

HORNTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
HELD IN THE CHURCH ROOM ON MONDAY, MAY 21st 2001 AT 7.30 P.M.

PRESENT: Cllr.Turner (Chairman), Cllrs.Burden, Cross, Fickling, Jeffs, Miles (Vice Chairman) & Offord.
Clerk: J.Peace **APOLOGIES:** All present

1.0. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN:

1.0. Cllr.Turner was proposed by Cllr. Cross to be Chairman for the forthcoming year, seconded by Cllr.Jeffs. This was **AGREED** by unanimous vote.

2.0. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN:

2.1. Cllr.Miles was proposed by Cllr.Cross to be vice Chairman, seconded by Cllr.Jeffs. This was **AGREED** by unanimous vote.

3.0. COMMITTEES:

3.1. Following brief discussion among members of the Council it was **AGREED** that committees and responsibility thereof would remain unchanged.

4.0. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

4.1. The Minutes having been circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

5.0. MATTERS ARISING:

5.1. CDC were due to visit J.F.Hyde's caravan site; it was thought that they would oppose application to install a mobile home on the site.

5.2. Parking around the Green had improved since Cllr.Miles had spoken to the school.

3.0. FINANCE & G.P. REPORT:

3.1. The account balances as at 30th April were:

BPA A/c £2234.78. BCA A/c £100.00

3.2. The Clerk sought authority to pay the following cheques:

Chq. No 420	£280.68	Insurance policy renewl premium
421	£104.46	OALC Membership renewal
422	£156.03	Clerk's Salary

Cllr.Burden proposed that the approval for payment be given. This was seconded by Cllr.Miles and approved by majority whereupon the three cheques were signed.

3.3. The Clerk submitted provisional 2000/01 accounts explaining that he had omitted to minute cheque No.100404 for £29.38 and Chq. No.100405 for £14. Having mislaid supporting invoice records for these as well as the cheque book stubs he asked Council members if they could recall details. The Chairman said that the former payment related to the residual amount the Council had to pay for a plaque for Hornton Pavillion as a condition of CDC awarding a grant for the refurbishments. There was no recollection of the £14 payment but the Clerk said he would continue his search for the missing information and have the accounts finalised for adoption by next meeting.

4.0. PLANNING:

4.1. The Parish Council had no objection to the following applications:

4.1.1. **01/00794/F** re. proposal to erect stone garden wall to northern boundary at Manor House, The Green.

4.1.2. **01/00925/TCA** re proposal to fell Plum and Sycamore trees.

4.2. CDC Planning confirmed approval of the following application:

01/00419/F re. to erect front single storey extension, as amended by revised plans, at April Cottage.

01/00212/F re. new access to agricultural land etc at OS Parcel 0002 E. of Cleavers House, Quarry Road.

4.3. The Clerk had asked CDC Planning department to visit the plot of land occupied by Mr.J.Hyde as the Chairman had reported concerns about its untidy state. This was **NOTED**.

5.0. CORRESPONDENCE:

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

5.1.1. Cherwell Best Value Performance Plan 2001/02.

5.1.2. Community Groups/Organisations - re. booklet of information.

5.1.3. OCC's confirmation re. date of County Councillor elections.

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- 5.1.4. OCC's Oxfordshire Ragwort Strategy. The Clerk had placed a poster about this on the noticeboard.
- 5.1.5. Cherwell Summer Countryside Forum scheduled for 13/6/01
- 5.1.6. Bulk purchasing of RoSPA inspections.
- 5.1.7. Annual Policing Plan 2001/02
- 5.1.8. The Oxfordshire Plan 2001/02 - 2005/06.
- 5.1.9. ORCC/OCCVA 's volunteer driver recruitment campaign funded by 3 Rural Transport Partnerships
- 5.2. OALC invitation to renew membership for 2001/02.
- 5.3. CDC Notice of Alteration (of Electoral Roll) dated 2/4/01.
- 5.4. CDC re. their new tree services to Town & Parish Councils.
- 5.5. Letter sent to Thames Water about the need to repair a valve in Wroxton Lane near the brook.
- 5.6. Several notices about the Foot & Mouth outbreak had been received and posted on the village noticeboard.

6.0. ALLOTMENTS:

- 6.1. A. Meadows of 4 Perkins Close had applied for an allotment plot. A.Horsley had mown the grass along the paths which were now looking tidy. Names of those who had paid for allotments were passed to the Clerk so that he could issue receipts to those who had paid. It was hoped that a BBQ would be held in the summer. Two more oak tree saplings had been planted and more saplings were available given space to plant them.

7.0. HORNTON PAVILLION:

- 7.1. The AGM was scheduled for Wednesday, 30th April 2001.
- 7.2. The Chairman felt that insurance cover for the pavillion of £63035 was rather low considering the recent improvements to the toilets and the general increase in values and rebuilding costs. Cllr. Miles proposed increasing the cover to £75,000, seconded by Cllr. Bowden and **AGREED** unanimously.

8.0. SMALL PLAYING FIELD:

- 8.1. Mike Webber had asked the Chairman for written confirmation from Cornhill Insurance that they undertook full public liability under the Council's policy. He would renew the Royal SunAlliance policy as usual if this information was not received before the renewal date.

8.1.1. Mike Webber had supplied a list of the replacement value of the play equipment which would enable the Clerk to obtain a quote to have each item included under the Council's policy.

9.0. ROADS & HIGHWAYS:

- 9.1. Cllr. Miles reported that BT had reinstated the pole outside Bill Holman's house.
- 9.2. Cllr.Jeffs was waiting for suitable conditions to take photos of the surface water problem in West End.
- 9.3. The sewer by Steve Hinton's house had become blocked although Cllr.Miles thought it had been cleared.
- 9.4. The hedge along by Jack Hyde's plot had been cut.
- 9.5. The Chairman and Clerk had met Steve Bowden on May 9th and had discussed the need for holes in Wroxton Lane to be filled and a valve to be repaired. Mr.Bowden said that he only had funds available to do patching repairs but he would arrange for the work to be done as soon as he could. Among other matters discussed was the need for kerbing on the Green to stop the erosion of the grass edges. Mr.Bowden said that he would obtain a quote for the cost and provide examples of the type of kerbing available. When this was received Council agreed to consider the availability of grants including from the Local Heritage Initiative.
- 9.5.1. The Clerk would ask Thames Water to repair the valve along Wroxton Lane.
- 9.6. Mr.Bowden would ask Steve Bradley for an estimate to cut back the lime trees by the Green.
- 9.7. A number of holes in the village had been filled with tarmac.
- 9.8. Cllr.Jeffs who proposed that an ex-gratia payment of £50 be made to Rosemary Gilkes and Philip Brooks in appreciation of their mowing of greens etc. This was seconded by Cllr. Fickling & **AGREED** unanimously. It was suggested that the payment should be made on a 'one-off' basis but be reviewed periodically. The Clerk would prepare a letter of appreciation to accompany the cheque.
- 9.9. Horley PC were considering a joint maintenance scheme with nearby local parish councils. Work would include roadside weeding and other similar work which tends to be overlooked by District & County Councils. The Clerk had given Horley Councillor, Tony Marshall, the Chairman's telephone number as a contact to develop this initiative with Hornton.

10.0. MILLENNIUM:

- 10.1. Cllr. Miles reported developments in regard to the preparation of the film which was hoped would be ready very soon. It was hoped that a BBQ would be held on August 4th to help raise funds to meet the cost. It was **AGREED** that the seat should be valued at £7000 for insurance purposes and the Clerk would obtain a

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quote to include this under Council's policy.

11.0. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

11.1. Cllr.Offord had attended a meeting at which it was suggested that the Parish Council may wish to sponsor some of the cost of setting up a village website. Council was happy to support the initiative in general terms but there was some doubt as to whether the project was one which they should support financially.

11.2. Cllr.Offord complained about rubbish being thrown over his fence and Council suggested that the matter be put before the Sports Pavillion committee.

11.3. Cllr.Jeffs suggested finding out the cost of constructing a hard standing surface on the Green for about 6 vehicles for teachers and other visitors. However, as the parking problem had recently improved the Chairman suggested that this could be given further thought once the cost of kerbing has been considered.

11.4. Best-Kept-Village judges had recently inspected Hornton and one of the judges had commented on the noticeboard displaying a lost pullover!

NEXT MEETING: the next meeting scheduled for Monday, 20th August 2001 at 7.30 pm.