

HORSPATH PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 2nd April 2019
At 8.00pm in HORSPATH VILLAGE HALL.

Present: Mr D Burgess, Mr J Dobson, Mr P Dobson (Chairman), Mr P Ewart, Mrs L Hofen, Mr D Horsley, Mrs B Oakley, Mrs H Palmer, Mrs H Kogel (Clerk). Mrs E Gillespie (District Councillor). Mr T Bearder (County Councillor)

Apologies Mr M Harris.

Absent:

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61/19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. – Apologies were made on behalf of Mr Harris.

62/19 DECLARATION OF INTEREST. – None.

63/19 EMERGENCY BUSINESS.

Mrs Palmer asked when the “disabled parking” signs would be put up. Mr Peter Dobson stated that he will put the signs up in the next few days.

64/19 MINUTES FOR APPROVAL.

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 5th February 2019 were amended on:-

Item 54/19 – Proposal Development of Pumping Station Site to read: - *Mr Burgess* also suggested that the machinery items such as the Allen Auto Scythe mowers that are no longer used could be sold on EBay.

Item 55/19 – County Councillor Mr Tim Bearder to read: - Mr Horsley asked why Horspath Primary School does not take on the village nursery as an Early Years *village nursery* and then it would be funded by OCC. The Minutes were then agreed as correct and signed by the Chairman.

65/19 MATTERS ARISING – None.

66/19 PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

P19/S0873/ 9 Cuddesdon Road, Horspath (Householder)

HH Proposed single storey side and rear extension. – **Councillors have no objections to this planning application and recommend approval.**

P19/S0739/ 3 Blenheim Road, Horspath (Householder)

HH Removal of existing glazed roof to conservatory and replacement with hipped solid roof. Side extension to enlarge existing bedroom and provide new end-suite there to. - **Councillors have no objections to this planning application and recommend approval.**

P19/S0672/ 20 Spring Lane, Horspath (Householder)

HH Porch extension. - **Councillors have no objections to this planning application and recommend approval.**
Stagecoach UK Bus, Horspath Road, Cowley.
Proposed 2No. New stacked Porta cabins for office and training facilities. – **Councillors approved this request on condition that the porta cabins are removed at the end of the lease and the area made good.**

PLANNING PERMISSIONS/REFUSALS/APPEALS.

P19/S0122/ Land at 137 Cuddesdon Road, Horspath (Full Application)

FUL Proposed demolition of existing residential building and non-implementation of approved ancillary outbuildings and erection of a split-level detached dwelling house containing primary and ancillary accommodation. Provision of new access from Cuddesdon Road. – **Granted.**

P19/S0330/ HH	15 College Way, Horspath Single storey rear and side extension with a double storey extension to the rear of the property and create two parking spaces at the front of the property by making the garden hard standing. – Granted.	(Householder)
P19/S0081/ HH	40 Church Road, Horspath Dismantling of steel garden shed and replacement by cedar clad garden studio and store. – Granted.	(Householder)
P18/S3761/ HH	73 Gidley Way, Horspath To insert a new driveway into a raised garden and construct a retaining wall. To drop the kerb. – Granted.	(Householder)
P18/S2388/ FUL	2 the Green, Horspath Erection of 2 bedroom house. – Appeal is dismissed.	**Appeal**

67/19 CLERK'S UPDATE.

Speed Watch Scheme – The Clerk has requested that Horspath be included in the scheme. PCSO Ede is hoping to attend the meeting this evening to give further details.

Repairs to Play Area – Repairs are still on-going. Mr Peter Dobson reported that Oxford City Council is waiting for the steelwork to be delivered to replace the fencing.

OCC Highways – The potholes in Manor Farm Road have been reported. Mrs Oakley reported that the potholes in Butts Road have white lines painted around them but have still not been repaired. There is also a large pothole just before the Hub. The Clerk will report both of these to OCC. Mr James Dobson suggested that flyers are produced and delivered to residents to make them aware of how to report potholes in the village. Mrs Oakley volunteered to inspect all roads in the village and make a list of all of the potholes. Mrs Oakley reported that she has been ringing OCC Highways to report the gullies in the village that are blocked and causing flooding. OCC stated that they will be cleared during the time that the normal annual gulling cleaning takes place.

Disabled Parking Signs – These have now been purchased and Mr Peter Dobson will arrange for the signs to be put up.

APM – The Clerk reported that the APM should take place between 7th – 21st May 2019. Councillors agreed that the Clerk should provisionally book the Village Hall for Monday 13th May 2019.

Bollards, Village Green – Mr Burgess reported that two of the recently installed bollards have been damaged and need to be replaced. The Clerk will order two new bollards and arrange for the installation.

68/19 CLERKS SALARY INCREASE IN ARREARS (In line with NALC).

The Clerk circulated details of the salary increase that has not been applied or paid since January 2015 to date. Councillors agreed that the amount due should be split and paid over the next three months in addition to these months' salary as advised by the accountant. Councillors also agreed that the Clerk should notify the accountant of the new hourly rate to be paid.

69/19 PROPOSAL DEVELOPMENT OF PUMPING STATION SITE.

Mr Ewart circulated his sketch of ideas for the pumping station to all Councillors, which will also improve the appearance of the entrance to the village. Mr Ewart stated that he has recently noticed a planning notice that has been attached to the gate of the pumping station giving notice that Unipart have applied for planning permission to create a new entrance on their part of the land. Mr Peter Dobson proposed that this item is deferred until after the May 2019 Election. In the meantime Mr Peter Dobson and Mr Ewart will arrange to inspect the site.

70/19 REFURBISHMENT OF VILLAGE HALL ELECTRICAL SYSTEM.

Mrs Angela Julian circulated a quote that has been received from an electrician to carry out the necessary electrical works in the Village Hall to stop the electrics from blowing fuses and tripping the electrics in the whole of the Village Hall. Mr Peter Dobson asked Councillors if the Parish Council should be requesting three separate quotes. Mrs Oakley and Mr Ewart both stated that the quote received is very competitive. Mrs Riley stated that HVHMC asked the electrical contractor to look at the problem with the electrics and he stated that two of the fuse boards are obsolete and need to be replaced, which will stop the fuses blowing and tripping all of the electrics in the hall. Mrs Riley also stated that the Bikers are due to hire the hall in three weeks and HVHMC had promised them that the problem will be fixed by the next time that they come as it was a big problem to them last year. Mrs Riley stated that she was hoping that the electrics could be fixed this coming weekend. Mr Horsley stated that there is no one available from HVHMC who has the time to meet up with three separate electrical contractors to quote for the repairs. Mr Ewart stated that it is an emergency, so the works should be carried out. Mr Peter Dobson stated that HVHMC have had two meetings recently and have not made the Parish Council aware of this problem until now. Mr Peter Dobson also stated that HVHMC pay somebody to manage the hall, so that person should be managing it. Mr James Dobson stated that a further quote may be required after the initial works have been carried out. Mr Horsley proposed that the quote for the works to make the electrics fully operational is accepted, seconded by Mrs Hofen. In favour – 4, Against – 4. Mr Peter Dobson used his casting vote to accept the quote subject to receiving the contractors' insurance details, public liability insurance and a copy of his trade certificate. Mrs Oakley suggested that a letter is sent to Mrs Julian requesting that she keeps the Parish Council informed of any works required in the Village Hall. Mrs Hofen stated that HVHMC should make electrical usage in the Village Hall clear to all hirers. The Clerk will make contact with the contractor.

71/19 DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS.

County Councillor – Mr Tim Bearder reported that he attended a meeting at OCC today where two motions were agreed along with Labour. One was about the Climate Emergency, and the other motion was to reject the Oxford-Cambridge Expressway entirely was amended to requiring a consultation with the public before any route is decided, which was passed.

Mr Bearder shared information with all Councillors with regards to Lorries driving under bridges and enforcement measures that are being taken by OCC. Mr Bearder has not heard back from OCC with regards to Horspath Parish Council purchasing the bridge in Horspath. Mr Bearder has spoken about this matter with Mr Harris and it sounds very complicated and unlikely that Highways England will sell the bridge. Mr Bearder reported that he has been approached by Oxford Carbon Hub, which is offering grants of £650.00 for environmental assessments on community buildings, for which Horspath Village Hall would qualify for the grant if HPC is interested. Mrs Hofen asked what happens with the advice that is given, and are there any grants available for suggested measures to be installed. Mrs Oakley stated that HVHMC commissioned a survey of the Village Hall a few years ago, which resulted in lots of advice given but no further action taken. Mr Bearder stated that the assessment is carried out by Brookes, and they will look at what could be implemented and how we could get the money back in the future. Councillors agreed for Mr Bearder to go ahead and arrange for the assessment to be carried out on the Village Hall.

District Councillor – Mrs Gillespie – Mrs Gillespie stated that the Local Elections will take place on 2nd May 2019 and she hopes to still be in her position after this time where she will continue to fight for the Green Belt that will defend Oxford City and surrounding villages. Mrs Gillespie stated that we are lucky to have Mr Tim Bearder fighting for us at OCC and the EAG will also continue to put pressure on to protect the Green Belt.

Mrs Gillespie stated that the money has now come through for the housing development at Culham. The Planning Inspector will be looking at all seven proposed strategic housing development sites, which could

be good for Horspath but bad news for the Green Belt and Culham. Mrs Gillespie stated that her opinion is that the Growth Bid is all wrong.

72/19 CORRESPONDENCE.

- a. Thames Valley Police. – Message of thanks. – (Circulated via email).
- b. SODC – Comment Oxfordshire Plan 2050 Consultation. – (Circulated via email).
- c. NALC – Newsletter 6/3/19, 27/3/19. – (Circulated via email).
- d. RSN – Rural Funding Digest, March 2019. – (Circulated via email).
- e. RSN. - The Rural Bulletin. 5/3/19, 12/3/19, 19/3/19, 26/3/19. – (Circulated via email).
- f. Back 2 Back TV Productions. – Paranormal television series. – (Circulated via email).
- g. NALC – Chief Executive’s Bulletin 1.3.19, 15/3/19, 22/3/19. – (Circulated via email).
- h. OALC – February 2019 Update. – (Circulated via email).
- i. SODC – Success at the South & Vale Business Awards. – (Circulated via email).
- j. SODC – Can your community support on-call firefighters? – (Circulated via email).
- k. SODC – Local Elections 2019. – (Circulated via email).
- l. Sue Roberts – The Oxfordshire Plan 2050. – (Circulated via email).
- m. TVP – Police & Crime Bulletin March 2019. – (Circulated via email).
- n. Mr T Pollard. – Stopping the Expressway. – (Circulated via email).
- o. SODC – Announcement in today’s Spring Statement. – (Circulated via email).
- p. OCC – The Ridgeway 2019 Calendar Events. – (Circulated via email).
- q. CPRE – Didcot – From Village to Garden Town – A talk 9/4/19. – (Circulated via email).
- r. RSN – RSN call on Government for a Rural Strategy. – (Circulated via email).
- s. SODC – Free business course comes to Berinsfield. – (Circulated via email).
- t. OALC – Peer review of Oxfordshire County Council. – (Circulated via email).
- u. SODC – Oxford man has been banned from running a food business after his Wallingford restaurant was infested with rats. – (Circulated via email).
- v. OCC – Application to add a footpath from Butts Road to Cuddesdon Road, Horspath. – (Circulated via email). – Noted.
- w. OCC – Notice of an Application to remove land registered as Town or Village Green from the Register of Town & Village Greens – 3 Church Road, Horspath. – (Circulated via email). - **Noted.**
- x. SODC – Didcot Garden Town continues to move forward and received £218 million investment. – (Circulated via email).
- y. Wheatley Parish Council – Oxfordshire Plan 2050 (JSSP). – (Circulated via email).
- z. Oxford City Council – Oxford Local Plan 2036 – Statement of Submission and Availability of Documents for Inspection. – (Circulated via email).
- aa. CPRE – Oxfordshire News March 2019. – (Circulated via email).
- bb. OPFA – Renewal of annual membership £42.00.*
- cc. Open Spaces Society – Spring 2019 Newsletter*.
- dd. Mr T Bearder. – Council Motions. – (Circulated via email).
- ee. SODC – New housing project for vulnerable homeless people launched with Oxfordshire Mind.- Circulated via email).
- ff. Mr Tim Bearder – HGV Weight Restriction Prosecutions in your area. – (Circulated via email).
** original held by the Clerk, copy available on request.
displayed on Village Hall & village noticeboards.*

73/19 PAYMENTS.

Chq	To Whom Paid	Details	Vat	Total £
2640	A2Z Signs	Sign for Village Hall gate	4.90	29.40
2641	Mr P Ewart	Banner		51.10
2642	Mrs Hayley Kogel	Salary 24/2/19-24/3/19		435.57
2643	Mrs Hayley Kogel	Home Office March 2019		30.00
		Postage		40.15
		Stationery		87.50
2644	A2Z Signs	2 x Disabled Signs	8.00	48.00
2645	Chris Lewis Fire & Security	Call out for Fire Alarm System	29.00	174.00
2646		CHEQUE CANCELLED		
2647	SODC	Emptying Dog Hygiene Bins	15.28	91.67
2648	Mr P Aries	Bus Shelter & Play Area Maintenance Feb/March 2019		120.00
2649	Mrs H Palmer	Annual Easyspace web hosting	9.39	56.33
2650	Community First Oxfordshire	Annual Subscription		70.00
2651	Blake Morgan LLP	Legal cost for telephone consultation	150.00	900.00
2652	OPFA	Annual Subscription		42.00
2653	001 Taxis	April Minibus Service		192.00
DD	PWLB	Loan repayment for Village Hall		723.75
		TOTAL	216.57	3091.47

74/19 RECEIPTS. – None.**75/19 AOB**

- a. Mrs Oakley asked Mr Bearder, if HPC made a very good offer to purchase the bridge from Highways England, would they be likely to accept. Mr Bearder stated that it is not about the money and in his opinion, it is unlikely that they will sell the bridge. Mr Bearder stated that the legal team at OCC are currently looking into the options to try and purchase the bridge. Mr Ewart stated that Mr Harris has put a lot of work into this over the years. Mr Horsley stated that the only organisation that can take over the bridge is OCC. HPC has offered to pay for the upkeep of the bridge but Highways England are just not interested. Mr Bearder stated that he will keep pursuing this matter. Mr Burgess stated that if HPC was to purchase the bridge, with the proposed Expressway, they will just put a compulsory purchase order on it. Mr Horsley stated that if the bridge was taken down, it would be a disaster for Wheatley. Mr James Dobson stated that Councillors should think creatively to find a use for the bridge in the future that may change things. Mr Horsley stated that Highways England is not maintaining the bridge but if volunteers try to carry out any maintenance, they are trespassing.

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- b. Mrs Pink asked why the Bikers need to have such massive speakers on in the Village Hall. Mrs Riley stated that if they were not permitted to have the speakers on, they wouldn't come back each year. Mrs Riley stated that the Bikers turn off all un-used switches in the Village Hall when they are there to operate the speakers.
- c. Mrs Riley asked for confirmation that the electrical contractor can go ahead and carry out the repairs in the Village Hall. Mr Peter Dobson stated that the Clerk will make contact with him and subject to providing

insurance certificates, public liability insurance and his trade certificate, he can go ahead and carry out the repairs.

Mrs Riley asked if it is just one part of the Play Area that is being repaired. Mr Peter Dobson stated that they have finished the repairs in the Play Area by the Burial Ground and have also removed one piece of playing equipment from the Play Area behind the Village Hall. Mr Peter Dobson will inspect the area in the next few days.

Mrs Riley asked if the inside of the hedge along the Village Hall will be cut. Mrs Palmer stated that it is nesting season now, so this can't be done until next year.

- d. Mr Gordon Clarke reported that a dust cart struggled to get up the lane to the Pound because of parked cars obstructing the lane, which resulted in the dust cart hitting two cars. Mr Clarke asked who would be responsible for this and suggested that a sign be installed reading "Park at your own risk". Mr Peter Dobson stated that this would be a road traffic accident and should be reported to Biffa. Mr James Dobson stated that three years ago, the majority of Councillors decided not to take any further action with cars parked on the Village Green. Mr Burgess reported that the edge of the pavement on the corner of Manor Farm Road/Church Road is ripped up every week by a dust cart. Mr Horsley stated that he is astonished that Biffa come to the village on a Monday to collect recycled waste and then Grundon come to the village on a Tuesday to collect business recycled waste at a cost of 37p per bag, which is a complete waste of SODC's money.
- e. Mrs Riley reported that the bottom of Sandy Lane is always flooded, suggesting there must be a leak somewhere. The Clerk will report this to "Fix my street" and also to Thames Water.
- f. Mr Aries stated that if nothing can be done with regards to lorries entering the village, can we put up our own signs to try and stop this from happening. The existing sign is 50 metres away from the bridge, which is too late. Mr Peter Dobson stated that there are 7.5tonne weight limit signs installed by Pony Road. Mr Peter Dobson stated that Mr James Prior has repaired the grass area on the Village Green that was recently damaged by a lorry.

76/19 DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS.

Parish Council Planning Meeting – Tuesday 16th April 2019

Horspath Parish Council Meeting – Tuesday 7th May 2019.

APM – Monday 13th May 2019 **Provisional date** To be confirmed.