

Horton Parish Council
MEETING of the COUNCIL of the Parish of Horton
on Tuesday 20th December 2022

Minutes

#01		Councillors Invited: Chair Cllr Hickley Vice Chair Cllr Crame, Cllrs Gibbons, Cllr Cole, Cllr Coogan, Cllr Patel, Cllr Bovingdon, Cllr Larcombe
	A	<p>Present and apologies and Declaration of interest: Present: Cllr Hickley (Chair), Cllr Coogan, Cllr Cole, Cllr Patel, Cllr Larcombe, Cllr Bovingdon, the clerk – Mrs Jayne Kennedy and 4 members of the public. Absent: Cllr Crame, Cllr Gibbons Ward Cllr Cannon could not attend and Ward Cllr Muir was not in attendance. The Chair highlighted a query raised by Cllr Cole with the last minutes where absent had been used rather than apologies. Following the query, the clerk checked the Standing orders which under 3t states the following: ‘The minutes of the meeting shall include an accurate record of the following:’ 3tii states ‘the names of the councillors who are present and the names of the councillors who are absent;’ It was agreed that present and absent would be used going forwards. There were no declarations of interest for this agenda.</p>
	B	<p>Public Participation document and the Meetings Rules: The Chair explained the meeting rules, laminated copies were available. Questions from the public: None.</p>
#02		Statutory items:
	A	Recording of the meeting: No requests had been received so the meeting was not recorded.
	B	Minutes of previous meeting for approval: Proposed Cllr Hickley, Seconded Cllr Patel. All in favour
#03		Planning applications and Highways: (see Planning appendix for details re items A-C)
	A	Planning Applications received: 0 application received since last meeting
	B	Planning applications awaiting a decision: 6 applications BH has chased those outstanding for a long time.
	C	Planning Applications decided by RBWM since last HPC meeting: 4 applications One Application has been refused. Cllr Hickley has asked Planning at RBWM are refused applications transferred to enforcement.
	D	<p>Planning Enforcement and Complaints: Cllr Hickley advised that the traffic outside 21 Coppermill Road is being looked at as are planning permissions. The enforcement department will visit within 7 days from 3rd January to look at the airport parking behind the Crown pub. 193 Coppermill Road - There has been work done as per planning application but the electronic gates installed did not form part of the planning application so enforcement have been contacted.</p>

	E	Other planning issues and appeals: No appeals pending
	F	<p>Other Planning related items including anything related to the Mineral Plan</p> <p>Cllr Larcombe reported that Planning application 22/01492/FULL for the inert waste facility on the land east of Horton Road has been approved. The case Officer at RBWM stated there had been no neighbour objections. Cllr Larcombe did not believe a list of neighbours to contact had been drawn up. Slough Borough Council raised no objections, Horton Parish Council did object. Ward Cllr Muir and Ward Cllr Cannon voted in favour of the application. The Parish Council pointed out that the original permissions for 12 years industry and then returned to similar original state of farmland have not been kept. The statement made by Cllr Crame at the meeting can be found in appendix B.</p>
#04	Clerk's report / Chairman's Communications / RBWM Communications:	
	A	<p>Clerk's Report including meeting dates for 2023-2024 2023-24 meetings are on the website – 3rd Tuesday of each month Tuesday 21st February 2023 Tuesday 21st March 2023 Tuesday 18th April 2023 Tuesday 16th May 2023 Tuesday 20th June 2023 Tuesday 18th July 2023 Tuesday 15th August 2023 Tuesday 19th September 2023 Tuesday 17th October 2023 Tuesday 21st November 2023 Tuesday 19th December 2023 Tuesday 16th January 2024 Tuesday 20th February 2024 Tuesday 19th March 2024</p> <p>This month work carried out: Christmas thank you deliveries, Emails and admin, Budget updated Play Park inspections: 22/12/2022, 11/01/2023, Swing cradle research, Communications received: RBWM Newsletters, Community Champions weekly emails Meetings attended: None. Consultations received: RBWM Budget Consultation, RBWM SEN Consultation, TVPCC Budget and crime consultation Quotes requested: Tree quotes requested from Garden Designs, Jensen Tree Services Limited, R Watts and Landmark Trees</p> <p>Days worked: 10 days worked, 7 days holiday taken, 3 bank holidays</p>
	B	Chairman's Communications: None
	C	<p>RBWM Communications: RBWM Consultation on Resource Provisions and SEN Units in RBWM schools. RBWM Budget Consultation</p>
	D	Any other items received after the agenda has been published*

#05	To receive reports from Borough Councillors or Parish Councillors or others	
A		<p>Ward Councillors' report:</p> <p>Cllr Larcombe had attended the Flood liaison meeting – The meeting was informed that the EA would be cutting back trees and weed growth from the Colne brook on the stretch from the Stanwell Road bridge down to Wraysbury station, probably not in the first quarter of the year but it has been scheduled on their program of works. **If time permits**</p> <p>Affinity Water have a Consultation that is available to complete until 20th February 2023. It has a 32-page summary, 232-page main document with 20 appendices and 14 more appendices on the environmental assessment but in summary Affinity Water are looking to find more water. Affinity uses underground water from the Chilterns which is drying up so Affinity water are trying to develop a strategy to better to use existing water. There is a proposal for a new reservoir in Steventon, Oxfordshire that can be topped up using water from the Thames when it is excessively high once it has been treated in Iver. Concern was expressed that the muck in the Thames when it is fast running and stirred up makes this plan unfeasible to reduce water levels when the river is high. 600,000 new smart water meters are to be installed by Affinity water. Cllr Larcombe felt that it was not worth responding to the consultation.</p> <p>A Member of public commented that over the summer Affinity Water assured their customers that they had enough water and there was no need for a hosepipe ban and yet now they are looking for more water.</p> <p>The RBWM council tax rise is 5.99%. The RBWM budget is currently out for consultation. There are spending cuts across the council. In May there are expected to be many retiring councillors.</p>
B		<p>DALC /BALC / HALC / NALC updates:</p> <p>Cllr Cole reported nothing relevant or pertinent to Horton.</p>
C		<p>Flood Warden's report including report on RBWM Flood Liaison group meeting:</p> <p>This part was done after Eii</p> <p>The river Thames water level is rising and it is out of its banks at Datchet and further downstream.</p> <p>The flood warden has received a message from Ward Cllr Cannon telling him that the Colne Brook tree work would take place between January and April 2023 starting upstream of Coppermill road with the northern loop, south of Stanwell Road being done if time allows. Natasha Gibbs is the EA representative in charge of that section.</p> <p>Tarquin Nelson, the Flood Resilience Engagement advisor for Hertfordshire and North London has agreed to walk along the Colne Brook with the flood warden sometime ** ion ** the next two weeks.</p> <p>Wraysbury drain – The splash is virtually overflowing and the ditch by village green in Wraysbury is nearly overflowing but still no flowing water.</p> <p>Cllr Hickley stated that a member of the public had posted on Facebook with the comment that the Wraysbury Drain was doing what it should be and the accompanying video showed flowing water.</p> <p>Another member of the public joined the meeting.</p>
D		<p>River Thames Scheme report & Waterways report:</p> <p>The Environment Agency have agreed to come to Wraysbury and Datchet to explain about the Datchet to Hythe End scheme. Cllr Larcombe advised that they needed to make sure RBWM were willing to put up the money before the scheme is planned.</p>
E		<p>Greens:</p>

	i	<p>Removal of tree in front of Champney Hall. Quotes to be considered – the clerk is awaiting one more quote so will have them all for the next meeting.</p>
	ii	<p>Christmas Tree arrangements to be considered: Keep current arrangements and source help to put up the tree, the lights and the keep the electrics working. Replace the Tree in front of Champney Hall with a Christmas Tree and use that as the village Christmas Tree sourcing help to install the lights and running them from Champney Hall electric? A discussion was had about Christmas trees and it was decided that the current arrangements would suffice with more support. The clerk is to make a note for October to contact Cllr Cole to look for a quote for a Christmas tree and assemble a team to support the putting up of the tree. The Flood warden joined the meeting at this point so following this part the meeting returned to the Flood wardens report.</p>
F		<p>Kings Coronation: to consider what Horton Village will do to mark the Coronation of King Charles III Who would like to lead on it? Cllr Coogan still has the program of events for 1953 so it was suggested that with reference to that the council could plan what to do and compile cost estimates. Cllr Coogan to look into it. It was suggested that the bank holiday Monday 8th May is a good time to hold the event. It can be a Coronation version of the coffee morning with activities. Activities suggested were: Jamboree Tea Party, giving the children a coronation memento, treasure hunt. A coronation flag is to be obtained by Cllr Cole. The aim would be to hold it on the recreation ground weather permitting. Suggestions were made and it was decided that a flyer should be delivered to every house in Horton asking if households are interested in participating and requesting help. Cllr Cole is to put a flyer together and the clerk is to approach Frosts to see if they could help with delivery in any way.</p>
G		<p>Parking, Speeding and Highways:</p>
	i	<p>Coppermill Road Parking and chicanes: see 3D above for the chicane and parking issues near 21 Coppermill Road. No complaints have been received by the Parish Council about the chicanes and humps. A Member of public expressed that they did not like them but accepted them. They expressed concerns for patients and staff in emergency service vehicles. It was believed that the scheme designers address these as best they can when designing the scheme. Cllr Patel is to draft a letter about parking considerably in the village for residents as parking has affected the bus due to narrowing of the road alongside the memorial green. Cllr Cole was not supportive if cars were parked legally with the correct documents and tax associated with them. A member of public pointed out that properties above the pub are on right move for let, one 3-bedroom flat and one 2-bedroom flat. This could lead to extra cars in the vicinity.</p>
H		<p>Parish Council Reps:</p>
	i	<p>Play equipment – Inspections and Maintenance:</p>

		The swing seat was chosen. The Red and blue is to be ordered by the clerk. Cllr Hickley propose, seconded by Cllr Cole. All in favour																																			
	ii	Defibrillator Guardians: report The defibrillator is still in working order.																																			
	I	War Memorial Refurbishment and Funding: Cllr Cole has made contact with the War Commission and is to send up to date photos of war memorial. They are in a position to offer a grant to do the work but need to decide what level of contribution to make.																																			
	J	Any other updates received after the agenda has been published* Cllr Cole asked about plans for the land on Park Lane land that has now been cleared. There has been woodland clearance and a fire on and off for the past week. It was established the location that was being talked about but no one was able to offer any knowledge on the subject.																																			
	K	Items for future agenda: Cllrs to advise Clerk of any items to be added - none																																			
#06		Financial Report																																			
	A	Income: VAT return payment received for Q2 - £1,179.97 Q3 to be submitted before the next meeting.																																			
	B	Approval of payment of invoices: Invoices were approved by Cllr Bovingdon and Cllr Cole. Cllr Hickley and Cllr Crame to do electronic payment authorisation. Total payments: £3,478.61 <table border="1" data-bbox="308 1126 1316 1644"> <thead> <tr> <th>Date</th> <th>Payee</th> <th>Invoice Number</th> <th>Budget Line</th> <th>Amount</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>17/01/2023</td> <td>Old Windsor Parish Council</td> <td>OWPC 2</td> <td>Projects</td> <td>£947.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>17/01/2023</td> <td>Clerk Expenses including training fees</td> <td>Month 10</td> <td>Admin</td> <td>£130.36</td> </tr> <tr> <td>17/01/2023</td> <td>Clerk – J Kennedy</td> <td>Month 10</td> <td>Clerk</td> <td>£931.20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>17/01/2023</td> <td>HMRC</td> <td>Month 10</td> <td>Clerk</td> <td>£31.38</td> </tr> <tr> <td>17/01/2023</td> <td>Berkshire Pension Fund</td> <td>Month 10</td> <td>Clerk</td> <td>£345.88</td> </tr> <tr> <td>17/01/2023</td> <td>Stationary order including ink</td> <td>9770050</td> <td>Admin</td> <td>£160.69</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Date	Payee	Invoice Number	Budget Line	Amount	17/01/2023	Old Windsor Parish Council	OWPC 2	Projects	£947.00	17/01/2023	Clerk Expenses including training fees	Month 10	Admin	£130.36	17/01/2023	Clerk – J Kennedy	Month 10	Clerk	£931.20	17/01/2023	HMRC	Month 10	Clerk	£31.38	17/01/2023	Berkshire Pension Fund	Month 10	Clerk	£345.88	17/01/2023	Stationary order including ink	9770050	Admin	£160.69
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	C	Section 137 / Chair's fund payments (S137 limited by legislation, (Chair's fund limited to £250 without meeting approval) None.																																			
	E	Budget 23-24 – To approve the budget, setting the final precept amount for 2023-2024. Proposed Cllr Hickley second Cllr Bovingdon all in favour, Total precept £45,560. Band D precept - £97.81 Cllr Hickley asked everyone to think about what they had done as a councillor and write short election bids. Cllr Larcombe advised that photographic Voter ID would be required to vote in the next election.																																			

	F	Any other Finance items received after the agenda has been published* None.	
#07		Policies to be reviewed and adopted	
	A	Risk Management – deferred until the next meeting.	
#08		Questions from the public: (If appropriate)	
		Blocked drain outside the Hermitage. How can this be resolved? Clerk has chased the outstanding open case but has had no reply. Cllr Hickley asked the clerk to add the blocked drain at the end of Bells Lane to the list. The resident requested to be copied on any correspondence to RBWM by the Parish Council concerning this issue. A discussion was had about causes and reasons for the continued blockages in this part of the village. Clerk to follow up.	
#09		Dates of future meetings: 2022, Third Tuesday of each month	
		Please read the “Meetings Rules and Public Participation at Meetings” document	
		Tuesday 16 th February 2023 – 19:30	Tuesday 16 th March 2023 – 19:30
		Tuesday 18 th April 2023 – 19:30	Tuesday 16 th May 2023 – 19:30

Meeting closed 8:30pm.

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Note: Meetings by arrangement only

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Planning Appendix (as at 2023/01/10)								
Ref	date	address	details	N o a c t i o n f r o m H P C	H P C t o r e s p o n d	H P C r e s p o n d e d	awa i t i n g R B W M d e c i s i o n	Decided
4A: New applications received since last meeting								
None								

4B: Applications awaiting decision from RBWM									
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Ref	date	address	details	No action from HPC	HPC to respond	HPC responded	awaiting RBWM decision	Decided
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22/02732 /FULL	Thu 27 Oct 2022	The Hermitage Stanwell Road Horton Slough SL3 9PE	Replacement porch and alterations to fenestration.			✓	✓	
22/02089 /FULL	Wed 26 Oct 2022	Sunnyside Stanwell Road Horton Slough SL3 9PE	New electric entrance gates, brick boundary wall and hardstanding (Retrospective).			✓	✓	
22/02544 /FULL	Tue 20 Sep 2022	Brookfield Lodge Datchet Road Horton Slough SL3 9PS	Single storey side extension to link the main dwelling to the detached Summer Room.		✓	✓	✓	
22/02545 /LBC	Tue 20 Sep 2022	Brookfield Lodge Datchet Road Horton Slough SL3 9PS	Consent for a single storey side extension to link the main dwelling to the detached Summer Room.		✓	✓	✓	
22/01547 /FULL	Thu 09 Jun 2022	18 Coppermill Road Wraysbury Staines TW19 5NT	Retention of rear single storey extension at a reduced size following demolition of part of the existing garage and the rear most part of the existing extension.		✓	✓	✓	
22/01475 /VAR	Tue 31 May 2022	Land East of Horton Road Horton Slough	Variation (under Section 73) of conditions 12 (scheme of restoration and landscaping), 39 (mineral extraction and infilling) and 40 (linked to condition 13) of planning permission 17/03850/VAR for the variation of condition 40 (under Section 73) to allow for continued extraction, infilling and restoration of site for the extraction of sand and gravel and restoration to agricultural land using imported inert fill, creation of a site access road onto Horton Road, erection of a gravel processing		✓	✓	✓	

			plant, site offices and facilities, and formation of settlement ponds approved under (07/00590) (allowed on appeal).					
21/01923 /EIASCR	21/06/2021	Horton Brook Quarry Horton Road	Screening Opinion from the Council under Regulation 6 (1) of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations 2017 ("the EIA Regulations"), to confirm whether or not there is a requirement for an Environmental Impact Assessment ("EIA") in respect of the proposed use of land at Horton Quarry for a permanent waste and recycling facility processing only inert wastes. Open for comment		✓	✓	✓	
4C: Applications decided since last meeting				N o a c t i o n f r o m H P C	H P C t o r e s p o n d	H P C r e s p o n d e d	awa i t i n g R B W M d e c i s i o n	Decided
22/03081 /PDXL	Mon 21 Nov 2022	4 Coppermill Road Wraysbury Staines TW19 5NT	Single storey rear extension no greater than 8m in depth, 2.70m high with an eaves height of 2.50m.					23/12/2022 Application Refused
22/02507 /LBC	Tue 13 Sep 2022	Brookfield Park Lane Horton Slough SL3 9PR	Consent for repair and secure the roof structure.		✓	✓	✓	19/12/2022 Application Permitted
22/02064 /FULL	Wed 27 Jul 2022	8 Horton Gardens Datchet Road Horton Slough SL3 9PX	Single storey side/rear extension and alterations to fenestration.		✓	✓	✓	06/01/2023 Application permitted
22/01492 /FULL	Mon 13 Jun 2022	Land East of Horton Road Horton Slough	Proposed inert waste recycling facility.		✓	✓	✓	04/01/2023 Application permitted

Appendix B:

Statement made by Cllr Crame on behalf of Horton Parish Council with regard to planning application 22/01492/FULL at the RBWM planning meeting on 3rd January 2023

Horton Parish council have presented a number of objections to this planning application and are extremely disappointed that not only have the Planning Department apparently recommended approval, but also that despite our requests, we have been refused a meeting or any form of discussion with the Planning Team about this. We feel that this ignores the Localism Act and your own commitment statements to -cooperate with Parish Councils and other local bodies. The Parish Council accepts that commercial enterprise is an essential part of our economy, but so is the protection of people and places.

The first point we would like to reiterate is that the Jayflex Site remains within the Green Belt. Paragraph 145 of the National Planning Policy Framework states that: Once Green Belts have been defined, local planning authorities should plan positively to enhance their beneficial use including to retain and enhance landscapes, visual amenity and biodiversity; or and (importantly) to improve damaged and derelict land. There are exceptions, but not one that I can find which would cover the permanent use of the land for an industrial and - by definition - polluting site which (and I quote) would cause harm to the openness of the Green Belt. Please also note that already in Horton and Wraysbury, there are 2 recycling sites which process inert waste and which although unlawful are protected under Appendix E of the adopted Mineral and Waste Plan.

The original planning permissions and extensions for the site have always included reinstatement of the land to agricultural use . It should have been completed last year. That would have allowed the Green Belt policy to be honoured. Granting the application would negate the NPPF Green Belt clause AND makes a mockery of planning permission restrictions and regulations.

Having said that we believe that this permission is likely to be granted. If that happens it is essential that a new and comprehensive Section 106 is established. This must be done through a joint initiative including the Royal Borough, Slough Borough Colne Valley Trust and Horton Parish Council. We have submitted a 6-point list of requests to the Chairman and our other 2 Ward Councillors. In brief these include:

1. New risk, environmental and design documents. Up to date Environmental assessment and design documents and in particular, a hydrological assessment. These documents need to be externally reviewed in line with new government policies (e.g., climate change).
2. A high fence erected along the boundary with Pope's Close to protect the Jayflex site from incursions by vandals, some of whom are very young and may be unwittingly putting themselves in severe danger – we believe Jayflex are supportive of this.
3. Clearance and permanent maintenance of the ditch which fronts the Jayflex site along Horton Road.
4. Clearance and proper maintenance of the footpaths and bridleways adjacent to the site including the promised gates and surface improvements.
5. An enforced reinstatement and maintenance of the land to meadowland after 2036 – the end date for the current mineral plan.
6. AND Compensation in line with CIL payments for Horton Parish Council to carry out Village improvements we have been seeking.

Whether or not the committee decides against the planning application we strongly urge the Borough to ensure that reparation of the land is carried out in accordance with the original terms. Part 3 of the July 2008 Section 106 states that Jayflex (and Aggregate Industries) will carry out maintenance and replacement work to maintain ground and surface water drainage on their land for 60 years. £100,000 was to be put into bond to ensure this work was honoured. We know that the land is currently seriously damaged, including (by Jayflex's own admission) very dangerous quick-

sand pools. So, there is no doubt that the work needs to be done. We will be submitting an RFI as to the status of these monies and the works' progress.

Obviously, there is a lot more we would like to say but given the allotted time, I hope the Committee will be sympathetic to our requests.

Our original objections:

1. As stated previously, a commitment was made to restore this site to rural Green Belt status.
2. The proposal is not in line with the Colne Valley policies
3. The East Berkshire Mineral Plan has not yet been approved.
4. This application directly contravenes the existing approved planning permission for gravel extraction on the site which should then be restored to Green Belt rural status.
5. The site is located directly opposite the Queen Mother Reservoir - a main source of drinking water for South East England. Recycling of waste will inevitably cause pollution.
6. The site is located adjacent to housing in Horton and Colnbrook. A further substantial housing development for 100 houses is proposed in the adopted RBWM Local Plan. These will also inevitably suffer from increased pollution levels caused by waste processing and HGV movements.
7. Our adopted Neighbourhood Plan has a number of policies relating to the protection of the area, including NP/OE1 (landscape) OE2, (ecology). OE3 (public rights of way) and TM1 – traffic Management. These must all be taken into account for any planning application.