

HORNTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Hornton Parish Council
held on Monday, 12 December at 7.30pm in the Pavilion

Present: Cllrs Paul Burden, Calum Harris, Tim Hewlett (Vice Chair), John Offord (Chair), Steve Woodcock, Michael Palmer.

1. **To receive apologies for absence** – Fiona Donaldson (Clerk), Kirsty Buttle (RFO).
2. **Members’ declarations of interest for items on the agenda** – None.
3. **To approve the accuracy of the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday, 21 November October 2022** – The minutes were proposed, agreed, and clerk to forward for signing **(FD)**.
4. **Outstanding matters/actions from previous meeting:**
 - (i) Motocross – it was agreed that the Clerk will find out who is replacing Alex Chrusiak at CDC and arrange a meeting in the new year **(FD)**.
 - (ii) Defibrillator – Cllr Overton had contacted Duncan Raper to ask the school if they would be willing to make a contribution to the cost of a second defibrillator but had not yet had a response. **AO to follow up. RFO** to advise on application to The National Lottery Community Fund for a grant to cover the cost of a new defibrillator, cabinet, and electrical installation.
 - (iii) Uneven flagstone pavement – Mr Francis at the Manor had advised that he would get this looked at.
 - (iv) Cllr Burden advised that he had tried unsuccessfully several times to get advice from BT about the BT cable alongside the playground wall. He will continue to chase and will also ask the Clerk to try **(PB/FD)**. He could not see any other BT cable so assumes it is still in use.
 - (v) Leylandii – Cllr Harris advised the resident had agreed to part fund the removal but that there had been several issues in removing the trees on the edge of the playing field. These however were being sorted and the remaining standing tree trunk is to be removed shortly.
 - (vi) Speed Signs - Cllr Hewlett had contacted David Caitling of OCC who’d need to give the scheme any go-ahead and advise on locations for digital speed signs. Cllr Hewlett was also getting a cost from the manufacturer. Potentially it would be possible if OCC approved, and a suitable “slot” for fixing be installed, for a sign to be tested, prior to any longer term decision. There were some concerns about whether the Speedwatch initiative had shown a real problem with excess speed (ie an illegal 30mph+ rather than perceived speeding) and the number of signs appearing in the village. However, it was agreed with Cllr Hewlett that he continue to get the facts/costs so that an informed decision be made **(TH)** .

5. Finance Report:

Payments and Receipts:

a) Approved payments already made using delegated powers:

02.12.22	Paul Burden	Ink cartridge	£18.00
02.12.22	Fiona Donaldson	Salary and allowance Nov	£220.20
02.12.22	Kirsty Buttle	Salary and allowance Nov	£132.48
02.12.22	HMRC	Tax November	£85.80
02.12.22	Monika Cleaning Services	Pavilion cleaning November - 4 visits	£136.00

b) Approved payment of the following invoices:

Andrew Overton	Cutlery for Pavilion	£447.00
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c) Noted the following receipts:

29.11.22	Triforia	Keep fit	£36.00
02.12.22	COIF	Interest	£66.20
02.12.22	Credit 51	Funds raised for mugs and National Grid Wayleave (£59.98)	£202.19
06.12.22	Morris	Hall hire	£48.00

d) Noted the bank balances as at 8th December 2022:

PC Current	£6,498.64
PC Savings	£29,026.83
CCLA fund (playground)	£30,000.00
Total	£65,525.47

It was requested that Cllrs Harris and Palmer be set up to authorise Unity Bank payments **(FD/RFO)**.

6. Planning Report:

6.1. New planning applications received: None

6.2. CDC Planning decisions outstanding:

Reference No.	Location	Proposal/ Description	Status	PC Decision
22/03557/TCA	Blenheim Cottage Millers Lane Hornton OX15 6BS	T1 Norway Maple. Mature situated over public footpath leading to church. Pollard reducing height and spread approximately 4m from tips. Thin canopy by 10% and remove dead wood. T2 Mixed species of trees making lower boundary hedgerow. Reduce height for sufficient clearance from overhead lines. Thin and reduce height and width of shrubs and trees to add definition between species. T3 Japanese Maple Reduce canopy by 2m from tips to add light onto rear lawn.	Under Consultation	No objection
22/03559/TCA	Greenhaven Pages Lane Hornton Oxfordshire OX15 6BX	G1 x - Mixed fruit - Re-reduce by approximately 1 metre, removing the centres of the trees to allow great light in to ripen fruit. T1 x Pear - Re-reduce by approximately 1 metre.	Under Consultation	No objection

6.3 CDC Planning Decisions:

Reference No.	Location	Proposal/ Description	Status
22/03100/F	Bay Tree House Bell Street Hornton Banbury OX15 6DB	Demolition of existing single storey rear extension, erection of new two storey rear extension and associated landscaping works	Application withdrawn
22/03101/LB	Bay Tree House Bell Street Hornton Banbury OX15 6DB	Demolition of existing single storey rear extension, erection of new two storey rear extension and associated landscaping works	Application withdrawn

7. **Motocross update** – See item 4.1 above.
8. **Pavilion Report** – Cllr Overton made a plea for greater use be made of the Pavilion as so often events were initiated/driven by a handful of people. He felt the need to empower villagers to come up with new ideas and to that end is to ask the Pavilion Committee to write an article for The Gossip **(AO)**. There is a plan for a Big Breakfast on 28th January and other ideas were for a retrospective Hornton film festival and also whether current feature films could be shown. Cllr Burden offered to discuss the latter idea with Dave Rowlands who has run similar events in Horley **(PB)**.
9. **Allotments Report** –There are still 4 people on the waiting list.
10. **Roads & Highways Report** – The continuing excess water running down Millers Lane was discussed. Cllr Hewlett has had some success with Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) who will clear the drains around the village and look to install new “grips” at the top. Cllr Hewlett is continuing discussions with Tony Brummell at CDC who suggested that a large soakaway by the farm track on the junction of Millers Lane and Quarry Road might be necessary. This would require Mr Dawes’ (the landowner) to agree, planning permission and PC approval. It was suggested that the PC offer to pay for planning permission as a gesture of goodwill. **TH** to discuss further with CDC.
11. **JUMPA Report** – Cllr Palmer had obtained a quote from Bourton Drain Services for a CCTV survey of the drain issues causing waterlogging. This was agreed. Clerk is asked to arrange a formal go-ahead **(FD)**.
12. **Playground Report** – The roundabout repairs are in hand and a new basketball net sourced. The main issue is the collapsed stone wall on West End – finding a contractor to fix this was proving tricky. Playground committee to discuss **(PB)**.
13. **Correspondence received:**
 - (i) Mrs Woodcock’s letter re motocross was noted and covered under action in 4.1 above.
 - (ii) Concerns about the safety of the overhanging tree at Thorn Cottage have been raised with the letting agent Strutt & Parker who apparently are aware that it needs remedial work. **FD to chase**.

Meeting closed @ 8.43pm

Signed..... Date.....