

Horne Parish Council

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Minutes Of Horne Parish Council held on Monday 30th June 2025 7:30pm Newchapel Cricket Pavilion

1. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mark Sherwood

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS OR PREDETERMINATION

None

3. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

None

4. TO RECEIVE, ADOPT AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE AGM MEETING HELD ON 19/5/ 2025 (previously distributed)

5. District and County Councillor Reports

None sent from SCC Cllr Lesley Steeds, TDC Cllr Richard Smith – Apologies from Sue Farr (absent due to illness)
Ashleigh Bolton

6. Parish Environment

6.1 To consider co-opting a new councillor to Horne Parish Council

Mr Ross Savage was co-opted for a position on the council.

6.2 Update re correspondence from church regarding provision for public hall.

Correspondence between church and Parish appendix A was noted.

7. PLANNING /APPEALS/ DECISIONS & LICENSE APPLICATIONS

Application: 2025/718/N

No comment

Application: 2025/340

No comment

Application 2025/359 No Comment

Application: 2025/306

No comment

Application: 2025/436

No comment

Application:

2025/297

OBJECTION

The Parish Council strongly objects to this application and urges Tandridge District Council to refuse planning permission for the following reasons:

1. **Inappropriate Development in the Green Belt:**
The site lies within designated Green Belt land, where development is strictly controlled to preserve the openness and rural character of the countryside. This proposal constitutes inappropriate development and fails to demonstrate the “very special circumstances” required to justify such use within the Green Belt.
2. **Retrospective Nature of the Application:**
The fact that the development has already been carried out without planning permission is of serious concern. Retrospective applications should not be used to legitimise unauthorised development and should be carefully scrutinised to uphold the integrity of the planning process.
3. **Harm to Local Character and Landscape:**
The siting of multiple caravans and conversion of existing structures into residential use represents a significant intensification of the site, which is out of keeping with the surrounding area. The development harms the visual amenity and rural setting of the location.
4. **Highway Safety and Access Issues:**
The Parish Council has concerns regarding the adequacy of access to and from the site, especially given the rural road network, which may not be suitable for increased residential and vehicle use.
5. **Lack of Supporting Infrastructure:**
There is no clear evidence that the site has the necessary infrastructure (drainage, utilities, waste management, etc.) to support the proposed use in a sustainable and safe manner.
6. **Precedent and Cumulative Impact:**
Approving this application may set a concerning precedent for further unauthorised developments in the Green Belt and could contribute to cumulative harm over time, eroding the purpose and protection of these designated areas.

Given these significant concerns, the Parish Council respectfully requests that Tandridge District Council refuses this application in accordance with both local planning policy and national Green Belt protections.

8.FINANCIAL & ADMIN

8.1 The regular monthly payments for June 2025 including Clerk salary. TEEC , Clerk salary Approved

8.2 The reports and bank rec for April and May 25 - Approved

8.3 Members agreed to ratify and retrospectively agree the precept amount in figures and percentage for 2025 /26 as this was not clarified clearly in budget setting / Jan mins 2025 - as per auditor request.

Members confirmed that the precept amount increased by 5% from £31405 to £32795 for 2025/26.

8.4 Councillors reviewed the internal audit report - Due to time constraints in meeting Councillors agreed to review the recommendations in September meeting.

8.5 Councillors reviewed, approved and sign the Annual Government Statement

8.6 Councillors reviewed, approved and sign the Annual Return

9. Meeting Dates for 2025

21st July, No Meeting in August , 22nd September

20th October ,

Appendix A

I am writing on behalf of Horne Parish Council to request an update on the provision of a community space, as discussed during our last meeting.

As you are aware, the need for a dedicated space for local residents to gather, participate in communal activities, continues to be a pressing priority for the parish. In support of this, the Parish Council has recently submitted a planning application to increase the size of our only asset the Cricket Pavilion to better meet the needs of the community. However, despite this positive step, further funding will be essential to bring the project to completion.

We understand that funds from the sale of the Newchapel Hall have not yet been allocated to any public community building. We again ask whether these funds might be made available, or at least partially directed, toward fulfilling the

shared goal of providing a much-needed community space. In line with requirements to provide a community space set out under the terms of the Trust Deed we have previously referenced.

We would appreciate an update on the current status of the church's considerations in this matter, as well as any timelines or next steps being planned.

We remain fully committed to working collaboratively and constructively to ensure the best outcome for the residents of Horne.

Angela Baker

Clerk to Horne Parish Council.

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Dear Angela

Hope you are well and thank you for your recent letter re provision of a Community Space.

The position on the use of funds from the sale of church property has not changed and was detailed in the previous communications e.g. June 19, 2024 from Moira Astin.

The church of St Mary the Virgin Horne remains a public community building within the ecclesiastical parish and can be used for the benefit of residents for various activities and gatherings.

We appreciate your interest in timelines and fully understand it, yet we cannot provide any further information at this stage.

We are happy to provide you with a list of organisations that provide grants for community projects.

Every Blessing

Alan

Rev'd Alan Bayes

Rector

Windmill United Benefice