

At the Meeting of the Council
For the PARISH of Horton
held in Champney Hall at 7.00pm
Tuesday 21st July 2026

Present: Cllr B. Hickley, Cllr E. Larcombe, Cllr G. Petressi-Beck, Cllr J. Patel, Cllr F. Bovigdon, Cllr E. Coogan, Cllr N. Cole, Cllr D. Buckley

In Attendance: Harley Spillane - Clerk

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr B. Hickley has welcomed all to the meeting.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Res 1- I have emailed the Clerk, we are struggling with broadband, we are still on copper. And would appreciate the Council's help in getting fibre. We are fibre ready but nothing else has been done.

Cllr N. Cole – there may be an issue from the freeholder of the building. Contact Trooli directly, they all use the BT network.

4. COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes for 16th June 2026 have been formally approved and signed by the Chair.

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

5. MATTERS ARISING

None

6. ADMINISTRATION

- i. **To review and approve the adoption of the ICO publications scheme.**

Resolved: That the Council will adopt the ICO publication scheme, and add it to the website.

Proposed: Cllr B. Hickley **Seconded:** Cllr G. Petrassi - Beck **Vote All in Favour:** Unanimous

7. PLANNING APPLICATION

- i. **To discuss and make recommendations on planning applications as detailed in Appendix 'A' of this Agenda.**

No planning applications have been received this month.

- ii. **Enforcement Matters**

The Crown Pub has an enforcement number on a container that has been left there.

Five Bells has had their fly tipping removed due to enforcement.

The building is currently no longer up for sale.

- iii. **Appeals**

94 to 96 Coppermill Road is currently under appeal.

8. COMMUNICATION AND CORRESPONDANCE

- i. Letter from Colne Valley Park sent to Rt. Hon Pennyhook. Colne Valley have requested assistance from the Parish Council and requested that the council also send a letter.

Resolved: To send a letter in support of the Colne Valley Park from the Parish Council.

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

ii. **NALC update.**

We have commissioned the Association of Democratic Services Officers to review the Model Standing Orders. They are inviting parish and town councils to get involved. We can share your views by attending an online engagement event on 23 July or completing the survey. Feedback from both will help shape the next version of this essential governance resource, ensuring it remains practical and fit for purpose for councils across England.

I attended Finance training delivered by HALC, SAPP are looking at overhauling the Practitioners Guide for next year with a lot of work being put into it this year. Trial was run for the 2025-26 AGAR to be done digitally with financial incentives being offered for more councils to use the portal for this year with all councils expected to use it for the 2027-28 AGAR.

9. REPORTS FROM WARD COUNCILLORS

Cllr E. Larcombe – Will be Local access forum. Attending about Black Potts bridge which is about to fall. Due to lack of maintenance. All bridges have been handed over to the relevant boroughs.

Cllr D. Buckley - AL39 has been approved. Which has compromised flood defences in Datchet. Looks as though developments are going to be pushed through.

Working Group- to combine local business and the 3 parishes together to help clean up the villages.

Clerk to attend on behalf of Horton.

Huge fire at Fowles. Needs to be an investigation on what caused the fire. There were 2 explosions.

Question has been asked about Liquid leisure – are you aware what is going on over there? Aqua Park. Cllr D. Buckley has advised It has been raised with the borough and is under review.

10. CHAIRS REPORT

i. **Report From Chair.**

I have been working with Abri over the issue at Milton Close, inspection has been done over beds in sheds and dog breeding, and nothing was found. This was a inspection that residents were given plenty of notice off.

ii. **Clerks Report.**

Clerk delivered updates in the following areas:

Five Bells Pub – and current enforcement action, concerns raised over new fencing that has been put up to prevent further fly tipping, and it is exceeding the property boundaries.

Crown Pub – Is currently being reviewed by a planning enforcement officer with regards to the container and that it is being used for Airport Parking.

The Textile Bin does not have permission to be there by RBWM and the company has been given 14 days to remove.

Stanwell Road – Drains are still blocked by Colne Bank and at Milton Close, despite being informed they would be looked at RBWM, this is being chased. Cappagh have offered to look at the ones by Colne Bank.

Meeting with Cappagh – Myself and Cllr B. Hickley met with the Managing director at Cappagh to discuss concerns raised by residents.

Coppermill Road Ditch - Flood Risk Officer is going to meet with the Clerk in August to look at and discuss concerns over the Coppermill Road Ditch.

HMO Coppermill Road – 207 has been reported to enforcement due to concerns over being used as a HMO which is currently not registered.

Picken Piece land Grab– Has been reported to Planning due to land being used by property's that back onto it.

RBWM CEO/Leader meeting – Was a very informative meeting, with many changes being implemented since 2023. Stronger controls are being put into place to monitor the work that is delivered via contractors

RBWM Website – There are currently issues with the RBWM website with the Planning Portal and Report It Portal constantly going down and being unable to be used.

11. REPORTS

i. **Waterways Report.**

There is a lack of maintenance of waterways, Wraysbury have got a plan in place and work is being done to the Wraysbury Drain. Datchet still have water in the ditch across the recreation ground.

ii. **Report From Flood Warden.**

None.

iii. **Playground Report.**

Due to issues with being able to get the required repairs done to the infant climbing frame, and the cost just for the repainting and removal of rust the council has decided the best course of actions is to cordon off the climbing frame whilst the council looks into a replacement – quotes to be provided at the next meeting.

iv. **Defibrillator Report.**

Defibrillator is in good working order. Seal Medical are going to refund the cost of the defibrillator cabinet that is now no longer available and has been discontinued. The Clerk has spoken with the CIL team at RBWM who have confirmed that the money does not need to be returned.

v. **War Memorial.**

Cllr J. Patel is going to clean the Memorial. Clerk has advised they have requested quotes to replace/ repair the fencing around the Memorial Green. These will be presented at the next meeting.

12. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

i. **To approve of Orders Of Payments.**

Resolved: Council approved the payment schedule for July 2026.

Proposed: Cllr J. Patel **Seconded:** Cllr F. Bovingdon **Vote All in Favour:** Unanimous

ii. **To consider and approve setting up council domain emails for the lead councillors. Each email is £20 each + VAT.**

Resolved: To set up emails for Cllr G. Petrassi – Beck, Cllr E. Larcombe, Cllr J. Patel, generic address will be used i.e Lead.Greens@Hortonparishcouncil.gov.uk.

Proposed: Cllr B. Hickley **Seconded:** Cllr J. Patel **Vote All in Favour:** Unanimous

iii. **Vat reclaims completed for £871.95**

Clerk informed the council that the Q1 VAT reclaim has been done and will be filled in the finance folder.

13. EVENTS

- i. **To discuss moving the Christmas Tree from the memorial green to Champney Hall or getting a second Planted Christmas tree to be located at Champney Hall.**
Resolved: To keep the tree on the Green and to continue to only have one Tree.
Proposed: Cllr B. Hickley **Seconded:** Cllr D. Buckley **Vote All in Favour:** Unanimous
- ii. **Remembrance Update.**
Clerk informed council all documents to be able to complete road closure request on RBWM website have been down. Due to issues with RBWM website request has not been submitted. Will continue trying this week.

14. ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Res 2 – Land behind Redwood close have taken down trees on Park Lane, all shrubbery has gone, are there TPO's on the trees? Bulldozers and Tippers have been on site and hardcore and tarmac have been laid. There have been numerous cars going down there, with people asking where the airport parking is. Clerk and Cllr B. Hickley to investigate and report to RBWM Planning.

15. COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Corner of Coppermill Road and Stanwell Road wall has been repaired – appeal has been put in so enforcement can't do anything now.

Are yellow lines a solution to parking of the verges, no suitable parking in the area. Concerns over it being a safety issue. Corner of Milton close – double yellow, Clerk to put on the agenda for next meeting for further discussion and consideration.

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Date of the next Parish Council monthly meeting will be Tuesday 18th August at 19.00.

Meeting Closed at 20.42

