

HORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting of the Council
held in Champney Hall at 7.30 pm
on Tuesday 5th January 2010

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

No members of the public were present.

10/001 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs. F. Bovingdon & N. Cole.
As he had another meeting to attend Councillor Rayner requested that 'Reports from
Borough Councillors' be brought forward on the agenda. This was agreed.

10/002 REPORTS FROM BOROUGH COUNCILLORS

Apologies were received from Borough Councillor Lenton.
Borough Councillor Rayner apologised for not being present at the switch on of the
Christmas lights but he congratulated the Chairman and all involved. Councillor
Rayner reported that bollards at the entrance to the Jayflex site in Horton Road had been
moved back from the highway. Waste collection was now operating normally but this
could change once again in view of the forecast of more snow. If collections cannot be
made on the normal day a double collection will be made the following week. The
Royal Borough's response to the Lower Thames Flood Strategy had now been submitted.
Councillor Rayner then left the meeting.

10/003 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

09/02446 70 COPPERMILL ROAD, HORTON:

Objections - over development in the area liable to flood.

09/02543 THE OLD RECTORY, HORTON ROAD, HORTON:

Councillor Mrs. Hodgson declared a personal and prejudicial interest, took the
opportunity to address the meeting and then left the room whilst discussion took place.

Objections – this application does not accurately reflect the activities currently taking
place on site. Apart from residential and office use the property is being used for
conference facilities thus generating additional traffic movements (potentially detrimental
to road safety) and off site parking in adjacent residential areas. The activities often
operate outside the stated hours of 9.00 am to 6.00 pm causing disturbance to
neighbouring properties. This is an intensification of use in the Green Belt for which no
special circumstances have been demonstrated. We would draw attention to 04/84745
for change of use to offices for a property adjacent to the application site which was
refused on appeal.

09/02618 LAND EAST OF HORTON ROAD, HORTON:

No objections

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

10/004 **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 3rd November 2009 were agreed without amendment and signed accordingly.

10/005 **MATTERS ARISING**

Horton Village Fete

The Clerk reported that he had received a letter from the Fete Committee recording their thanks to the Parish Council for their permission to use the Recreation Ground for the fete. The day was a great success and there was much positive and complimentary feedback. The Committee hope that this year's fete will be bigger and better.

10/006 **CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS**

The Chairman reported that he had received a letter from the Mayor of the Royal Borough expressing thanks for inviting him to switch on the Christmas lights and for being included in this special occasion. The Chairman expressed thanks for everyone who contributed in any way.

10/007 **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
5.1.10	1301	Inland Revnue	Tax/NI	ADMIN.	297.66	297.66
5.1.10	1302	Mr. R. Marlow	Salary	ADMIN.	381.27	381.27
5.1.10	1303	Mr. R. Marlow	Office	ADMIN.	41.16	40.76
5.1.10	1304	Champney Hall Mgmt.Co	Remt	ADMIN.	350.00	350.00
5.1.10	1305	Garden Designs	Grass cutting	OPEN SPACES	258.75	225.00
5.1.10	1306	Garden Designs	Grass cutting	OPEN SPACES	158.13	137.50
5.1.10	1307	Garden Designs	Grass cutting	OPEN SPACES	235.75	205.00
5.1.10	1308	Garden Designs	Grass cutting	OPEN SPACES	379.50	330.00
5.1.10	1309	Mr. R. Marlow	Broadband	ADMIN.	94.80	83.02
5.1.10	1310	P., & F. Manning	Christmas lights	ADMIN.	119.94	104.30
5.1.10	1311	Mr. D. Burkin	Expenses	ADMIN.	41.40	41.40
TOTAL PAYMENTS					2,358.36	2,195.91

10/008 **PARISH PRECEPT**

Prior to the meeting all Councillors were provided with a Budget Projection for 2010/11 and Management Accounts showing actual expenditure to 31st December 2009 with anticipated requirements from January to March 2010. There was some discussion during which Councillor Ms. Young expressed dissatisfaction with the standard of work carried out by Garden Designs in filling the holes in the Recreation Ground. She stated that funds were raised by the young people of Horton and the work carried out did not appear to be value for money. It was agreed that Councillor Ms. Young be granted delegated powers to discuss the matter with Garden Designs.

It was then proposed by Councillor Bell that a precept of £22,715 be levied for the next financial year which represents £47.83 per band 'D' equivalent property and is a 1.8% decrease on last year. This was seconded by Councillor Mrs. Hodgson and agreed without dissension.

Details of Internal Financial Controls, Risk Assessment and Terms of Reference of the Internal Auditor were circulated to all Councillors at the meeting. It was proposed by Councillor Bell that these be accepted as circulated and that Ms. D. Babb be reappointed as Internal Auditor for the next financial year. This was seconded by Councillor Ms. Young and agreed without dissension.

10/009 **PARISH WEB SITE**

It was noted that the web site is still advising that the Christmas lights will be switched on by the Mayor on 9th December 2009. The Clerk will ask Councillor Cole for this to be removed.

10/010 **CORRESPONDENCE**

The next Planning Unit Stakeholders' Meeting will be held in the Town Hall at 6.45 pm on Wednesday 20th January 2010. The Chairman will invite Councillor Cole to attend. A copy of correspondence was received from a resident of Datchet Road in which he draws attention to incidences of large areas of surface water in that road. He formally requests the Royal Borough to clear the drainage ditches, connecting under road pipework and surface road drain inlets along Datchet Road. He also requests that the Royal Borough and Thames Water work together, as required by a County Court judgement of 2002, to clear the open watercourse/ditch to allow the drainage of excess water from the surrounding gardens.

10/011 **ITEMS FOR PLACEMENT UPON FUTURE AGENDAS**

It was agreed that the following will be discussed at the next meeting of the Council:

Recreation Ground

Dog fouling signs.

10/012 **QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC & MOTIONS SUBMITTED TO THE MEETING**

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

10/013 **DATES AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING/S**

It was agreed that the next meetings would be held on 2nd February & 2nd March 2010.