

**HORDEN PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of Meeting held 1<sup>st</sup> April 2010**

**Present:** Councillor J White (Chairman)  
 Councillors J Clark, M Clark, E Connor, W Hill, G Jones, G Patterson, G Phillips, M Robinson, J White and E Wood

**Staff:** Mr P Davison (Clerk), Mrs G M Crute (Assistant Clerk), Mr J Bush (Parks & Cemetery Manager).

**Also present:** PC D Thompson, M Dixon and A Dixon

**HPC 09/10/175** **Apologies for Absence.**  
**RESOLVED:** Apologies RECEIVED and approved for Councillors R Brown, T Jones, G Lavery and W Smith

**HPC 09/10/176** **Minutes of the Meeting of Horden Parish Council held 4<sup>th</sup> March 2010**  
**RESOLVED:** That the minutes be confirmed as a correct record to be signed by the Chairman subject to the following

**HPC 09/10/177** **Matters Arising – Clerk’s Report.**  
 The Clerk advised there were no matters arising that were not already covered in the agenda.  
**RESOLVED:** That the information be NOTED.

**HPC 09/10/178** **Items Tabled for Information.**

- “Plans to close home ‘flawed’” Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2010
- “Softley at double in Horden’s triumph” Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2010
- “Burglar avoids jail sentence” Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2010
- “Horden left frustrated” Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2010-Sport Mail.
- “Tales are a good read” Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2010
- “Match tribute to footballer” Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2010
- “Horden Stalemate” Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2010
- “Mum’s heartache after prison” Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2010
- “Residents give their opinions” Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2010
- “Horden Ryt out of sorts” Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2010-Sports Mail
- “Harry’s got Wise approach” Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2010
- “Great win for Shah and co” Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2010
- “Horden battle it out for victory” Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2010
- “Tattoo festival to bring in crowds” Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2010
- “Donation was a real belter!” Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2010
- “Chat to local bobby” Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2010

**RESOLVED:** that the information, be NOTED.

**HPC 09/10/179** **Police Report.**  
 The Chairman welcomed PC D Thompson to the meeting who reported on incidents covering 4th February to 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2010

Recorded incidents in Horden	233
Burglary	8
Vehicle Crime – theft of	1
Vehicle Crime – theft from	6
Thefts	4
Rowdy, Nuisance Behavior	29
Criminal Damage	10

There were 6 calls for Grants Houses and no recorded incidents.

Councillor E Connor commented on the hardwork and dedication of the police and specifically the work they've been undertaking with drug related issues and wanted to express her thanks.

**RESOLVED:** the information given, be NOTED.

**HPC**  
**09/10/180**

**Public Participation.**

Adam Dixon representing Horden Cricket Club was requesting permission from the Parish Council to use the old changing rooms. The junior section was increasing and they needed a form of revenue to enable development of the team, also with the increasing amount of female players who required separate changing rooms. To enable this to take place he wanted to use half of the changing room for under 18s; with the other half being sub-divided to provide female changing facilities and a tuck shop.

**PARKS AND CEMETERY COMMITTEE**  
**Minutes of Meeting held 1<sup>st</sup> April 2010**

**Present:** Councillor G Jones (Chairman)  
 Councillors J Clark, M Clark, E Connor, W Hill, G Jones, G Patterson, G Phillips, M Robinson, J White and E Wood

**Staff:** Mr P Davison (Clerk), Mrs G M Crute (Assistant Clerk), Mr J Bush (Parks & Cemetery Manager).

**Apologies:** Councillor R Brown, T Jones, G Lavery and W Smith

**P&C** **Parks & Cemetery Manager's Report.**

**09/10/206** The report previously circulated covered the period 22<sup>nd</sup> February to 21<sup>st</sup> March 2010. The Parks and Cemetery Manager made reference to the continued problems with water leakage in the Sunderland Road Pavilion Roof.

**RESOLVED:** that

- i) the information given, be NOTED.
- ii) that further investigations be made into ways of rectifying the problem with the Pavilion Roof.

**P&C** **Damage/Incident Reports.**

**09/10/207** The Clerk advised Members of the following damage/incident reports:-

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| 01.03.10 | Damage   | Welfare Park. Rubber seat on swing in junior play area damaged by dog chewing on the seat. Police informed. No repairs necessary to swing seat.  |
| 24.03.10 | Incident | Welfare Park. A person was approached by a member of the welfare park staff to ask them to put their dog on a lead – they were ignored. The Parks & Playing Field Supervisor approached the person and requested they put the dog on a lead or leave the Park. He was subjected to verbal abuse and threatening behavior. The person just continued with the dog through the park. The Police and Street Wardens were informed, however, they did not act on the phone call. |
| 24.03.10 | Incident | Welfare Park. The Admin & Finance Officer was walking through the Park on her way home when she was approached by a gang of youths who were shouting abuse at her, she ignored them and continued walking, one of the youths approached her on a bike and spat a mouth full of chewed crisps in her face. Police informed.   |

**RESOLVED:** that the reports be NOTED.

**P&C** **Scott Memorials of Distinction.**

**09/10/208** Parks and Cemetery Manager advised on discussions with Scotts Memorials who wished to sponsor a flower bed in the entrance to Thorpe Road Cemetery.

**RESOLVED:** that negotiations be made with Scotts as to sponsorship terms for a flower bed and report back to Parish Council for APPROVAL.

**P&C** **Horden Cricket Club.**

**09/10/209** The Clerk gave further details on the request for permission to use the old changing rooms.

**RESOLVED:** that agreement in principle be given to the scheme with the Clerk obtaining further details and reporting back to the Parish Council for APPROVAL.

**P&C** **Dene View MUGA.**

**09/10/210** The Clerk updated members in details on the works undertaken to date and those scheduled to take place by McInnery Homes at the Dene View MUGA.

**RESOLVED** that the information given, be NOTED.

- P&C**  
**09/10/211** **Winter Maintenance.** Members gave consideration to the report of the Clerk which had been previously circulated.  
**RESOLVED:** that a Special Meeting of the Parks and Cemetery Committee be held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> April at 1.00 pm to discuss this issue in more detail.
- P&C**  
**09/10/212** **Horden RFC Junior Section.** Members gave consideration to the request of Horden RFC Junior Section.  
**RESOLVED:** that permission be GRANTED to allow use of the No. 2 pitch.
- P&C**  
**09/10/213** **Future Jobs Fund Posts.** The Clerk updated Members on the Future Job Funds posts and that only one of the successful applicants had taken up employment with the Parish Council, the other applicant had secured permanent employment.  
**RESOLVED:** that the information given, be NOTED.

**FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**  
**Minutes of Meeting held 1<sup>st</sup> April 2010**

**Present:** Councillor E Connor (Chairman)  
 Councillors J Clark, M Clark, W Hill, G Jones, G Patterson, G Phillips, M Robinson, J White and E Wood

**Staff:** Mr P Davison (Clerk), Mrs G M Crute (Assistant Clerk)

**Apologies:** Councillors R Brown, T Jones, G Lavery and W Smith

**F&GP** **Parish Council Financial Status – Bank Balances.**

**09/10/167** The Clerk reported the bank balances as at 31/03/2010 being £316,295.35

**RESOLVED:** That the information be NOTED.

**F&GP** **Income and Expenditure Report to 28/02/2010**

**09/10/168** The report was circulated at the meeting.

**RESOLVED:** That the report be NOTED.

**F&GP** **Cash Cheques.**

**09/10/169** The Clerk requested cash cheque totaling £180 (£150 Admin and £30 Cemetery) be endorsed for payment.

**RESOLVED:** To ENDORSE cheques for payment.

**F&GP** **Bank Transfer.**

**09/10/170** The Clerk informed Members that the transfer for March was £20,922.

**RESOLVED:** To ENDORSE transfers.

**F&GP** **Invoices for endorsement for payment**

**09/10/171** **RESOLVED:** To ENDORSE the following invoices for payment:

<b>SUPPLIER</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
A1 Trophies	08.03.10	Football Trophies	15.39
A1 Trophies	09.03.10	Heritage & Wildlife Plaques	148.05
Association of Local Councils	02.03.10	NALC Standing orders	20.00
Aztec Mailing Centre	26.02.10	Parish Planning Survey	3053.00
Booker	11.03.10	Cleaning and Bar Supplies	234.14
British Gas	26.02.10	Electricity - Cemetery	286.85
British Gas	26.02.10	Electricity - Works Building	315.03
British Gas	26.02.10	Electricity - SWC	472.24
British Gas	26.02.10	Electricity - Sunderland Road	311.18
British Gas	26.02.10	Electricity - Memorial Park	24.44
British Gas	10.03.10	Electricity - Cemetery	91.63
British Gas	10.03.10	Electricity - HCW AFC	175.52
British Gas	10.03.10	Electricity - Works Building	287.85
British Gas	10.03.10	Electricity - SWC	495.39
British Gas	10.03.10	Electricity - Welfare Ground	68.31
British Gas	10.03.10	Electricity - Sunderland Road	276.43
British Gas	10.03.10	Electricity - Memorial Park	18.76
British Gas	19.02.10	Electricity - Cemetery	-79.96
British Gas	09.02.10	Electricity - Works Building	-329.06
British Gas	09.02.10	Electricity - SWC	-552.85
British Gas	09.02.10	Electricity - Welfare Ground	-78.91
British Gas	09.02.10	Electricity - Sunderland Road	-275.53
British Gas	09.02.10	Electricity - Memorial Park	-19.72
Castle Eden Estates	01.01.09	Rent Allot. 01.07.08- 01.01.09	617.50
Castle Eden Estates	01.07.09	Allot. Rent 02.01.09- 01.07.09	617.50
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CDALC	24.03.10	CDALC Subs 2010/11	881.63
D.C.C	18.03.10	Gas service- SWC	619.10
Durham C.C	22.03.10	Occupational Health	100.00
Frank Wheatley	18.03.10	Repairs, Install new socket PAT Testing	670.30
Greenlane Nurseries	19.03.10	Hanging Baskets/ Barrels	421.34
HB Clark	12.03.10	Bar Supplies	219.61
H B Clark	26.03.10	Bar Supplies	318.77
Homecare	22.03.10	Pegs Paint Deadlocks Cement	92.98
Horns Sawmil	23.02.10	Posts	54.79

Innerglass	02.03.10	Cleaning SWC	120.38
ITC Service	31.03.10	March Service	41.13
ITC Service	30.03.10	5 Anti Virius Annual Renewals	205.63
J.J. Tooby	23.03.10	Stihl Blower	136.15
J.J. Tooby	25.03.10	Stihl Strimmer	57.98
Keep Britain Tidy	17.03.10	Green flag- Mem Pk, Welf Pk. Cem	704.99
Leamside Nurseries	02.03.10	Mixed plants	317.50
Leamside Nurseries	14.03.10	Mixed Plants	50.00
Machine Mart	24.02.10	Hedge Trimmer	180.30
Machine Mart	10.03.10	Jump leads	15.26
Mastercopy	17.03.10	Cost per copy	88.23
MKM	10.03.10	Brooms	14.64
MKM	12.03.10	Staples	7.29
MKM	24.02.10	Paint	19.56
Molson Coors	12.03.10	Bar Supplies	461.75
Molson Coors	19.03.10	Credit- Bar Supplies	-10.76
Molson Coors	26.03.10	Bar Supplies	243.27
NTE Ltd	01.03.10	Telephones	76.82
Quirepace	16.03.10	Vacuum bags	39.95
Pearsons	31.03.10	Job Advertisement	164.50
Rigby Taylor	05.03.10	Ground Maint. Welfare Park	778.97
Shell	02.03.10	Fuel. Card fee	47.16
Shell	17.03.10	Fuel	229.57
SLCC	24.03.10	Larger Councils Conference	376.00
T J's Heating & Home Improvement	25.03.10	Service Boilers (5 properties)	260.00
TSL	17.03.10	Earthquake pitch	616.88
Upnorth	01.03.10	Annual Service Maint	111.63
Vodafone	11.03.10	Mobile Phones	131.96
Wilf Husband	15.03.10	Top Soil	150.40
Wilf Husband	15.03.10	Plaining	338.40
		<b>Invoice Total</b>	<b>£16164.74</b>

**F&GP****09/10/172****Members/Officers Allowances.**

The Clerk advised he had not received any participations claims but had a travel expenses for himself of £9.80.

**RESOLVED:** That the payments be ENDORSED.

**F&GP****09/10/173****Social Welfare Centre Sub-Committee.**

**RESOLVED:** that

- i) the minutes be NOTED;
- ii) SWC/09/10/104 – be APPROVED
- SWC/09/10/105 – be APPROVED
- SWC/09/10/106 – be APPROVED
- SWC/09/10/107 – be APPROVED

**F&GP****09/10/174****SWC Polling Station.**

The Clerk advised that the original price of £320 that the County Council were to be charged for use of the Social Welfare Centre at the upcoming General Election had been queried by them due to the fact that the Parish Council was funded from public funds and so any charge made for use of the facilities for a Polling Station would be for additional costs such as payment of wages, heating etc.

**RESOLVED:** that £150 be CHARGED.

**F&GP****09/10/175****Ellis Whittam and Partners.**

The Clerk advised on the consultancy service provided by Eillis Whittam and Partners and a meeting was attending with Peterlee and Seaham Town Councils.

**RESOLVED:** that the Clerk attend for information only and report back.

**F&GP****09/10/176****Cotsford Park Estate Public Right of Way.**

The Clerk updated Members on the previously closed public right of way between 151/153 Cotsford Park Estate and the negotiations that were currently underway to have it re-opened.

**RESOLVED:** that

- i) the information given, be NOTED;
- ii) the Clerk contact Durham County Council to enquire whether these public rights of way will be maintained by the County Council.

**F&GP**  
**09/10/177**

**Quality Councils' Seminar.**

The Clerk advised Members on the above Seminar that he and the Chairman were attending.

**RESOLVED:** that the attendance of the Clerk and Chairman be ENDORSED and Councillor G Patterson be authorised to attend subject to availability.

**F&GP**  
**09/10/178**

**SLCC Burial Transfer Course.**

The Clerk advised on the above course to be held on 4<sup>th</sup> May at a cost of £40 plus VAT.

**RESOLVED:** that the Parks and Cemetery Manager be AUTHORISED to attend.

**F&GP**  
**09/10/179**

**ICCM Seminar 2010.**

Members gave consideration to the attendance of the Parks and Cemetery Manager at the above Seminar.

**RESOLVED:** that the Parks and Cemetery Manager does not attend the Seminar.

**F&GP**  
**09/10/180**

**Butterwick House Childrens Hospice.**

Members gave consideration to a request for a donation received by Butterwick House Childrens Hospice.

**RESOLVED:** that this item be DEFERRED until the next meeting and the Clerk write advising of this.

**F&GP**  
**09/10/181**

**Planning Applications.**

- PL/5/2010/0444 – Change of Use from Single Dwelling to House in Multiple Occupation at Hardwick House, Hardwick Street, Horden – letter of acknowledgement from Durham County Council.
- PL/5/2010/0070 – Change of Use from Retail to Hot Food Takeaway at 1-2 Dickmans Buildings, Fifth Street, Horden.

**RESOLVED:** that

- i) the information given, be NOTED;
- ii) the Clerk write to Durham County Council objecting to application PL/5/2010/0070 on the grounds of parking/road safety issues; the amount of takeaways already in the village and that it is not on a main thorofayre.

**FULL PARISH COUNCIL**  
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- Apologies:** Councillor R Brown, T Jones, G Lavery and W Smith
- HPC 09/10/181** **Governance Sub-Committee – 9<sup>TH</sup> March 2010.**  
**RESOLVED:** that the minutes, be APPROVED.
- HPC 09/10/182** **Finance and General Purposes Committee – 16<sup>th</sup> March 2010.**  
**RESOLVED:** that the minutes, be APPROVED.
- HPC 09/10/183** **Personnel Sub-Committee Meeting – 16<sup>th</sup> March 2010.**  
**RESOLVED** that the minutes, be APPROVED.
- HPC 09/10/184** **Recording of Members Apologies.**  
 Members gave consideration to the report of the Clerk which had been previously circulated.  
**RESOLVED:** that the information given, be NOTED.
- HPC 09/10/185** **Sustainable Communities Act Amendment Bill.**  
 The Clerk advised on correspondence received regarding the Parish Council lobbying Rt Hon H Harman regarding the above Bill.  
**RESOLVED:** the Clerk write in support of the Act.
- HPC 09/10/186** **Royal Garden Party Nominations.**  
 The Clerk advised on the successful candidates for the Royal Garden Party.  
**RESOLVED:** that the information given, be NOTED.
- HPC 09/10/187** **Horden Television Production.**  
 The Clerk advised on the filming of the Inspector George Gently in the Horden area.  
**RESOLVED:** that the information given, be NOTED.
- HPC 09/10/188** **East Durham AAP.**  
 Members gave consideration to the correspondence received from East Durham AAP.  
**RESOLVED:** that the information given, be NOTED.
- HPC 09/10/189** **National Family Week – 31<sup>st</sup> May to 6<sup>th</sup> June.**  
 Councillor J Clark advised on the National Family Fun and if the Parish Council were holding any events during this week. The Clerk advised that there were no events planned as the Parks and Cemetery Manager was on annual leave.  
**RESOLVED:** that this item be looked at for next year.
- HPC 09/10/190** **Admin and Finance Officer.**  
 The Clerk advised that he had received the Admin and Finance Officer's letter of resignation.  
**RESOLVED:** that the letter of resignation be accepted.