

At the Meeting of the  
**COUNCIL for the PARISH of HORTON**  
held in Champney Hall at 7.00pm  
**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

**Present:** Cllr Ewan Larcombe, Cllr Eileen Coogan, Cllr Freda Bovingdon, Cllr Neil Cole

**Ward Councillor:** Jodie Grove

**In attendance:** Clerk – Harley Spillane

**1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr Ewan Larcombe has welcomed everybody to the meeting, Cllr Benta Hickley, Cllr David Buckley, Cllr Ginella Petrassi & Cllr Jaimin Patel have sent their apologies.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

**3. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

None

**4. COUNCIL MINUTES**

**Proposed:** Cllr Eileen Coogan, **Seconded:** Cllr Freda Bovingdon **Vote: All In Favour (Unanimous)**

**5. ACTIONS AND MATTERS ARISING**

- i. **To Consider Approval For Co Opted Policy** – Defer to next meeting.
- ii. **To Consider Approval For Retention Policy** – Defer to next meeting.
- iii. **To Consider Approval For CCTV Policy** – Defer to next meeting.
- iv. **To Consider Approval For Standing Orders** – Defer to next meeting.
- v. **To Consider Approval For Financial Procedures** – Defer to next meeting.
- vi. **To Consider Approval For Code Of Conduct** – Defer to next meeting.
- vii. **To Consider Approval For IT Policy** – Defer to next meeting.

viii. **Fly Tipping On Sunnymeads Bridge** – On Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September it was reported that rubbish had been fly tipped by Sunnymeads Bridge. This has been reported by multiple residents with RBWM, there is currently a dispute over who the land that has been fly tipped on belongs to. Cllr David Buckley has been working on trying to get this situation resolved.

**6. PLANNING APPLICATION**

No planning application received.

**7. COMMUNICATION AND CORRESPONDENCE**

- i. **RBWM response on Cherry Tree** - A licence would need to be obtained for third parties wishing to plant a tree in the public highway. Public liability insurance and details of underground services would be required. Details of tree stock type, nursery biosecurity, quality standards for handling and planting, including aftercare, would also need to be agreed.
- ii. **War Memorial -Feedback from War Memorial Trust** – Stone Memorials should be washed with water and soft bristle brushes, but no more than once a year. Don't use copper, brass, bronze or ferrous (iron or steel) brushes. Don't use chemicals, bleach or detergents. Don't use abrasive method (this includes sandblasting or refacing stonework) Don't use high pressure water jets. Cllr Cole has been dealing with War Memorial Trust and is awaiting a response from them with regards to the Horton Memorial. Await response from War Memorial Trust to Cllr Cole.

**Proposed:** Ewan Larcombe, **Seconded:** Eileen Coogan. **Vote All In Favour (Unanimous)**

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- iii. **Milton Close** – Abri will be setting up a meeting internally to discuss this estate and would also be setting up a number of property inspections to investigate the concerns that have been raised.
- iv. **RBWM Planning Team** – Maidenhead Neighbourhood Forum has submitted a Neighbourhood Plan for the Maidenhead Neighbourhood area. Information and links have been provided to Cllrs if they wish to have a look.
- v. **Heathrow Expansion Scoping** – Documents and links have been provided for Councillors who are then able to use the portal to register any feedback.

### 8. REPORTS FROM WARD COUNCILLORS

- i. Councillor Jodie Grove – Not much to report this month, as there is a council meeting this month.
- ii. Cllr Neil Cole if the borough has any current plans for Pickins Piece? – No there are currently no plans.

### 9. REPORTS

- i. **Waterways Report** – Currently not much water around after the dry summer. Report received on the River Thames scheme. Clerk has sourced a B1 waterways map for Horton.
- ii. **Report From Flood Warden** – Not present.
- iii. **Playground Report** – Visual Inspections are being done weekly. Parallel bars are still being monitored due to crack in the wood.
- iv. **Defibrillator** – Champney Hall Defibrillator is fine. Battery is okay.

### 10. CHAIRS REPORT

No Chairs report.

### 11. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Approval of Order Of Payments – **Proposed:** Cllr Neil Cole, **Seconded:** Cllr Freda Bovington **Vote: All In Favour (Unanimous)** .

Date	Payee	Month	Budget Line	Amount	VAT	Total
16/09/2025	Staff A	Sept 25	Personnel/Admin	£999.19	0.00	£999.19
16/09/2025	Staff B	Sept 25	Personnel/Admin	£93.60	0.00	£93.60
16/09/2025	HMRC		Personnel	£248.60	0.00	£248.60
16/09/2025	Garden Designs	9188	Greens	£260.50	£52.10	£312.60
16/09/2025	Garden Designs	9172	Greens	£314.00	£62.80	£376.80
16/09/2025	RBWM Library	IN3496281	Library	£2,610.00	0.00	£2,610.00
Total				£4,525.89	£114.90	£4,640.79

- i. **Approval of cost to sponsor a Cherry Tree for £660.00-**  
**Proposed:** Cllr Neil Cole, **Seconded:** Cllr Freda Boingdon . **Vote All In Favour (Unanimous)** )
- ii. **Assertion 10 Training Course For The Clerk £53.50-**  
**Proposed:** Cllr Neil Cole, **Seconded:** Cllr Eileen Coogan . **Vote All In Favour (Unanimous)**

### 12. ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

### 13. COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

- i. Cllr Neil Cole reported a pothole, which was filled today. – Cllr Jodie Grove has advised it is done in two stages and the second fix should be completed about a week later once the first fix has settled.
- ii. Cllr Eillen Coogan has raised concerns over dangerous parking – Has been advised that it should be reported so RBWM can be aware of hot spots.

### 14. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 21<sup>th</sup> October 2025 at 7pm - Meeting Closed 19.42