development Officer is willing to visit individual parishes to help demonstrate equipment but would not be a public meeting. It was agreed that it was sufficient for Councillor Cole to download details of planning applications and to make available to other Councillors for their consideration.

10/018 CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS

The Chairman had no matters to place before the Council.

10/019 REPORTS FROM BOROUGH COUNCILLORS

Borough Councillor Rayner reported that the Borough's council tax will fall by 4% during the next financial year. This will be achieved by a reduction in back room staff and no reduction in front line services will be observed.

The existing speed humps at Colne Bank at the eastern end of Stanwell Road will be removed in the next few weeks.

The Borough Council now has 750 tons of grit in stock despite the usage during the current winter being three times normal. Parishes will shortly be invited to adopt plastic grit bins.

Adverse comments having been made concerning a large pothole in Horton Road (adjacent to Jayflex entrance), Councillor Rayner advised that the Chairman writes a letter direct to Borough Highways. The Clerk stated that he had already reported via the on-line fix-it service.

Councillor Rayner reported with much concern that Thames Valley Police have now stated that they have no powers to close roads unless in possession of a road closure order. Also they cannot attend fetes, etc. The Clerk stated that for a number of years Horton Parish Council have successfully applied for a road closure order for Remembrance Sunday.

Borough Councillor Lenton gave a brief report on the latest position regarding Windsor Fire Station and the Borough's Pension Fund.

10/020 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

Date	Cheque	Payee	Memo	Category	Gross Amount	Net Amount
2.2.10	1302	Mr. R. Marlow	Salary	ADMIN.	381.07	381.07
2.2.10	1303	Mr. R. Marlow	Office	ADMIN.	29.35	29.23
TOTAL PAYMENTS					410.42	410.30

10/021 RECREATION GROUND

Councillor Ms. Young reported that she had yet to contact Garden Designs regarding the standard of the recent work to the Recreation Ground.

The Clerk advised that a quotation in the sum of £2,615 had been received from Garden Designs for grass cutting and other maintenance in the village. It was proposed by Councillor Rayner that this be accepted. This was seconded by Councillor Davies and agreed by the Council.

It was noted that one of the posts surrounding the village green had been damaged by a vehicle. As the latter could not be identified the Parish Council will need to fund the repair. A quotation in the sum of £145 had been received from Garden Designs. It was proposed by Councillor Bell that this be accepted. This was seconded by Councillor Mrs. Hodgson and accepted by the Council.

10/022 DOGS

A discussion took place on problems caused in the village by dog fouling. It was noted that 'no dogs' signs had been placed at the two entry points to the Recreation Ground. It was hoped that these would be observed. It was proposed by the Chairman that two Dog Glove Dispensers be purchased at a cost of £148 each and be placed at each end of the grass verge between the Five Bells and the Church. The cost includes dispenser, post, sign and 800 bags. This was seconded by Councillor Davies and agreed by the Council.

10/023 **PARISH WEB SITE**
Councillor Cole apologised for not updating the site recently. Details of the Annual Parish Meeting will be publicised.

10/024 **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**
It was agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting would be held on Friday 16th April 2010 and that Mr. Adam Afriyie, M.P. would be invited to attend. The Chairman will endeavour to arrange.

10/025 **CORRESPONDENCE**
Advice was received that Councillor Troughton of Old Windsor Parish Council had been co-opted on to the Crime & Disorder Overview & Scrutiny Panel with Councillor Lyon-Davis of Datchet Parish Council as a substitute.
The Milestones Statement 2010/11 will be submitted to the Borough Council's Rights of Way & Highways Licensing Panel for approval on 15th March. Any comments should be submitted by 8th February.

10/026 **QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC & MOTIONS SUBMITTED TO THE MEETING**
A member of the public asked a question regarding a tree growing in the ditch at the Poyle Poplars. Councillor Rayner replied that work is already scheduled to take place. In response to questions regarding the proposed speaker system in Champney Hall the Chairman stated that a trial would be taking place in the near future.
Responding to a request it was agreed to write to Berkshire Fire & Rescue asking for assurances that all fire hydrants would continue to be regularly cleaned and tested and also clearly marked. Borough Councillor Lenton undertook to back up the Council's request.
Councillor Cole reported that he had received complaints from residents of Colnbrook regarding difficulties in using the footpath to Horton with double pushchairs due to the width limitations of the barriers. This problem will be reported to Planning Officers.

There were no motions submitted to the meeting.

10/027 **ITEMS FOR PLACEMENT UPON FUTURE AGENDAS**
It was agreed that the following items be placed on the agenda of the next meeting of the Parish Council:
 Village Spring Clean
 Recreation Ground
 Speaker system

10/028 **DATES AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING/S**
It was agreed that the next meetings of the Parish Council would be held on 2nd March and 6th April 2010.

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Chairman

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