

At the Meeting of the Council
For the PARISH of Horton
held in Champney Hall at 7.00pm
Tuesday 15th September 2026

Present: Cllr B. Hickley, Cllr E. Larcombe, Cllr G. Petrassi – Beck, Cllr F. Bovingdon, Cllr E. Coogan

In Attendance: Harley Spillane – Clerk & RFO

Resident's: 1

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr B. Hickley has welcomed all to the meeting.

Apologies: Cllr D. Buckley, Cllr J. Patel

Absent: Cllr N. Cole

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Res1: Has raised concerns over the decline in Bat sightings and other wildlife since the removal of the trees in Park Lane and the laying of hardstanding to turn the site into an airport parking facility.

Clerk: Has advised the site has been reported for and has an assigned enforcement reference. The Clerk will send out an email to the relevant authority about the concern over the decline in Bat sightings and if any there has been any breaches due to the number of trees and vegetation that has been removed.

4. COUNCIL MINUTES

To approve the Parish Council meeting minutes for Tuesday 18th August 2026.

Resolved: The Council have approved the minutes for the meeting held on Tuesday 18th August and have been duly signed by the Chair Cllr B. Hickley.

Proposed: Cllr B. Hickley **Seconded:** Cllr E. Larcombe **Vote:** Unanimous

5. MATTERS ARISING

i. **10A Bus service**

The 10A bus services have been unreliable in Horton, often forgetting the route it is supposed to follow and being repeatedly late. Clerk to send in a letter of complaint.

ii. **Drains on the Stanwell Road**

This has now been escalated with a letter sent to Jack Rankin MP to assist with getting the work completed to clear the Drains on Stanwell Road by Colne Bank, which causes surface flooding during period of heavy rain.

iii. **Update on the Data Centre.**

We are still waiting on answers to the questions sent to Tritax Big Box with regards to the Data Centre, these will be shared with all once received. Planning for the other 3 Data Centre's is due to be put in this month.

6. ADMINISTRATION

i. **To note the AGAR has been received back from the External Auditors and any actions.**

The Agar has been received back; we have received and except for on financial risks and should have been marked 'No' due to the Internal Auditors report of a 'No' due to the financial risk assessment that was approved 12 days to early.

7. PLANNING APPLICATION

- i. **To discuss and make recommendations on planning applications.**
No planning applications have been received.
Corner of Coppermill Road, unsure if the land did sell. Cllr B. Hickley did contact Spelthorne Council as that is the Borough it comes under, although Spelthorne would receive the CIL if a development was put on there, even though it would be Hortons infrastructure.
- ii. **Enforcement Matters**
None
- iii. **Appeals**
None

8. COMMUNICATION AND CORRESPONDANCE

- i. **NJC pay increase.**
The NJC has reached an agreement on rates of pay applicable from 1st April 2026. The agreed increase is 3.3%.
- ii. **Sewage smell.**
We have had a resident reach out asking for our assistance, as several have reached out to Thames Water with regards to the sewage smell that has been plaguing the villages, and are not getting acceptable response. Would the Parish Council consider also sending a letter raising concerns.

9. REPORTS FROM WARD COUNCILLORS

Cllr E. Larcombe – I attended the Data Centre consultation and asked if they had a plan for if there was an incident with the reservoir, if a plane was to go down. There was no response. I am attending the Thames Reginal Flood and Coast meeting tomorrow. RBWM have a meeting next week, I will be raising the issues with Parking including Airport parking, and I will be bringing up the PSPO on catapults and extending its reach.

10. CHAIRS REPORT

- i. **Report From Chair.**
Two properties on Coppermill Rd are being looked at due to being used as coach parking facilities, and there is currently no change of use on the properties.
- ii. **Clerks Report.**
 - Five Bells**, still no response from highways on fencing, enforcement chased for an update with regards to the building.
 - Airport parking**, 5 sites have been reported for airport parking without planning permission. Enforcement currently has 3 open cases. This has been chased with enforcement.
 - Coppermill Road**, the road is being re surfaced between 21/09 to 24/09. The Clerk and the flood warden met with Flood Liaison to discuss concerns over the Coppermill road ditch being blocked.
 - Horton Drain/Horton Brooke**, Wraysbury Drag Team along with other volunteers are currently working on clearing the Wraysbury Drain, during these works, they discovered sandy sediment in the drain, this is now being investigated for the source.
 - Welley Corner**, advertisement board appeared on Welley Corner, still no reply from highways on use of the curb to access site.
 - **Picken Piece land Grab**, reported to Planning enforcement 07/07/2026 ref 334560. Land backing of properties known as Pickens Piece is being encroached on and used by the residents in the adjacent properties. Will continued to chase.
 - **Heathrow Expansion**, Although Horton has had a meeting with the Stakeholder Team for

the Heathrow Expansion team and Horton weren't placed into one of the local groupings for invites to consultations has now been corrected, and we will be added into one of the groupings for either Wraysbury, Datchet & Old Windsor, or Colnebrooke & Poyle. There are more consultations going on end of this year and beginning of next.

-Data Centre, would like to attend one of our meetings.

-Parking, Vehicles that have been left for 6 weeks and a time stamped photo of when the vehicle first appeared and one 6 weeks later will be needed it should then be reported to RBWM. Vehicles that are causing an obstruction of either the pathway or the highway should be reported to the police. Vehicles that have no MOT or TAX should be reported to the DVLA. Vehicles should be parked 10 meters away from a junction, this is also a police matter if a vehicle fails to park the required distance away.

11. REPORTS

i. **Waterways Report.**

Everywhere is still very dry due to the heatwave and lack of rainfall.

i(a). Report From Flood Warden.

Flood warden not in attendance.

ii. **Greens Report**

We have been presented with the opportunity to take on a boat that can be used as a planter, that could be a nice attrition to Horton. Clerk to put on next month's agenda, with a plan of action.

ii(a). New fencing on the Village Green, to discuss concerns raised over access.

Feedback from residents about the new fencing on the Green has been positive, concerns have been raised about access, due to more of it now being chained off.

Resolved: Council has decided to remove the chain by the post box to allow two points of access on the Village Green as this will be unobstructed by park cards.

ii(b). Update on the playpark.

Tuesday 29th September from 5pm to 7pm we will be holding a consultation session for residents to have their say on what they would like to see as part of the playpark renovations, there will also be a feedback form. Clerk will prepare a scope to be approved at the next meeting.

iii. **Highways Report.**

Clerk has reached out to both Abri & RBWM with regards to unsatisfactory parking provisions for Milton Close, and possible solutions. Abri have responded and forwarded the email to housing partners.

iii(a) Update on Parking issues.

This was discussed at the most recent N.A.G meeting, Vehicles must have been left for 6 weeks or more and not moved to be reported to RBWM as abandon. Vehicles with no Tax should be reported directly to the DVLA. Vehicles that are causing an obstruction of the road or pavement should be reported to the police. This leaves a grey area for vehicles that use the verges to park their cars, or pavement parking where there is no obstruction being caused going unchecked.

iv. **Defibrillator Report.**

Defibrillator is in good working order.

iv(a) Update on free standing Defibrillator Cabinet.

New freestanding units that are insulated are available; however, they are not immune to extreme cold temperatures which can cause the battery to deplete sooner and may need to be removed from use during these periods. Clerk will send out information for the next meeting for the Council to decide on how to proceed.

12. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

- i. **To approve of Orders of Payments.**
*To Note Clerks Pay now includes the new rate of pay and backdated pay to the 1st April 26.
Resolved: The order of payments have been approved by the council and signed by the Chair.
Proposed: Cllr B. Hickley **Seconded:** Cllr G. Petrassi -Beck **Vote:** Unanimous
- ii. **To review Internal Auditors and the quotes for service and select and appoint an Internal Auditor to conduct the 2026/27 Internal Audit.**
Resolved: Council has viewed each of the Internal Auditors put forward, the council have selected Mulberry to be their Internal Auditor for the next 3 year and are satisfied that they are fully independent from the Council.
Proposed: Cllr E. Larcombe **Seconded:** Cllr G. Petrassi - Beck **Vote:** Unanimous

13. EVENTS

- i. **Update on Remembrance Sunday on the 8th November 2026.**
Still awaiting a reply from the bugle player. Rev Patrick will be conducting the service for Horton this year.
- ii. **Update on the Lighting of the Christmas Tree and Santas Grotto being held on Sunday**
Tree has been booked via Window Flowers, plan underway for the 6th December.

14. ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

15. COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

None.

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Date of the next Parish Council monthly meeting will be Tuesday 20th October at 19.00.

Meeting Closed 21.25

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