

HORNTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE PAVILION ON
MONDAY 24 July 2017 AT 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Burden, Offord and Wain

Also in attendance: Clerk & RFO Katherine Mills

APOLOGIES

There were no apologies. The Chair reported that Cllr Jarrett had resigned from the Parish Council. The Parish Council thanked Cllr Jarrett for all of his hard work and contribution during his time on the council. The Clerk would write a letter of thanks on behalf of the Parish Council to Cllr.Jarrett. **Action: KM**

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

None.

3. MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING - to confirm the minutes of the previous meeting held on the 19 June 2017 and any matters arising from those minutes.

The minutes from the 19 June 2017 were approved as an accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Chair for filing.

Matters arising:

Minute 11 tree survey – PB had checked the trees along the allotment borders and reported that they were looking healthy and did not require maintenance work at present. One ash tree was not looking so healthy but did have some leaves growing.

Minute 19 John Fox Charity – Cllr Wain would send the names of the School Governor trustees to Cllr Burden. **Action: KW**

Minute 24 Tinka Tank – Clive Porter would cut back and clear Tinka Tank in September and would include the cost of recent clearance work carried out along the path on the September invoice. Clive Porter had also carried out grass cutting at the Pavilion and had asked if the bank borders should be cleared further up to the resident's fences. The Parish Council decided that this was not necessary at present but that the Pavilion committee could make a request to the Parish Council if they agreed that the work should be carried out. **Action: Pavilion committee**

Cllr Burden reported that the borders to the side of Tinka Tank were overgrown but that some flowers had been planted in some border areas. The Clerk would contact the house owners to ask if the borders should be included in maintenance in the area in September. **Action: KM**

Minute 11 Pavilion Western Power Distribution Community funding – The Clerk would contact Mike Patchin in Horley who had been involved in applying for funding from the Western Power community funds. Cllr Wain would forward contact details to the Clerk.

Action: KW & KM

FINANCE REPORT

4 Approval was requested for payment of the following:

Payment	Amount	Payment type
Hannah Richards July	£40	SO
Clive Porter	£72	Bank transfer

Payments made since the last meeting:

Payment	Amount	Payment type
Hannah Richards July	£80	DD
Wicksteed swing	£149.72	transfer
David Miles lawnmower store	78.35	transfer

Bank balance before transfer and closure of committee accounts

PC Main	£94,687.35	30/6/17
PC Business	£6,123.82	30/05/17
Committee subtotals		
Pavilion	£40,595.51	22/7/17
Playground	£38,153.60	30/6/17
Jumpa	£5,001.01	30/6/17

Direct debit/transfer account details for approval

Name / company	Business	Date approved
Wicksteed	Leisure equipment	24/7/17
David Miles	Carpenter	24/7/17

6 PLANNING REPORT

The Parish Council is currently considering:

17/00056/UNDEV Enforcement Case – the Clerk would contact CDC Planning to request an update on the enforcement case. **Action: KM**

17/01109/F Hornton Grounds Quarry

Bay Tree Cottage The Clerk would contact CDC Planning for an update on the canopy application **Action: KM**

7 SPEED WATCH SYNDICATE UPDATE

The Clerk reported that Tadmarton Parish Council had been in touch to advise that they were interested in the syndicate. Further details would be available after the summer.

8 CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLORS

The Clerk had contacted CDC to advise that Cllr Jarrett had resigned and had put a vacancy notice on the village notice board. Councillors would continue to speak to residents to encourage anyone interested in joining the Parish Council.

9 CORRESPONDENCE

None to report.

10 VILLAGE GREEN BENCH

Cllr Burden reported that the village green bench had no plaque. The bench was beyond repair and needed to be replaced. The Parish Council agreed that the bench should be in the same style as those in the village playground which were durable and long lasting.

Cllr Burden advised that he would raise the money for the bench which would be in memory of his late wife, brother and sister. The Clerk would order the bench which would be delivered to Cllr Burden for installation. **Action: KM & PB**

11 PAVILION REPORT

The Pavilion AGM would take place on the 27th July. Cllr Wain had carried out PAT testing on the electrical appliance in the Pavilion and the fridge had failed the test. Cllrs agreed that a new fridge should be purchased and Cllr Wain would arrange to buy and collect a fridge at a cost of approximately £100. The RFO would then reimburse Cllr Wain. **Action: KM & KW**

Cllr Wain and Glen Walther had power washed the outside of the Pavilion and had cleaned the windows. Cllr Wain would propose to the Pavilion committee that the windows be cleaned professionally twice a year.

It was hoped that a Pavilion committee member could take over the tasks from Cllr Jarrett of the glass bottle bins and putting the Pavilion bins out weekly. The income from CDC for the glass bottle bins could then be forwarded in to the Pavilion income. Cllr Wain would mention the proposal at the Pavilion AGM. **Action: KW**

The Pavilion committee was still seeking a third quote for the Pavilion extension. Jo Langton was looking in to the possibility of getting a quote from builders in Northamptonshire. This would be discussed further at the Pavilion AGM.

12 ALLOTMENTS

Cllr Burden reported that the allotments were all looking healthy and in good shape. Cllr Burden had been contacted by a Horley resident to ask if it was possible to take on an allotment plot. It was agreed that a half plot would be offered to the Horley resident with the proviso that the situation would be reviewed annually and would be returned for village use if a Hornton resident applied for a plot and no other plots were available. The letting contract would start on the 30th March (although the resident could start preparing the plot now) to be reviewed annually. The Clerk would write to the Horley resident to advise.

Action: KM

13 ROADS AND HIGHWAYS

The Clerk advised that she had received an email from Highways asking if the reports for repairs on Fixmystreet concerning Lime Trees slab stones and pot holes in the village should be reopened. The work had not been carried out to date and so the reports would be reopened.

Action: KM

14 PLAYGROUND

The broken swing had been replaced and the playground was being well used by local families. It was noted that small trees were growing out of the playground border stone wall and would need to be cut back and treated at some point.

15 AOB

- Cllr Wain was preparing a planning application for the memorial stone and CDC has advised that the application would be half price for a parish council. The application would be funded by either the Parish Council or the History Group and this would be an item on the September agenda. The stone was at Hornton stone cutter who were providing the stone free of charge. Building Stone Ltd had agreed to clean the stone and add the plaque, also free of charge. Cllr Wain aimed to get the stone ready and in place for the end of war commemoration.
- There was query over common land areas in the village. Cllr Offord would investigate the different common land distinction grades and would report back at the September meeting. **Action: Cllr Offord**
- Following a request from a resident the Clerk had contacted Finlay Scott to advise that the footpaths in the field at the end of Hart View and the adjacent field were overgrown and asked if he could arrange to have them cut back.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

Signed