

# HORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting of the Council  
held in Champney Hall  
at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2010

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

2 members of the Public were present.

## **10/100 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors N. Cole and D. Davies.

## **10/101 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The Council discussed the following planning application and made representations to the local authority as shown. Being a member of the Development Control Panel, Councillor Rayner took no part in the decision making.

### **10/01900 34 COPPERMILL ROAD, HORTON:**

No objections.

*Following agreed practice to respond within a limited timescale and after discussion with a number of other Councillors the Clerk was instructed to respond to the following two applications as shown. These responses were ratified by the meeting*

### **10/01526 116 COPPERMILL ROAD, HORTON:**

No objections but recommend that permission should be personal to the applicant and the number of employees should not exceed two.

*The Clerk reported that permission had now been granted with conditions in line with the Parish Council's response.*

### **10/01623 17 & 19 COPPERMILL ROAD, HORTON:**

Objections – this appears to be an identical development to that refused on appeal against enforcement action although that appeal was for nos. 19 & 19A whereas this application is for 17 & 19 (these are the same properties).

*The Clerk advised that the height of the wall had since been lowered and the gates now had a more open aspect. The application had been approved by Panel.*

Applications for Certificates of Lawfulness and notices of results as detailed on the agenda were noted including:

### **10/01343 TREVESCAN, STANWELL ROAD, HORTON:**

It was observed that although permission was granted 'the 2 overhead canopies that are located over the entrance gates shall be removed in their entirety within 3 months of the date of permission and should remain so thereafter.'

### **10/01262 1 JESSAMINE COTTAGES, HORTON ROAD, HORTON:**

The Clerk reported that although permission was granted for the vehicular crossover, the Highway Officer raised concerns over the permeability of the driveway surface. This will thus require planning permission and the enforcement team will be investigating.

**10/102**     **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2010 were agreed without amendment and signed accordingly.

**10/103**     **MATTERS ARISING**

**10/088**     **Highways**

The Clerk reported that a number of replies had been received. The Chairman was invited to meet with a Streetcare Inspector but unfortunately was not able to arrange. However a response indicated that the signs at Brands Hill do not actually direct traffic through Horton but are merely direction signs which also display the 7.5 tonne weight limit through the village. Regarding the verge opposite the Five Bells, wooden posts have already been erected to stop vehicles driving around the speed humps. As there is no other kerbing along that side, it would not be correct to install an isolated section. It may be that extra loads of soil to build up the verge would solve the problem. This was accepted.

The Clerk reported that the Housing Association had responded positively in our attempts to restrict parking in Stanwell Road outside Milton Close. The first step will be to ask tenants to park more responsibly and with regard to pedestrians. If this fails then stronger action may be required.

**10/088**     **Dog Fouling**

The Clerk reported that the dog bag dispensers had now been installed by the Royal Borough and would appear to be well used. Extra supplies of bags will be ordered as necessary.

The Housing Association will remind their tenants that dogs are not permitted in the recreation ground.

**10/094**     **Poyle Poplars**

Consideration will be given to opening the car park during the day between April and September.

**10/104**     **CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS**

Towards the close of the summer break the Chairman, in conjunction with the Clerk, prepared a report which was circulated to all Councillors and is attached to these minutes. It was noted particularly that the recreation ground perimeter fencing and the play equipment have all been re-painted. This was all carried out as part of the NAG Community Payback Scheme. The only cost to the Parish was the provision of paint and associated equipment. The project appears to have been well received.

The Clerk stated that he had received reports that the safety surface under the play equipment was torn in places. The Chairman will inspect and give an opinion as to whether any repairs are required.

**10/105**     **REPORTS FROM BOROUGH COUNCILLORS**

Apologies for absence were received from Borough Councillor J. Lenton.

Borough Councillor Rayner reported that the Royal Borough was having to make more cuts in spending. The Borough Council will be pioneering the government's 'Big Society'. Once approved, parish councils will become more involved and this will be a tremendous challenge.

Councillor Rayner also stated that he had reported alleged breaches of planning conditions by Jayflex.

From information received it would appear that the Primary Care Trust will be replaced by a Director of Health.

**10/106**      **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
7.9.10	358	Mr. R. Marlow	Salary	ADMIN.	381.27	381.27
7.9.10	359	Mr. R. Marlow	Office	ADMIN.	38.78	38.66
7.9.10	360	Inland Revenue	Tax/NI	ADMIN.	285.98	285.98
7.9.10	361	Garden Designs	Grass cutting	OPEN SPACES	264.38	225.00
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7.9.10	363	Mr. R. Marlow (Staples)	Stationery	ADMIN.	23.48	19.98
7.9.10	364	Mr. R. Tillyer	Paint & sundries	OPEN SPACES	350.00	350.00
7.9.10	365	Mr. D. Burkin	Expenses	ADMIN.	15.00	15.00
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>					<b>1,623.27</b>	<b>1,540.89</b>

**10/107**      **GRIT BINS**

The Clerk reported that the Royal Borough was offering the Parish Council a ‘one off’ opportunity of acquiring grit bins for use of residents at times of inclement weather. A leaflet will be published shortly setting out good practice and a summary of the legal and insurance position together with self help advice. However once the bins have been delivered it will be the responsibility of residents for replenishment, maintenance, security and storage. After some discussion it was agreed that 6 bins would be requested to be located as follows:

- Stanwell Road (outside the recreation ground)
- Coppermill Road x 2 (at north and south ends)
- Pickens Piece
- Dawn Redwood Close
- Bells Lane (at junction with Stanwell Road)

**10/108**      **TREE PLANTING**

It was noted with appreciation that the Royal Borough will be replacing a cherry tree in Stanwell Road.

The Royal Borough also advised that planting more trees has emerged as one of the top priorities for local residents. Therefore an extra £100,000 has been allocated for this purpose. A number of areas have been identified where replacement trees are required but parish councils are also being given the opportunity to say where they would like to see additional trees planted either on borough or parish land. As an alternative, there may be a wish to undertake planting on parish land for which a grant of up to £1,000 may be made. After some discussion it was agreed that a request would be made for a number of Poplars to be planted along the east side of Horton Road.

**10/109**      **2011 CENSUS**

All Councillors were provided with a copy of 2011 Census: Councillor Handbook. Discussion was deferred until the next meeting of the Council

**10/110**      **LIGHTING ON VILLAGE GREEN**

Councillor Manning reported that a 70w light on the Green would cost in the region of £220 to supply and install. Councillor Rayner will endeavour to arrange the transfer of S106 monies from ‘Open Spaces’ to ‘Village Green’ so that these may be used to fund the project.

**10/111**     **PARISH WEB SITE**

In the absence of Councillor Cole further discussion was deferred.

**10/112**     **CORRESPONDENCE**

Receipt was acknowledged of the Royal Borough's Licensing Policy 2011-2013. It was noted that any view, comments or suggested amendments should be submitted by the end of September so that the policy can be brought into effect in January 2011. The Chairman will consider any response that should be made.

Correspondence was received from the Rural Housing Enabler offering advice and guidance on how local community housing needs can be met either through development of small rural exception sites to meet the needs of local people or through Local Housing Trusts which are run by the community. The Enabler for Berkshire will be happy to come and discuss the benefits of community housing. The Clerk will endeavour to arrange a suitable date.

**10/113**     **QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC & MOTIONS SUBMITTED TO THE MEETING**

There were no motions submitted to the meeting.

Residents of Colne Bank drew attention to the condition of a number of trees at Poyle Poplars and alleged breaches of conditions of planning permission by Cemex. The latter were stated to relate particularly to vehicle movements and plant noise. A Planning Officer will be invited to attend a future meeting. The Chairman undertook to arrange.

**10/114**     **ITEMS FOR PLACEMENT UPON FUTURE AGENDAS**

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

- Remembrance Sunday
- Christmas tree & lights

**10/115**     **DATES AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING/S**

It was agreed that the next meetings of the Parish Council would be held on 12th October and 16<sup>th</sup> November 2010.

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**Chairman**

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**Date**