



## Minutes

**Meeting:** Extraordinary Meeting of Horningsham Parish Council  
**Place:** Horningsham Village Hall, BA12 7LL  
**Date:** Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2025  
**Time:** 7.00 pm

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**Attendance:** Councillors: Glover (Chairman), Crossman (Vice Chairman), Williamson, Green, Martin, Simpson, and Windess  
**Officer:** Parish Clerk Storrar  
Unitary Cllr. Parks attended but had no specific report to give.

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### Public Question Time

Two members of the public were present. No members of the press or media were present.

- 59/2025**      **Apologies** – Cllrs. Radley, Jones and Williamson.
- 60/2025**      **Declaration of interest or dispensations** – None
- 61/2025**      **Chairman's announcements** - None
- 62/2025**      **To discuss the planning application number PL/2024/11599 for comment to Wiltshire County Council**

It was agreed that Horningsham Parish Council do not support planning application number PL/2024/11599 for the following reasons:

- 1. Traffic management and road safety issues have not been fully and properly examined.**
  - a. The road is a C road and is too narrow to accommodate two 20-ton 2.5m wide articulated lorries passing each other. This is apparent from the applicant's own plan number 332611669-5501-0001 on page 103 of the Site Access Appraisal.
  - b. The national speed limit of 60mph applies to the road. Vehicles regularly reach this speed, and the presence of large trucks could present a hazard.
  - c. The application documents only show a limited stretch of the road. In particular there is an S bend on the approach to the site that needs to be negotiated with care and would be more difficult if 20-tonne lorries are present.

The Parish Council have asked Unitary Councillor Parks to bring this to the attention of Highways so that they can examine the nature and condition of the road beyond the application site.

- d. The application does not show a prohibition on construction traffic using Horningsham village. Construction traffic would be completely inappropriate in a village such as



Horningsham. The entrance to the village and Cock Road are not suitable for heavy vehicles. During the morning and afternoon, there are parked cars outside Horningsham Primary School which narrows the road considerably, making it difficult for anything larger than a van to pass.

- e. The CEMP states that the applicant *"has consulted with other interested parties, neighbours, land owners etc"* to ensure awareness of potential impacts. No such consultations took place with Horningsham Parish Council or residents, and if they had, shortcomings in the application could have been addressed. In fact, the Parish Council was not included as a consultee to the application until about four weeks after the application was submitted.

## **2. There is no robust construction management plan**

Nothing in the application suggests road closures or temporary traffic lights despite the plans showing that work will impact the main carriageway. The road is the main route into Warminster for residents of Horningsham and for most parents of children attending Horningsham Primary School. Disruption to this route could cause long delays and result in traffic backing up along the road, but nothing specific is said as to what the level of disruption will be and how it is to be managed.

## **3. Safety of other road users**

- a. The Horningsham area attracts many recreational road users. The road is used by cyclists, horse riders and pedestrians at all times during the day. Cyclists going to Wind Hill bike park also add to the numbers of cyclists on the road. The road is not wide enough to allow a large vehicle to safely pass other road users.
- b. Heaven's Gate is a popular destination for local people and tourists. Cars often park along the verges, especially when Heavens Gate car parking is closed, narrowing the road and reducing visibility considerably.

## **4. Alternative access**

- a. There is no reference in the application to other possible access points to the site and it is unclear why this site was chosen. The Parish Council believes there may be more suitable access points available.

## **5. Current use of Heaven's Gate Center Parcs entrance**


- a. The current access is insufficient. Damage to kerbs at the site indicates heavy vehicles are already using the entrance, possibly in breach of planning conditions.
- b. The current access is used on a Monday and Friday as a staff entrance. On other days it is used as the public entrance to the spa which the Parish Council believes is also a breach of the planning conditions.

In summary the Parish Council is concerned that the unsuitability of the road for construction traffic has not been meaningfully addressed; that no assurances have been given that traffic will not be permitted through Horningsham village; that the application suggests that appropriate consultations have taken place when they have not; that the safety of the many recreational road users has not been considered; that there is no explanation of the selection of this site or comparison with alternatives; and that the terms of the existing planning permission are not being respected.

**The meeting closed 8.03 pm**

**Date of the next Parish Council Meeting:**

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 7 pm. Horningsham Village Hall. All welcome.

Signed.......... Date .....