

HORSPATH PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 4th May 2010
At 8pm in HORSPATH VILLAGE HALL.

Present: Mr M Harris, Mr C Henderson, Mr D Horsley, Mrs H Palmer, Mrs S Woodcock, Mrs J Carr (District Councillor).

Apologies Mr P Dobson, Ms S Gray, Mrs A Julian, Mr S Turnbull, Mr A Hodgson (District Councillor), Mrs A Purse (County Councillor).

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79/10 ELECTION OF OFFICERS – This item is postponed until the June meeting following the elections.

80/10 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Apologies were made on behalf of Mr Dobson, Ms Gray, Mrs Julian, Mr Turnbull, Mr Hodgson and Mrs Purse.

81/10 MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 6th April 2010 were amended as follows:-

62/10 Planning Applications (P10/W0249) - Mr Tom Shepherd confirmed that the access is wide enough for a *refuse bin*.

67/10 Use of Parish Council Mowers - Mr Harris suggested that Cricket Club volunteers keep a *log of the hours of usage* of the mower.

77/10 AOB c. - Mrs Palmer suggested that one of the recycling bins be returned to *Verdant*. The minutes were then agreed and signed by the Chairman.

82/10 MATTERS ARISING

68/10 Dr's Surgery – Fitting of grills to the windows.

One quote has been received from DS Currell to fit bars to the window. Mrs Woodcock to contact Howard Engineering for a second quote.

61/10 – Tree Outside Village Stores.

Mrs Woodcock has returned the forms from SODC to Mr Patel who will need to arrange for them to be completed before any further action can be taken.

83/10 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

P10/W0445 Land to the rear of 41 Manor Drive, Horspath (Minor)
Erection of dwelling.

Mr Green spoke on behalf of the planning applicant – Mrs Langsley. Mr Green stated that rather than wait until the dwelling has been completed and then submit a planning application for an extension, which is achievable within permitted development rights, they are looking to obtain planning permission before the work commences. This would improve the final appearance of the dwelling and would not have any impact on neighbouring properties.

Mr Horsley stated that this application is no different in scale to the last planning application. It shows a 60% volume increase and this does not comply with SODC's planning policy H7. **(Mr Horsley did not take part in voting).**

- Councillors voted unanimously to recommend refusal on this application because the volumetric size exceeds the normal guidelines for “permitted development” and this application is not materially different in scale to the application which was refused in September 2009.

P10/W0423 15 Manor Drive, Horspath (Other)
Alterations to loft and dormers front (2 no.) and rear (1 no).

P10/W0419 54 Gidley Way, Horspath (Other)
Two storey extension to the rear and conversion of loft to living accommodation.
(Resubmission of P08/W0467).

- Councillors agreed that there are No Strong Views on this application but would like any comments from neighbours to be taken into consideration.

PLANNING PERMISSIONS/REFUSALS/APPEALS.

84/10 COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS.

Mrs Janet Carr – District Councillor – Mrs Carr stated that she had nothing further to report since the APM apart from there having been many pot-holes filled today.

85/10 CLERK’S UPDATE.

Cycle Speedway – Complaints have been received regarding the noise from the Cycle Speedway meeting on 17th April 2010. Mrs Woodcock reported that Mr Murray has recently had a meeting with the representatives of Cycle Speedway.

Letter to Oxford City Council Ref. Wind Turbines – Email confirmation has been received from Mr Michael Crofton-Briggs to confirm receipt of the letter regarding wind turbines.

Rob Gray – A letter has been sent to Mr Rob Gray regarding the grass cutting areas.

Letter from Lucia Peachey - Clerk to write to Mrs Peachey stating that the Parish Council has no objections to her request.

86/10 REPORTS/UPDATES.

Wildlife Conservation Area – Mr Harris reported that he has placed an order for the wood and gravel needed to create a set of steps and a ramp at a cost of £250.00. Mr Austin and Mr Kramer will remove of the wood left on site by Mr Robinson. Mrs Palmer stated that one of the allotment residents has asked if we want to keep the wood because if not he will remove it on our behalf. Mr Harris stated that the best pieces have already been taken.

South East Plan – Nothing to report.

HVSA – Mr Horsley stated that the changing rooms are near to completion. The first game will take place this coming weekend. Mr Horsley stated that the toilet facilities used by Cycle Speedway need to be sorted out. Cycle Speedway need to become involved with HVSA. It was agreed that the Clerk will write to Cycle Speedway and request a copy of their accounts for the next meeting.

HVHMC – Following discussions, Councillors agreed that the new lease proposal that has been submitted to the Parish Council from HVHMC is acceptable with the following changes:-

Village Hall & Related Buildings - Parish Council to pay for all capital items (a) in excess of **£1000.00**, VHMC to pay all “operating costs (b)”.

Village Hall & Related Buildings – The Scout Hut is owned by the Parish Council and leased to the VHMC.

Mrs Woodcock reported that all light bulbs, where needed have been replaced.

87/10 YEAR END ACCOUNTS & ANNUAL RETURN 31.3.10.

The accounts and the annual return for year ending 31.3.10 were agreed and approved. Mrs Woodcock and Mrs Kogel both signed the annual return. The accounts will now be given to the internal auditor.

88/10 RENEWAL OF PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL INSURANCE.

The cost to renew the Parish Council’s existing policy is £2,898.64. It was agreed that the Clerk will remove the cost of the mower and transfer it to the mower commercial policy so that it is insured for fully comprehensive. (This will slightly reduce the annual premium).

89/10 DONATION TO VILLAGE HALL.

Mrs Woodcock reported that up until 2000 the Parish Council used to make an annual contribution of £1000.00 to the VHMC and suggested that this should be reinstated. Councillors agreed that now the new HVHMC is in place, this would be re-considered in a few months.

90/10 METHODIST CHURCH – Letter from Martin Wellings

Mr Martin Wellings states in his letter that without a local worshipping community, the building has become redundant in terms of their charitable purposes so the Methodist Church administrator has decided to apply to the national church authorities for permission to sell the building.

Mr Henderson stated that the Parish Council could not take on such a major commitment. Mr Harris stated that the HVSA changing rooms are in the Scout Hut as a short term measure. The development of the Sports Association will only gain planning permission to replace the existing Scout Hut which is now a long term prospect, so the Methodist Church may be a very good option but this could not be done without increasing the Precept.

Mr Horsley stated that the Methodist will inform us when their valuations etc have been done.

Meanwhile, the building is still available for use. Mrs Woodcock will check the Village Green map to establish if the verge in front of the gates is Village Green.

91/10 DR'S SURGERY – Fitting of grills to the windows.

One quotation has been received. Mrs Woodcock to contact Howard Engineering to for another quote.

92/10 PLAY AREA UPDATE.

Mrs Woodcock reported that work has come to a halt as the contractor is unable to purchase the matting as there is a shortage in the country. Work on the existing play area is expected to start mid May.

93/10 BURIAL GROUND DRAINAGE – Nothing to report. Project on-going.

94/10 UPDATE ON VILLAGE HALL –NEW BOILER & HEATING SYSTEM.

Mr Henderson stated that a specification has now been finalised and is related to the original plan.

HVHMC has been invited to view the specification before getting two more quotations. Mrs Woodcock commented that no bookings are being taken in August for the Village Hall.

95/10 CORRESPONDENCE.

- a. Wheatley Parish Council – Newsletter April/May 2010.*
- b. Open Spaces Society – Reopening the Gates.*
- c. Centrewire – Product Brochure.*
- d. SODC – Community Investment Fund. – (Circulated via email).*
- e. ORCC – Invitation to ORCC's 90th Birthday Celebration – 3.7.10.*
- f. OCC – Home2School Newsletter Summer 2010.*
- g. OPFA – Newsletter Spring 2010. – (Passed to Mrs Julian).
- h. Open Spaces – Spring 2010 Newsletter.*
- i. CPRE – Campaign Briefing March 2010. – (Circulated via email).

** original held by the Clerk, copy available on request.*

displayed on Village Hall & village notice boards.

96/10 PAYMENTS.

Chq	To Whom Paid	Details	Vat	Total £
1977	Allplay Services	Play Area Materials	3211.25	21561.00
1978	OALC	Annual Subscription	38.36	257.58

1979	ORCC	Annual Subscription		30.00
1980	Southern Electric	Power to Scout Hut	3.08	21.17
1981	Mrs S Woodcock	Stationery		45.34
		Keys/Locks & Gate Latch		36.00
		Weedkiller		9.99
1982	Horspath Cricket Club	Replace broken drain cover		75.00
		Clearance of major blockage		65.00
		TOTAL	£3252.69	£22101.08

****Mrs Woodcock stated that future payments to Southern Electric for the power to the Scout Hut will be made by HVHMC ****

97/10 RECEIPTS

Date	From Who Received	Details	Total £
8.4.10	Southern Electric	Refund on Christmas Tree Power Supply	36.86
		TOTAL	£36.86

98/10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Mr Harris commented that the Parish Council should expect to be invited to BMW for a meeting in the near future to discuss possible developments at the site.
- b. Mrs Palmer reported that there are three or four allotment plots left. An application from the Allotment Association to the Diocese land manager has been submitted to allow members to put up small sheds.
- c. Mrs Woodcock reported on the recent letter received from Dawn Hunt, Thames Valley Police about the parking issues outside of the school. They are requesting that the Parish Council allocate 6-10 parking spaces in the Village Hall car park to be used daily by parents at the start and finish of school. Councillors agreed to support this scheme and offer 6 car parking spaces.

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- d. Mr Clarke from Cycle Speedway stated that the Club is trying to sort out the noise issues. A new PA system has now been purchased and will be used for the first time on Sunday. Mr Clarke stated that all sports create a noise whether it is Cycle Speedway, Cricket or children's party. From inside his house he can hear the Cricket Club members when a game is being played. Mrs Woodcock commented that the recent complaints were about the type and volume of the music being played. Mr Clarke stated that Cycle Speedway is trying to encourage youths to join the club. There is a small team of men trying to change things in the club and to form a committee to make things better. Mr Horsley commented that the difficulty is that over the last five years we have tried to develop a Sports Association and have encouraged Cycle Speedway to join the club and be part of HVSA and part of the village. Discussions have been held with representatives of Cycle Speedway where they have agreed to join HVSA but to date have not done so. Mr Horsley stated that Cycle Speedway do not pay any rent for the use of the land and there are certain charitable obligations that have to be met. Mrs Carr commented that Wheatley had several different sports clubs that all joined together to form a Sports Association which has proved very advantageous.
- e. Mrs Millar asked if Mr Wellings from the Methodist Church will keep the Parish Council informed of any developments.

99/10. DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS.

Parish Council Planning Meeting – Tuesday 18 May 2010 (To be confirmed)
Horspath Parish Council Meeting – Tuesday 1 June 2010.