

HENLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Parish Council meeting which was held at the Community Centre on
Tuesday, July 13, 2021 at 7.30pm

In Attendance: Cllrs: Kevin Griggs, Steve Brock, Alex Harrison, Phil Pope, Charlotte Simons and Martin Redbond. District Cllrs John Whitehead and Tim Passmore.

County Cllr Chris Chambers was unable to attend.

No members of the public was present

- 1/130721 Apologies for Absence and Approvals Bryan Marks had sent his apologies and his absence was approved.
- 2/130721 Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensation: None
- 3/130721 Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on April 26, May 31 and June 15, 2021 The minutes were approved.
- 4/130721 To invite public discussion on items on the agenda, and to receive reports from the County and District Councillors. Cllr Passmore referred to the abrupt nature of the closure of Claydon Health Centre. 80% of patients have so far been allocated elsewhere. But with an ageing population – and new homes being built in the area – this was a poor example of planning by the Clinical Commissioning Group. 13 days' notice to the 3,500 patients on the list was inadequate. He also noted that the head of planning at the District Council will consider extra conditions being imposed on any planning permission at the Cross Keys if it is to continue to be run as a pub. On policing matters he noted that speeding offences have only declined by 8% in spite of the reduced volume of traffic caused by the lockdown. The Parish should consider asking the County Councillor to include Henley as a location in the Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) trial being run by the County Council. The new variable speed limit on the Orwell Bridge appears to be successful in reducing the number of times each year when the bridge will have to be closed as a result of high winds.

Signed: *Kevin Griggs*

Online and domestic abuse cases have both increased during the pandemic.

Cllr Whitehead distributed a written report and noted that the two District Councillors had £14,700 of Locality budget grants available between them.

5/130721 To consider the status of current planning applications, including:
DC/21/03708 | Householder Application - Erection of two storey rear extension and single storey rear/side extension, insertion of first floor side window (following demolition of conservatory). | 8 Church Meadows – for consideration It was agreed to make no objection to this application.

DC/21/03724 | Householder Application - Erection of two-storey side extension and single storey front and rear extensions | 30 Church Lane – for consideration It was agreed to make the following neutral comment on this application: There is no objection to the purely domestic elements of the proposed alterations, to the side and rear of the property. But some concern was expressed regarding the extension on the front of the property which is mainly intended for business use. It was felt that while home business is a clear benefit to the community, consideration must be given to possible negative consequences for parking space in front of the property and traffic on the lane, where access is obviously needed at all times for emergency and waste disposal vehicles. Therefore, the Parish Council decided to take a neutral view of the proposals as a whole. The Clerk will update the meeting on any developments regarding the applications for the Cross Keys and the 11 houses on Ashbocking Road. There was no further development on either of these matters, but the Clerk agreed to contact the planning enforcement team for an update on the outbuildings case at 3 Rectory Farm Barns

6/130721 To receive a report from the Henley Community Centre Charity The Centre reopens on July 19 with the relaxation of Covid rules. Most precautions will continue, however, and there is no date yet for a village event marking the end of the lockdown(s), or for the reopening of the bar.

Signed: *Kevin Griggs*

The paper bank in the car park is being withdrawn by Boltons and the District Council is considering alternative facilities.

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Financial report to date, including any payments due A bank reconciliation to March 7, 2021, was presented showing a balance of £29,632.07.

One payment was due to Smiths of Derby for the balance of the Church clock

repair bill: July 16, 2021 Smith of Derby Bank payment £908.60 VAT £181.72 Clock repair balance

It was agreed an Agenda item would be included for the next meeting to discuss issues arising from the annual audit by SALC, and any action points which were necessary as a result of the report. An element of the Council's current reserves should be earmarked for the specific purpose of carrying out improvements to the play area, in consultation with interested residents. Quotes would be sought from suppliers including Playquip.

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Urgent matters to be brought to the attention of the Parish Council
The question of trying to get traffic signage into Freeman Avenue to warn drivers of children playing in the street would be referred to Chris Chambers; and an attempt would be made to get a site visit to consider repairs which are urgently required to the footway in front of Pearsons Place.

The next scheduled meeting is due to be held on September 14 in the Community Centre