

HORNTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
HELD IN THE CHURCH ROOM ON MONDAY, MARCH 26TH 2001 AT 7.30 P.M.

PRESENT: Cllr.Turner (Chairman), Cllrs.Fickling, & Miles (Vice Chairman) Jeffs & Offord.
Clerk: J.Peace **APOLOGIES:** Cllr.Burden. **IN ATTENDANCE:** District Cllr.L. Mansell

1.0. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

- 1.1. Five separate clerical errors were corrected with the approval of the Council.
- 1.2. The Minutes having been circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

2.0. MATTERS ARISING: None.

3.0. FINANCE & G.P. REPORT

3.1. District Audit had issued their certificate confirming having finalised the audit for the y/e 31/3/00 and the Clerk confirmed having posted a notice to such effect on the Parish noticeboard.

3.1.1. The Clerk suggested that after the end of 2000/01 Council may wish to consider having a triennial audit.

3.2. Council had received the balance of £454 from CDC relating to the Hornton Pavillion refurbishments.

3.3. The Clerk asked if Council would enable him to maintain a £15 petty cash account for small disbursements such as postage and stationery. Cllr. Turner proposed that Council agree to this, seconded by Cllr. Offord and approved by majority.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk may maintain a Petty Cash account to the value of £15.00

3.4. The Clerk explained that in accordance with Council's previous intentions he had prepared a cheque for £770 which represented the difference between the amount of grant received from the District Council (for refurbishments to Hornton Pavillion) and the amount that had been paid to the contractors. Cllr. Jeffs proposed that this payment be made, seconded by Cllr. Miles, and approved by majority.

RESOLVED : that payment of £770 be made to the Hornton Pavillion Fund.

3.5. Cllr. Miles proposed, seconded by Cllr. Fickling and approved by majority, that the following cheques be prepared for payment:

100411	£176.09	Clerk's salary & Expenses
100412	£55.20	NPower : Village lighting
100413	£272.84	Audit Commission (99/00 Audit fee)
100414	£770.00	Hornton Pavillion Fund: Balance of CDC Grant
100415	-	Cheque cancelled
100416	£150.00	Hornton Village Newspaper : Re. Gossip
100417	£19.00	1/2 cost of Clerk's membership to SLCC
100418	£15.00	Clerk's Petty Cash
100419	£12.00	ORCC Best Kept Village competition

RESOLVED: that the above cheques be signed for payment.

4. 0. CORRESPONDENCE:

4.1. The following correspondence was **NOTED:**

4.1.1. ORCC had submitted entry forms for the 2001 Best Kept Village competition. After some discussion Cllr. Jeffs proposed that the Council should enter and this was seconded by the Chairman. Cllr.Miles agreed to complete the entry forms and return them to the Clerk for despatch with the entry fee of £12.00.

RESOLVED: to enter the Best Kept Village competition.

4.1.1.1. Cllr. Miles suggested that everyone in the village should be notified about the competition entry.

4.1.2. OCC were looking to award OSCA plaques and certificates to outstanding projects that have benefitted the environment. It was **AGREED** that a copy of the letter should be sent to Mrs. Clifford.

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4.1.3. OCC sought bids for suitable Communities in Touch projects. After discussion it was **AGREED** that people in the village were interested in setting up a website and Cllr. Fickling took details of the scheme from the Clerk. Details would also be passed to Cllr. Jeffs.

4.1.3.1. In regard to a village website Clr. Fickling said that she had details of thoughts and responses arising from an article placed in the last issue of Gossip. She would copy details to the Clerk.

4.2. OCC School of Sport 2001 event planned for April - advice of cancellation due to lack of support.

4.3. OCC Highways confirm that to prevent water flowing across the road surface at Holloway they would have the channel nearby cleaned and a pile of salt placed on the verge nearby.

4.4. Re. B4100 Warwick Road, Bryants Development, correspondence proposing a detour round nearby villages had been dealt with and the County Council had agreed with the contractors for a traffic light scheme instead.

4.5. Notice from OCC of meeting with Town & Parish Councils on 5/4/01 in Deddington .

4.6. The Clerk had written to thank Mr. P.Brooks for clearing the area around Wroxton Brook.

4.7. Monitoring the Oxfordshire Structure Plan 2011.

4.8. Minutes of Cherwell District Council's Special Meeting held on 5/12/00

4.9. Minutes of Cherwell District Council's Annual Meeting held on 23/11/00

4.9.1. Tidy Britain Group details of the scheme being held in April.

4.9.2. The Local Government Act 2000 - draft model code of conduct consultation paper, final proposals on general principles of conduct. Closing date for responses advised as 27/4/01.

4.9.3. The Local Heritage Initiative - details of a new grant scheme designed to help local groups investigate, explain and care for their local landscape, landmarks, traditions and culture. Council discussed the possibility of applying for a grant to have kerbing erected on the Green. The Clerk said that he would ask LHI for further details.

4.9.4. CDC Calendar of meetings 2001/02 - to be copied for next meeting.

4.9.5. CDC's advice that electoral registration forms had to be submitted by 12/3/01 and not 18/3/01.

4.9.6. Periodic Electoral Review of Cherwell District - Draft Recommendations of the Local Government Commission - any views about the draft are to be submitted by 6th.April.

4.9.7. Environment Agency - Local Government Agency Plan (LEAP) - copy of document received.

4.9.8. CDC's document 'A Cultural Strategy for Cherwell' draft copy - the final copy due early this year

4.9.9. CDC confirm that details of the revised bus scheme would be issued soon.

4.9.9.1. Various correspondence from Virginia Britton about safety of pedestrians.

5.0. PLANNING:

5.1. In the past quarter the Parish Council considered and had no objections to the following applications:

01/00238F: proposed static caravan for residential use at OS Parcel 0002 E. of Cleavers House, Quarry Road.

01/00212/F re. proposed new access to agricultural land, closure of 2 existing accesses to highway & closure of intended access at OS Parcel 0002 E of Cleavers House, Quarry Road.

5.2. During the meeting the Parish Council considered **01/00419/F** and voiced no objection to an application to erect a front single storey extension at April Cottage, Millers Lane.

5.3. The following applications were approved by Cherwell District Council:

01/00008/F re.proposal to erect two storey & single storey extensions at side & rear involving the demolition of existing conservatory & erection of new front porch & creation of new pitched roof over existing front bay window at Lime Tree Cottage, The Green.

00/01198/F: re. proposal to construct office & rear entrance for operation of a home business (as amended by plans received 28.12.00 and by the applicants faxed letter) at The Swallows, formerly 4 Old Council Houses.

6.0. ROADS & HIGHWAYS

6.1. Suggestion was made to enlist the help of the Council's District and/or County Councillors to get the roads repaired as they were in a poor state especially up Langway and down by the brook. The Chairman had visited

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West End during a rainy period and had seen a lot of water flowing past John Wright's house and into Mrs. Summer's property. It appeared as if the drain nearby had silted up. Water was also in evidence by the entrance to Bill Hillman's property although there appeared to be no problem once the weather dried up. Mrs. Higgins had confirmed that OCC Highways had cleaned out the grid by Holloway Cottages and this had stopped the water flowing across the road. Cllr. Jeffs suggested installing traffic calming measures but the general feeling was that this would not be an option the village would like. Cllr. Miles suggested that someone might examine the options. It was agreed that gateways might be the best option. David King had written to complain about the poor state of the Green and Council discussed which might be the best way to put things right. Posts were thought would not look very good and kerbing might be knocked over although they would form a definite line. Cllr. Jeffs suggested making an area available for vehicles on part of the Green but the Chairman replied that this might be precluded because the area had been registered as an open space. Cllr. Jeffs remarked that he would not like to see any area of the Green given up for parking. Council generally had the same view. Cllr. Offord suggested that the matter should be raised through the school and parents and Cllr. Miles mentioned that Council had discussed some while ago having a hard standing area by the porch of the Church. Finally it was **AGREED** that the Clerk would make enquiries with Steve Bowden and the local Heritage Initiative and/or CDC.

7.0. ALLOTMENTS:

7.1. The Chairman reported that since new people had moved into the vacant bungalow near the allotments a large van had parked by the entrance. This had caused a blockage for farm machinery to get into the allotments. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk would write about the matter to CDC.

8.0. SMALL PLAYING FIELD:

8.1. Cllr. Miles reported that the committee were due to meet the next day to inspect the equipment. The annual inspection was booked for the summer. £100 had been raised for painting work in April/May in readiness for May Day celebrations.

9.0. HORNTON PAVILLION:

9.1. The Chairman would be attending the next Hornton Pavillion committee meeting on the 28th. March and the Clerk had been asked to attend in order to minute the outcome of discussions about the future use of the Scout room. The Nunnelys had expressed an interest in selling part of their land for use as a tennis court but they could not make the decision on their own as the land was jointly registered under the ownership of a trust. If the family did sell the land they said they would take a line from the bend to Malcolm Patrick's house. Cllr. Jeffs mentioned that there was a drainage problem in that area. It would also be necessary to consider the nearby footpath.

10.0. MILLENNIUM PROJECTS:

10.1. The film was still being developed by Roger Cork and a copy is expected to be placed in the time capsule. A BBQ was to be held in the Summer in order to raise further funds to meet the cost of the film. £700 had been raised from a play and there was talk of the next one being a musical in June or July.

11.0. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

11.1. Cllr. Jeffs asked if he could go ahead and install a sun dial on the Millennium Seat. There was discussion about the risk of a child injuring itself. Cllr. Jeffs said that he would take a photo of it for the Clerk to send to the Insurance company to check about risk liability.

NEXT MEETING: the Annual Parish Meeting scheduled for Monday, 9th April 2001.