

At the Meeting of the COUNCIL
for the PARISH of HORTON
held in Champney Hall at 7.00pm
Tuesday 17th February 2026

Present: (Chair) Cllr B. Hickley, Cllr N. Cole, Cllr E. Larcombe, Cllr E. Coogan, Cllr G. Petrassi – Beck, Cllr F. Bovingdon, Cllr J. Patel

In Attendance: Harly Spillane - Clerk

In Attendance: Cllr J Grove – Ward Councillor

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr B.Hickley has welcomed all to the meeting.

Apologies: Cllr D. Buckley

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

4. COUNCIL MINUTES

To approve meeting minutes from Tuesday 20th January 2026.

Proposed: Cllr B. Hickley **Seconded:** Cllr E.Coogan **Vote All In Favour:** Unanimous

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD 20TH JANUARY 2026

None

6. ADMINISTRATION

- i. **To Consider and Approve Clerk/Staff Declaration of Interest**
Proposed: Cllr B. Hickley **Seconded:** Cllr G. Petrassi - Beck
Vote All In Favour: Unanimous
- ii. **To Consider and Approve Clerk/Staff Declaration of Interest Form**
Proposed: Cllr B. Hickley **Seconded:** Cllr G. Petrassi - Beck
Vote All In Favour: Unanimous
- iii. **To Consider and Approve Standing Orders.**
Proposed: Cllr B. Hickley **Seconded:** Cllr E. Larcombe **Vote All In Favour:** Unanimous
- iv. **To Consider and Approve Social Media and Communications Policy.**
Proposed: Cllr B. Hickley **Seconded:** Cllr F. Bovingdon
Vote All In Favour: Unanimous
- v. **To Consider and Approve Data Retention Policy.**
Proposed: Cllr B. Hickley **Seconded:** Cllr E. Coogan
Vote All In Favour: 6 In favour, 1 abstained – Motion Passed.

- vi. **To Consider and Approve Financial Regulations.**
Proposed: Cllr B. Hickley **Seconded:** Cllr J.Patel **Vote All In Favour:** Unanimous
- vii. **To set a date for Annual Parish Meeting.**
Date set is 28th April – 7pm.

7. PLANNING APPLICATION

- i. To discuss and make recommendations on planning applications.

Application site	Application No.	Proposal	HPC comments
136 Coppermill Road Wraysbury Staines TW19 5NR	26/00024/FULL	1no. outbuilding ancillary to the main dwelling, hardstanding and boundary wall following demolition of existing element (retrospective).	Objection – Not appropriate.
193 Coppermill Road Wraysbury Staines TW19 5NW	26/00259/FULL	New boundary treatment and entrance gate. (Part Retrospective).	Objection – Not in keeping with Neighbourhood plan. And Borough plan.
Park House Park Lane Horton Slough SL3 9PR	26/00142/COL	Certificate of lawfulness to determine whether the existing use of the former stables as residential accommodation ancillary and incidental to the main dwelling is lawful.	No Objection.
Land To The West And Adjacent 1A The Bungalow Datchet Road Horton Slough	26/00119/COL	Certificate of lawfulness to determine whether the proposed use of the land as a residential caravan site for up to nine caravans is lawful.	Objection.
Land Beneath Horton Road And Stanwell Road Horton Slough (Application received after the agenda was released)	26/00224/FULL	Installation of underground and ground mounted structures to support electrical connection and communication cables with temporary construction compounds and associated infrastructure and works.	Not able to make comment.

- ii. **Enforcement Matters**
Kirkstone, enforcement is working with owner.
- iii. **Appeals**
94-96 Coppermill Road appeal was dismissed.

8. COMMUNICATION AND CORRESPONDANCE

- i. **To consider and approve promotion on Horton Parish Council website of ABC to read charity who a currently looking for volunteers.**
Proposed: Cllr B. Hickley **Seconded:** Cllr J. Patel **Vote All In Favour:** Unanimous
- ii. **Cllr N. Cole and Cllr J.Patel, to confirm if their Declarations of Interest forms are up to date or require changes.** - No changes to either.
- iii. **Internal Audit.**
Internal Audit will be held on 29/04/26 at Champney Hall. This will be the last year that the current Internal Auditor is available due to retirement.

9. REPORTS FROM WARD COUNCILLORS

Cllr J Grove – Budget discussions still happening. Contractor is changing in April, it is proving a challenge to get old contractor to complete the work.

Cllr E Larcombe – 7.49% increase in council tax.
Black Potts bridge still needs work/ demolition and re- built.
Datchet to Hythe end flood improvement measure is currently on hold.

10. CHAIRS REPORT

Fly tipping – been in communication with people at borough, speaking with Cllr wise to work on a plan to tackle Fly tipping in the village.

Aldridge, Fly tipping plan for 25/26 has never been seen until recently. Does not address the actual hotspots for Horton, Cllr B. Hickley is now working with them to find appropriate solutions to the current issue and a more targeted plan for Horton.

Cllr N.Cole has raised an issue with discussion being done by email, Cllr B. Hickley, has informed Cllrs having the information before the meeting makes them better prepared and leads to more effective decision making, matters are still discussed and voted on in front of the public.

Cllr B. Hickley has asked that Cllr N. Cole looks at tone in which he sends out some of emails.

11. CLERKS REPORT

Report delivered

12. REPORTS

- i. **Waterways Report.**
Taplow, they have started to close the gates. It has currently peaked and is expected to slow down.
- ii. **Report From Flood Warden.**
Coppermill road, tarmac in a poor state, wet weather has caused and increased problem with it lifting. Concreate going down under cover of darkness, into the ditch. Colne Brooke drain Weir is damaged, due for repair in August. Left side of Coppermill back garden has ground water.
- iii. **Playground Report.**
- iv. **Defibrillator Report.**
Defibrillator replacement pads have been ordered.

v. War Memorial.

No funding from war memorial trust as it comes under general maintenance. Cllr N.Cole has read out what has been received from War Memorial Trust, Clerk look to get quotes from Stone Maison. Cllr B Hickley will send the Clerk some contacts that the Church uses to acquire quotes.

13. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

- i. **To approve of Orders of Payments for February 2026 – paper.**
Proposed : Cllr J. Patel, **Seconded:** Cllr E. Larcombe **Vote All In Favour:** Unanimous
- ii. **To Consider and Approve using Scribe Accounting £325 for the year £25 a month.**
Proposed: Cllr J.Patel **Seconded:** Cllr G. Petrassi -Beck **Vote All In Favour :** Unanimous
- iii. **To Consider and Approve quote from Sovereign to remove damaged equipment from obstacle course £2109.32 + VAT. - Motion not passed**
- iv. **Councillor's Questions**
None

14. EVENTS

- i. **Updates on upcoming events.**
Horton in bloom could be a good community building event to get the residents involved in so Horton can take part next year. Clerk to speak with Mark sleep about Stanwell Road and Jayflex, about sponsoring the event.
- ii. **Councillor Question's**
None

15. ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

16. COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

None

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Date of the next Parish Council monthly meeting will be Tuesday 17th March 2026 at 19.00.

Meeting Closed At 8.41pm