

## Annual Horton Parish Meeting (APM) Minutes

TUESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2022 at Champney Hall, Horton. SL3 9PA, starting at 7:30pm

1	<p>Present, and apologies, and declaration of interest:  Present: Cllr Bovingdon, Cllr Coogan, Cllr Crame, Cllr Hickley and the Clerk Jayne Kennedy  Apologies: Cllr Cole, Cllr Gibbons, Ward Cllrs Cannon, Larcombe and Muir.  Declarations of Interest: None.</p>
2	<p>Minutes of previous (2021) Annual Parish Meeting:  Approved: Proposed Cllr Coogan, Second Cllr Crame</p>
3	<p>Matters arising from previous Annual Parish Meeting: None</p>
4	<p>Annual Report from Horton Parish Council Chair, Cllr Bovingdon  Whilst restrictions have continued to lift over the last twelve months and meetings, since July, have resumed in person, there were still restrictions to be adhered to in place.  We have had a change in personnel at the Council as Benta Hickley and Brian Hickley handed over their responsibilities as Clerk to Jayne Kennedy. Benta was then co-opted as a Councillor into the vacant council seat. Since then, we have lost two more councillors so at present we have two vacancies for Parish Councillors. Parish Council meetings are held in Champney Hall generally on the third Tuesday of the month from 7:30pm. Members of the public are welcome (and encouraged) to attend. If you are interested in supporting the Community as a Parish Councillor, please contact the Clerk.  The Parish Council have continued to improve the green area with lights in the Turkey Oak. They are currently looking into funding for refurbishment of the war memorial so the names are once again easily visible.  Horton held a Remembrance Day Service and parade with a good attendance following the lifting of many of the restrictions. The annual Christmas &amp; Carol event was held and was supported by local Police and Community Wardens despite the rain. Both events are planned to run again this year so please look out for the dates.  Early in 2022 Horton Parish Council supported a new Coffee morning venture in Horton which is attended by all sorts of community support so pop along on a Monday 10:30-12noon for drinks, cakes and a chat. The pop-up library which we had expected to run from April has unfortunately been delayed until at least July.  We have been working with the Thames Valley Police Neighbourhood team and other partners that cover Datchet and Wraysbury as well as Horton. Our main issues have been speeding, fly tipping, parking on pavements, illegal use of quad bikes and off-road bikes, and sale of drugs. This multi-agency approach does mean that things are getting done, but it isn't always possible to share the news with the general public. We have also attended meetings with Colnbrook with Poyle Neighbourhood group too.  In the last year there has been a consultation and a traffic calming scheme proposed for Coppermill Road. The Parish Council have worked with RBWM to design the scheme and we hope to see it implemented soon.  Our usual planning responsibilities continue but with a change of lead. Cllr Benta Hickley now leads on Residential Planning. As a Parish Council we continue to:  pass on reports of unauthorised use of land or building to the relevant teams at RBWM,  ensure that outbuildings and extensions are built to the size consented and used for the purpose declared;  report fly tipping and suspected unlicensed use of homes as HMOs (house of multiple occupancy) as well as dealing with various other matters and issues (see meeting minutes for more details).</p>

	<p>Underneath Horton there is a large deposit of aggregate that can be used for buildings and for roads. This has resulted in the various quarries in and around the villages and as these are nearing the end of their usefulness consent is being sought for other sites, and for filling the existing quarries. These works bring heavy vehicles, noise, dust, traffic congestion and air pollution and the Cllrs spend a lot of time in trying to get these concerns acknowledged and minimised. Representatives of Horton Parish Council attended the inquiry into the mineral plan and continue to work to air concerns and find solutions. The Parish Council are working with RBWM and ward Councillors to improve the state of the roads and ditches around the village. We continue to be supported by Hortons Flood warden in getting issues with the River Colne brought to the attention of RBWM and the EA.</p> <p>Another recent issue has been broadband: speeds in most of Horton (and Wraysbury) are particularly poor. There is currently upgrading of cables by BT to allow for the fibre service to be rolled out across Horton.</p> <p>We have refurbished the play equipment on Champney playing field and recently it was subject to its annual inspection. If you do notice any vandalism or damage, please always report it to the clerk.</p> <p>As Chair, I would like to thank all the Councillors who represent the residents by being on the Parish council and their families for supporting them. It is recognised that this is a voluntary commitment that requires a significant amount of time to attend meetings and ensure their other responsibilities are given full attention. Their involvement, as well as that of the supporters who turn out when things need doing, is very much appreciated and we encourage others to come and offer support too.</p>
5	<p>Annual Report from Horton &amp; Wraysbury Ward Councillors (by invitation) No Ward Councillors present and no written reports received.</p>
6	<p>To receive the provisional Champney Hall Management Committee Accounts and a short report Life at Champney Hall has not returned to the pre-covid 'normal' but we have introduced new changes and are excited about the use of the hall both now and in the future Sadly, we lost some of the regular bookings for the main hall, but have started to see bookings for parties, baby showers and funeral wakes picking up, and have hosted a school leavers' disco as well as election services. The hall is also used by three local groups: Giving Back charitable group as well as Stitch which works with Days for Girls charity, and Crafty Church which have de-camped from St Michael's church for the time being.</p> <p>With a number of very supportive partners (WHVC, Wraysbury &amp; Horton News magazine, Horton Parish Council, St Michael's Church, Wraysbury Matters, Thames Valley Police and RBWM Community Wardens) we have started a weekly coffee morning on Monday mornings which is open to all. We are adding extras such as 'make and take' bunting sessions as we lead up to the Jubilee, jigsaw swaps, Wraysbury and Horton Repair Café, and hopefully very soon a weekly 'pop up' RBWM library.</p> <p>We have seen people come and go too: we sadly lost our long-time handyman, Loz, to cancer last year, and said goodbye to Stuart Inger as he and Angela moved away, and to Imran as he moved onto other projects. We have added Daveena to our group of volunteers, and are happy to add any more that are interested.</p> <p>We started down the route of extending the hall to create more usable spaces but Covid meant we paused that plan: we are looking at ideas for extensions and / or internal renovations and will proceed when the plans and the finances are sorted. Thanks to some funding from RBWM and WHVC, and some donations from village residents, we will soon have some kitchen cupboards for storing crockery, cutlery and consumables for hall users to use as well as the Coffee morning team</p> <p>Remember the hall is available for parties and other events, and the rates are very reasonable for residents</p>

Do pop in and visit us at the coffee morning – and see if you can help us with our on-going jigsaw.  
 I would like to thank all the committee members: without their volunteer hours the hall would not here for the community  
 Richard Tillyer  
 Chair of Champney Hall Management Committee May 2022

Opening balance	01/04/2021	25,438
Plus: Receipts in year		11,933
Less: Payments in year		12,632
Bank Balance	31/03/2022	24,739

To receive the provisional Horton Parish Council Accounts

	Budget	Actual	Variance
	21/22	Mar-22	
Precept	42,265.00	42,265.00	-
Support grant	-	-	-
SLA	-	4,728.00	4,728.00
Credit	-	600.00	600.00
Returned VAT	-	3,817.73	3,817.73
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>42,265.00</b>	<b>51,410.73</b>	<b>9,145.73</b>

This is an SLA for grass cutting. HPC believed that the payment had stopped as the support grant had ended. In actual fact it had just been missed and this is the payment for 2020&2021. This offsets payments in the Greens section of the budget.

VAT returned during this year, includes Q4 from 19-20 but not Q4 20-21

CLERK	17,000.00	17,462.53	- 462.53
ADMIN	2,200.00	1,553.32	646.68
GREENS	15,000.00	14,381.71	618.29
BANK CHARGES	72.00	72.00	-
NAG Admin		99.64	- 99.64
INSURANCE	1,700.00	1,473.22	226.78
WEB	600.00	240.99	359.01
AUDIT	800.00	470.00	330.00
CHAMPNEY	6,350.00	6,108.00	242.00
ST MICHAELS	200.00	601.00	- 401.00
RBWM	-	-	-
PROJECTS	-	-	-
RBWM	-	-	-
ONE OFF	2,600.00	3,245.24	- 645.24
Sec. 137	-	-	-
VAT	-	3,547.89	- 3,547.89
Spent from CIL	-	-	-
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>46,522.00</b>	<b>49,255.54</b>	<b>- 2,733.54</b>

The Clerks had a one month handover period of working together.

The admin costs were not as high as expected. They cover the Clerks working at home expenses and the my controller annual payment for their services.

Greens and Maintenance of Green areas

Horton Parish Council contributes to the cost of the Neighbourhood Action Group clerk once or twice per year. Should be attributed to admin cost for this budget

The website project is now complete and no further outlay was required.

This included back payments for Champney Hall usage.

This is the Church Clock servicing contract. The payment was for 3 years and so has been budgeted over 3 years but in reality a one off payment is made.

This includes the Colne Valley subscription (£435.18) which probably should be allocated to the insurance and subscriptions line.

VAT Paid this year

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Total Profit(Loss)	- 4,257.00	2,155.19	
CIL money received		5,677.00	

Opening Reserves	27096.58	27096.58	
Reserve Movement	- 4,257.00	7,832.19	
Closing Reserves	22,839.58	34,928.77	

8	To receive any suggestions for projects to be considered and budgeted for to benefit the residents of Horton: <b>Look at outdoor space and investigate gym for adults and kids park flooring and additions.</b>
9	To receive, for discussion, any matters that electors registered in the parish of Horton may wish to raise (including questions if appropriate. Any questions that cannot be answered at the time will be answered as soon as practical) <b>None present</b>

Meeting Closed 19:53

The only persons entitled to speak and vote at the meeting are those persons registered as Local Government electors for the Parish of Horton\* (LGA 1972 ss 13 (1) and 32 (1)

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