Horne Parish Council

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Clerk: Angela Baker

**Minutes of Meeting of Horne Parish Council**

 **held on Monday 15th September 2025 7:30pm**

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Mark Sherwood, Richard Williams

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS OR PREDETERMINATION**

None

**3. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS**

A large number of members of the public attended the meeting, with feelings running high regarding the recent unauthorised activity on land within Horne. Particular concern was expressed about the events leading up to and including the weekend’s injunction served by Tandridge District Council (TDC) on the site at Bones Lane, East Park Farm.

Residents questioned what steps would be taken next and how TDC and Horne Parish Council (HPC) would work together to prevent further unauthorised activity, expressing that the parish felt “under attack” by these ongoing issues.

Cllr Catherine Sayer, Leader of Tandridge District Council, was in attendance and spoke empathetically to residents’ concerns, acknowledging the impact the situation has had on the local community and reaffirming TDC’s commitment to work with HPC to address the matter.

**4. RECEIVED, ADOPTED AND SIGNED THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21/07/ 2025** (previously distributed)

**5. District and County Councillor Reports**

District Councillor Ashley Bolton and County Councillor Leslie Steeds were in attendance.

Feelings remained high throughout this part of the meeting, with several questions directed to both councillors relating to the matters already raised during the public questions section, particularly concerning the recent unauthorised land activity in Horne.

Both councillors acknowledged the strength of local feeling and the seriousness of the situation. While it was not entirely clear what direct actions they were going to be able to take at this stage, Catherine Sayer ( leader of TDC ) assured the meeting that they would all be working closely with Tandridge District Council and Horne Parish Council to support efforts to resolve the issues and protect the interests of local residents. This was welcomed by residents.

During the next part of the meeting conversations carried on outside of the actual meeting with feelings remaining high. The Chair reminding attendees that this was a meeting held in public not a public meeting and that the part where residents could speak had passed now.

**6. Parish Environment**

6.1 Updates from the meetings HPC and TDC have had regarding the unlawful developments in the Parish were provided. TDC have continued to keep HPC updated. Clerk to continue to email residents updates as needed.

6.2 An update on the formal complaint correspondence between HPC and TDC over the handling of the A22 Showman planning had not been received to date- Clerk to circulate reply when sent.

6.3 Members agreed to restart a Speed watch team in the Parish. Cllr Ross Savage has agreed to lead on this and has a team of potential volunteers ready to train.

**7. PLANNING /APPEALS/ DESCISIONS / ENFORCEMENT NOTICES & LICENSE APPLICATIONS**

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| **Application:** | 2025/888 - Supported  |

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| **Application:** | 2025/850 |
| **Proposal:** | Change of use of land to a mixed use of Equestrian and Gypsy/Traveller site comprising 6 pitches with the siting of 1 Mobile Home and 1 Touring Caravan per pitch (Part Retrospective) |
| **Location:** | Land At Little Field Farm, Lingfield, RH7 6HR |

For nothing - The parish council have made a representation on this application under delegated powers due to the time frame and meeting dates.

The application can be still commented on by residents and a copy of our representation can be found online at [HPC planning comment](https://plandocs.tandridge.gov.uk/w2webparts/Resource/Civica/Handler.ashx/Doc/pagestream?cd=inline&pdf=true&docno=25373091)

7.1 LICENSE APPLICATIONS NONE

7.2 ENFORCEMENT NOTICES

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| **ENF/2025/133** | **LITTLE FIELD FARM BONES LANE, NEWCHAPEL, LINGFIELD RH7 6HR** |  | **TSN- Temporary Stop Notice Served** |
| **ENF/2025/151** | **ACRE FARM, HARE LANE , BLINDLEY HEATH, LINGFIELD , SURREY ,RH7 6JB** |  | **TSN- Temporary Stop Notice Served** |
| **ENF/2025/165** | **Land lying to the southwest of Highfield Cottage, Bones Lane, Newchapel, Lingfield, RH7 6HR** |  | **TSN- Temporary Stop Notice Served** |

**8.FINANCIAL & ADMIN**

8.1 The regular monthly payments for September and the payments made in August 2025 including Clerk salary under delegated powers (circulated) were agreed.

8.2 The reports and bank rec for July and August were agreed - (Circulated)

8.3 It was noted all cllrs need to now have .gov.uk emails and the Parish website needs to have a .gov.uk address to comply with the new rules on AGAR on transparency and accountability.

The website also needs some updating to keep it accessible and tablet and smart phone friendly, there is a cost to these updates and improvements but these are budgeted for.

**Members agreed a spend of up to £300 for website and email improvements.**

8.4 Members agreed to subscribing to Otter application for assistance in minute taking and recording of meetings face to face and online. **£99 per year spend was agreed.** [https://otter.ai/live-demo](https://otter.ai/live-demo?auto=true&embed=true&name_popup=true&statsig_stable_id=234f5193-baae-4597-a219-9a345e4b6433&utm_campaign=home)

8.6 It was noted the clerk salary increase inline with the NALC pay scales at 3.2% as per contract ,back dated to April 25.

8.7 It was agreed to increase the clerk pay scale to point 26, as per the personnel committee recommendation , this is still within the LC2 range which goes up to point 32, but it will now be in the substantive Benchmark range not in the ‘below’ as salary was currently.

**9. Meeting Dates for 2025**

**20th October , 17th November 15th December.19th January 26**