

HORNTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Special Parish Council Meeting Held on **Monday, 15 January 2024** in the Pavilion

Present:

Councillors:
 John Offord (Chair) - **JO**
 Callum Harris (Vice Chair) - **CH**
 Paul Burden – **PB**
 Philip Holt (new councillor co-opted during meeting) – **PH**
 Andrew Overton - **AO**
 Chris White – **CW**
 Steve Woodcock – **SW**

Clerk: Al Mills - **AM**
RFO: Kirsty Buttle - **KB**

1. Apologies for absence – none, all present.
2. Members’ declarations of interest for items on the agenda – none received.
3. **PH** was enthusiastically co-opted as a as new councillor.
4. Finance
 - 4.1. Payments and Receipts
 - 4.1.1. The following payments made using delegated powers were approved:

Date	Payee	Description	Amount	Account
08.11.23	BT	Pavilion telephone	£39.59	Pavilion
13.11.23	Southern Electric	Pavilion electricity	£96.12	Pavilion
27.11.23	Castle Water	Pavilion water	£21.91	Pavilion
29.11.23	Wicksteed	Replacement footboards	£283.57	Playground
29.11.23	Playsafety Ltd	Annual play equipment inspection	£114.00	Playground
29.11.23	Matthew Bonham	Clearing banks of football pitch	£300.00	Pavilion
29.11.23	Monika Cleaning Services	Pavilion cleaning 5 visits	£190.00	Pavilion
29.11.23	Fiona Donaldson	Back pay to Oct 24	£121.26	PC
29.11.23	Kirsty Buttle	Salary and office Nov	£282.32	PC
29.11.23	Alistair Mills	Salary and office Nov	£331.80	PC
29.11.23	HMRC	Tax Nov	£170.80	PC
29.11.23	Sarah Walther	Trench for JUMPA	£100.00	JUMPA
29.11.23	Steve Woodcock	Items re Clerk leaving	£17.50	PC
29.11.23	John Offord	Land registry fee	£45.60	PC
29.11.23	Paul Burden	Playground items	£66.49	Playground
11.12.23	BT	Pavilion telephone	£39.59	Pavilion
21.12.23	Chacombe Parish Council	RFO laptop share	£112.22	PC
21.12.23	D Martin - Pro-folding Ltd	Folding tables	£708.00	Pavilion
21.12.23	Alistair Mills	Salary and office Dec	£514.04	PC
21.12.23	Kirsty Buttle	Salary and office Dec	£209.52	PC
21.12.23	HMRC	Tax Dec	£45.80	PC
21.12.23	Alistair Mills	Travel expenses and printer	£235.69	PC
29.12.23	Castle Water	Pavilion water Nov 23	£8.22	Pavilion
31.12.23	Unity Bank	Bank account fee	£18.00	PC
04.01.24	BT	Pavilion phone	£39.59	Pavilion
09.01.24	Monika Cleaning Services	Pavilion cleaning 3 visits December	£114.00	Pavilion

4.1.2.The following receipts were noted:

Date	Payment submitted by	Description	Amount	Account
13.11.23	Mr Bead	Hall hire	£135.00	Pavilion
28.11.23	J Martin	Pavilion hire	£350.00	Pavilion
28.11.23	Sally Spencer	Halloween Hooley Fund	£400.00	Pavilion
29.11.23	Triforia	Keep fit	£60.00	Pavilion
04.12.23	CCLA	Interest	£121.15	Playground
04.12.23	CCLA	Interest	£8.62	Playground
05.12.23	Credit 52	National Grid Wayleave	£59.98	PC
31.12.23	Unity Bank	Interest	£256.69	PC
02.01.24	Post office cash deposit	Pavilion Hire	£160.00	Pavilion
03.01.24	CCLA	Interest	£134.30	Playground
03.01.24	Peter Lemon	Fundraising event - Farmer Scrooge	£300.00	Pavilion

4.1.3.The bank balances as of 6th November 2023 were noted:

PC Current	£2,765.96
PC Savings	£36,030.35
CCLA fund (playground)	£30,000.00
Total	£68,796.31

4.1.4.The committee balances as of 9th January 2024 were noted:

	HPC	Jumpa	Pavilion	Playground	Grand Total
Balance b/f to 06/11/2023	£22,829.33	£7,742.90	£7,094.27	£33,369.70	£71,036.20
Total Payments	£1,914.55	£100.00	£1,747.02	£464.06	£4,225.63
Total Receipts	£316.67	£0.00	£1,405.00	£264.07	£1,985.74
Balance to 09/01/2024	£21,231.45	£7,642.90	£6,752.25	£33,169.71	£68,796.31

5. Regarding the budget for 2024-25, it was agreed that £2k should be included within the budget to allow for costs relating to the Motocross. This would push the precept up to around a 12% increase based on the draft budget provided and the councillors agreed that they are mindful of the cost-of-living crisis and do not feel comfortable increasing the precept by such a large amount and ideally would like to keep the precept increase down to around 5%.

After further discussion it was agreed to increase the current year's parish maintenance projected spend by £110 for mole removal already instructed, remove the £600 (£300 per year) included for Pavilion event costs, as these are usually self-funding, and reduce the general reserve to £15,444.35 which should (subject to tax base changes) keep the precept increase down to around 5%. It was proposed and agreed to set a budget of £27,685 resulting in a precept of £15,750 with the difference being funded by 2024-2025 income.

RFO - KB to submit precept demand.

6. It was noted that some major amounts of (primarily) farmland bordering the village are soon to be put up for sale.

Meeting Closed at 8:17 pm

Next Meeting: 7:30pm, Monday 12th February 2024 at the pavilion