

Horton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting at Champney Hall

21st January 2025

#01		Councillors Summoned: Chair Cllr Hickley, Vice Chair Cllr Larcombe, Cllr Bovington, Cllr Buckley, Cllr Cole, Cllr Coogan, Cllr Patel
	A	Welcome, present, apologies and Declaration of interest: Present: Cllr Hickley, Cllr Larcombe, Cllr Cole and Clerk Jayne Kennedy Apologies: Cllr Patel, Cllr Bovington, Cllr Coogan, Cllr Buckley, Ward Councillor Grove.
	B	Public Participation document and the Meetings Rules including recording of the meeting: The participation rules were available, no members of the public were present. There were no requests to record the meeting so the meeting was not recorded.
	C	Questions from the public: No members of the public were present.
#02		Statutory items:
	A	Minutes of previous meeting for approval: 17 th December 2024 Proposed Cllr Hickley, seconded Cllr Cole.
#03		Planning applications and Highways: (Planning appendix for details re items A-C)
	A	Residential Planning Applications received: No planning applications have been received since the last meeting
	B	Industrial Planning Applications received: No planning applications have been received since the last meeting Discussion on Kingsmead Quarry and the complaints about mud on the road on a local FB group.
	C	Planning Enforcement and Complaints update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 new RBWM referral
	D	Other planning issues and appeals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
#04		Communications:
	A	Clerk's Communications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposal to move the date of the April meeting from 15th April to 8th April – all in favour.
	B	Chairman's Communications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VE day – Commemoration event in Horton will not take place but Horton Parish Council will advertise the events taking place in Datchet and Wraysbury. Cllr Cole to look into a flag for the flag pole. Clerk to remove this item from future agendas. • There has been some local social media discussion about mud on the highway. Chair and Clerk to have a look on Wednesday 22nd January and ask CVT about suggestions that the site is no longer in a restoration phase. • Cappagh – washing all the vehicles, road sweeper does the Colne brook stretch and goes into the village.
	C	RBWM Communications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See #04A Clerks report.
	D	Any other items received after the agenda has been published*
#05		To receive reports from Borough Councillors or Parish Councillors or others
	A	Ward Councillors' report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RBWM is in disarray and apportioning blame. • The Independent Councillors have split into a group of 6 and a group of 7. • The Finance department Officers that failed to deliver accounts have all moved on.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is an English devolution white paper under which Surrey are wanting to split into 2-3 unitary type authorities. The Council had a discussion on working together and motives. RTS Partnership funding from Surrey is £230m. May elections in Surrey are to be delayed to keep councillors in seats until the 3 new unitary authorities settle. • RBWM requires £16m per year to service current debt levels. RBWM only bring in £80m per year. • Another bank on the jubilee river collapsed close to an affluent new housing estate. A Helicopter dropped stones into a hole. As a result the Jubilee River is out of action until further notice. • Flood liaison committee – EL asked about the trees that were originally planted along the Jubilee River banks that have since been cut down.
B	<p>DALC /BALC / HALC / NALC Report: To receive the latest updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to report.
C	<p>Waterways Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flood Liaison Group – see above • The ground water table is very high and the village green in Wraysbury is already flooded. • Wraysbury Drain still not cleared. RBWM are looking at a possible re-routing.
D	Flood Wardens Report: The Flood Warden was not present
E	<p>Greens: Quotes for 25/26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Hickley proposed to go with Garden Designs, all in favour of supporting local business.
F	<p>Emergency Planning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wraysbury Resilience Meeting Report – A list of vulnerable residents is being compiled to identify any support required during an emergency response.
G	<p>Playground Equipment, Inspections and Maintenance Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CVT attended coffee morning and Cllr Hickley had a chat about the possibility of doing some more work in Horton that will be more visible. • The moss problem in the park was highlighted. The Parish Council are going to talk to Jayflex to see if they have any ideas.
H	<p>Defibrillator: It's proving hard to find somewhere to put one on Coppermill Road.</p>
I	<p>Pickens Piece Working Party update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Connecting Communities Berkshire have suggested extending the area for the Housing Needs Survey to include the whole of the neighbourhood plan area. Horton Parish Council are supportive of extending the area. • A discussion about monitoring the neighbourhood plan – Horton uses it for planning consultation responses and will monitor it for Horton use.
J	<p>Community Liaison Group Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colne Valley Trust membership report and subscription <p>CVT are working with Horton Parish Council. They are looking to create a Horton page on their website and advertise and hold regular monthly volunteer sessions. Their summer guided walks will be extended to Horton. The Council was in favour of paying the subscription.</p>
K	<p>Training</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Hickley would like to attend new Councillor training. • Cllr Cole to book his requested training if he is able to attend.
L	Any other information to share that is relevant to council business*

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Larcombe raised the Partnership funding issue for the River Thames Scheme. £100m has been spent so far and nothing has been dug. The issue will be discussed as part of Regional Flooding and Coastal Committee agenda on 22nd January 2025. 																																			
	M	<p>Items for future agenda.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Cole advised that on 3rd March there is expected to be a digital switch off workshop at Windsor Library - 10:00 -13:00. 																																			
#06		Financial Report:																																			
	A	Income: £93.60 NAG invoice has been paid.																																			
	B	<p>Approval of payment – Proposed: Cllr Hickley, Seconded Cllr Cole.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Date</th> <th>Payee</th> <th>Invoice Number</th> <th>Budget Line</th> <th>Amount</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>21/01/2025</td> <td>Staff</td> <td>Month 10</td> <td>Staff</td> <td>£1,160.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>21/01/2025</td> <td>HMRC</td> <td>Month 10</td> <td>Staff</td> <td>£109.60</td> </tr> <tr> <td>21/01/2025</td> <td>Berkshire Pension</td> <td>Month 10</td> <td>Staff</td> <td>£446.67</td> </tr> <tr> <td>21/01/2025</td> <td>Garden Designs</td> <td>8586</td> <td>Greens</td> <td>£42.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>21/01/2025</td> <td>Viking Direct</td> <td>5261174</td> <td>Admin</td> <td>£144.72</td> </tr> <tr> <td>21/01/2025</td> <td>Colne Valley Trust</td> <td>CVT 199</td> <td>Subscriptions</td> <td>£732.28</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Date	Payee	Invoice Number	Budget Line	Amount	21/01/2025	Staff	Month 10	Staff	£1,160.00	21/01/2025	HMRC	Month 10	Staff	£109.60	21/01/2025	Berkshire Pension	Month 10	Staff	£446.67	21/01/2025	Garden Designs	8586	Greens	£42.00	21/01/2025	Viking Direct	5261174	Admin	£144.72	21/01/2025	Colne Valley Trust	CVT 199	Subscriptions	£732.28
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	C	<p>Q3 2024-25 Finance Report and approval of the accounts for Q3. Proposed: Cllr Hickley, seconded Cllr Cole. All in favour. CIL Money – The Council are continuing to search for a suitable place to put a defibrillator on Coppermill Road. The Clerk advised that the money needs to be spent this year.</p>																																			
	D	<p>Budget 2025-26 Adoption of the proposed Budget for 25-26 The total precept requested £49,805 which is £106.43 on a band D property. Proposed: Cllr Hickley, Second Cllr Cole all in favour.</p>																																			
	E	Section 137 / Chair's fund payments: (£137 limited by legislation, Chair's fund limited to £250 p.a. without meeting approval)																																			
	F	Any other Finance information to share - None.																																			
#07		Policies to be reviewed and adopted:																																			
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training and Development Policy – adopted. 																																			
#08		Questions from the public: (If appropriate)																																			
		Dates of future meetings: 2025, Third Tuesday of each month																																			
		Please read the "Meetings Rules and Public Participation at Meetings" document																																			
		Tuesday 18 th February 2024 – 19:30 Tuesday 18 th March 2025 – 19:30																																			
		Tuesday 8 th April 2025 – 19:30 Tuesday 20 th May 2025 – 19:30																																			
		Tuesday 17 th June 2025 – 19:30 Tuesday 15 th July 2025 – 19:30																																			

Meeting closed 20:39.

Planning Appendix (as at 2025/01/13)								
Ref	date	address	details	No action from HPC	HPC to respond	HPC responded	awaiting RBWM decision	Decided
4A: New applications received since last meeting								
4B: Applications awaiting decision from RBWM								
24/02865 /LBC	Wed 27 Nov 2024	Brookfield Park Lane Horton Slough SL3 9PR	Consent to retain lead valleys.	✓				17/01/2025 Application Permitted
24/02068 /FULL	Tue 27 Aug 2024	147 Coppermill Road Wraysbury Staines TW19 5NX	Single storey rear extension following the demolition of existing conservatory.			✓	✓	
24/02155 /OUT	Tue 22 Oct 2024	Land Rear of 38 To 80 Coppermill Road Wraysbury Staines	Outline planning application for access, appearance, layout and scale only to be considered at this stage with all other matters to be reserved, for the erection of a mix of 26 dwellings with private access drives, parking, bins and cycle provision.			✓	✓	
4C: Applications decided since last meeting								
24/02927 /CPD	Fri 29 Nov 2024	165 Coppermill Road Wraysbury Staines TW19 5NX	Certificate of lawfulness to determine whether the proposed hip to gable, 1no. rear dormer to accommodate a loft conversion and alterations to fenestration is lawful.					18/12/2024 Permitted Development