

## WEST HENDRED PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of meeting held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at 7.30pm in West Hendred Village Hall

**Present:** Cllr Roy Lennox (Chairman), Cllr David Clayton, Cllr Sarah Lloyd, Cllr Fiona Taylor

**Clerk/Finance Officer:** Julia Evans

**District Councillor:**

**County Councillor:**

**Members of the Public:**

<b>104/17</b>	<p><b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> Councillors Mike Fox-Davies, Mike Murray and Richard Evans sent their apologies.</p>	<b>Action:</b>
<b>105/17</b>	<p><b>DECLARATION OF INTERESTS</b> None</p>	
<b>106/17</b>	<p><b>MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON 6<sup>th</sup> JULY 2017</b> Cllr Taylor proposed accepting the minutes of the meetings held on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2017. Cllr Clayton seconded. RESOLVED. The minutes were signed.</p>	
<b>107/17</b>	<p><b>MATTERS ARISING</b> <b>Review of Grants Policy</b> Cllr Taylor proposed adopting the revised Grants Policy. Cllr Lennox seconded. RESOLVED. <b>Policy on dealing with the public</b> – Cllr Clayton proposed adopting the policy for dealing with the public. Cllr Taylor seconded. RESOLVED. <b>Trees in Playing Field</b> – Oakleaf have been out to assess the situation but Mr Wyman disagrees with their findings. It was agreed to ask Tim Stringer, the Vale Tree Officer, to visit the site and give his opinion. Cllr Lloyd offered to meet with him. <u>Afternote:</u> Tim Stringer is on leave until 2<sup>nd</sup> October. Clerk to chase again after this date. <b>Consultation of on 30mph speed limit at East Hendred</b> - It was reported that OCC have refused to extend the proposed 30mph speed limit westward. Although parishes may have the power to pay for speed reductions, it would be unlikely to be permitted on the A417, and would in any case be beyond the means of West Hendred Parish Council. No further action to be taken. <b>Grass Cutting</b> – Our contractor has been reminded to cut the area adjacent to the footpath opposite Brewer’s Lane. <b>Letter regarding neglected land</b> – Cllr Clayton to review the letter and look again at this matter.</p>	<p><b>CLOSED</b></p> <p><b>CLOSED</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>CLOSED</b></p> <p><b>CLOSED</b></p> <p><b>DC</b></p>
<b>108/17</b>	<p><b>POLICE REPORT</b> This was not available. It was reported the PCSO Denise Clements is retiring at the end of September.</p>	
<b>109/17</b>	<p><b>OPEN FORUM</b> No members of the public present.</p>	
<b>110/17</b>	<p><b>COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT</b> Cllr Fox-Davies sent a report by email which was circulated to all councillors. A copy is filed with these minutes.</p>	
<b>111/17</b>	<p><b>DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT</b> No report.</p>	
<b>112/17</b>	<p><b>PLAYING FIELD REPORT:</b> <b>Playing Field Inspection and Repairs-</b> No new issues to report. <b>RoSPA Report</b> – It was agreed to replace the rotten posts one at a time as required. Paul Stoter to review the platform and advise on necessary</p>	<b>Clerk/SL/FT</b>

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	<p>action. It was agreed to start looking for funding to replace the fort. Cllr Lloyd to research funding options. Clerk to send supplied information to Cllrs Lloyd and Taylor in order to establish how much a replacement will cost.</p> <p><b>Hedge</b> – The hedge (roadside) needs cutting. Cllr Clayton agreed to do this. Paul Stoter to be asked to cut the other hedges.</p>	DC/Clerk
113/17	<p><b>PLANNING MATTERS:</b>  <b>P17/V2334/HH – The Old Cottage.</b> Demolition of existing garage and replacement with brick built garage of a similar size. The Parish Council had no objection to this application. Planning department to be asked to take into account the fact that the site is located on a dangerous corner and to request a traffic management plan.</p>	Clerk
114/17	<p><b>FINANCIAL MATTERS</b>  <b>Payments for Approval</b> – A list of payments for approval is filed with these minutes. Cllr Clayton proposed approving all payments. Cllr Taylor seconded. RESOLVED. The cheques were signed.  <b>Consideration of Parish Councillor’s allowances</b> – It was agreed to forego all allowances except travel and subsistence.  <b>Internal Audit fee</b> – It was agreed to pay £80 which is to be donated to the Air Ambulance service.  <b>Grass cutting at The Ford</b> – It was agreed to pay £100 per year. Clerk to establish which charity should be supported.  <b>Review of grass cutting service</b> – The internal auditor has suggested that the service is reviewed. Clerk to add to the November agenda.</p>	Clerk  Clerk (agenda)
115/17	<p><b>COMMUNITY LED PLAN ACTION LIST</b>  <b>The Hare</b> – Cllr Lennox received no response to his letter to the area manager. He has written to his superior and is awaiting a reply. A copy of the letter was circulated.  <b>Cycle Route</b> – Alternatives to the church route have been proposed.  <b>Village hall</b> – work on the kitchen has started.  <b>Progress.</b> All councillors invited to review their action areas and report back to Cllr Lennox.</p>	All Councillors
116/17	<p><b>WARNING LIGHTS ON THE A417</b>  The lights have been installed and programmed. Awaiting the installation of ‘Children Crossing’ signs which are due within the next few weeks. Cllr Lloyd to consider holding a dog show next year to help with the cost of the installation.</p>	SL
117/17	<p><b>CRIMINAL DAMAGE ON PARISH COUNCIL LAND</b>  We are awaiting a meeting with the police to discuss this issue. The tree will be replaced this autumn as near to the original site as possible.</p>	SL
118/17	<p><b>TOWN &amp; PARISH FORUM</b>  Cllr Lloyd attending this evening in July. She reported that it was not very useful. However, she agreed to attend the next event in November.</p>	SL
119/17	<p><b>MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE</b>  <b>Consultation on revised draft S106 planning obligations</b> – No comment to make.  <b>Request for a grant from Clean Slate (supporting victims of abuse)</b> – It was agreed that support for this charity could not be justified.  <b>Request for grant from BeFree YC (formerly South and Vale Carers Centre)</b> – this organisation supports 6 young carers in our parish. It was agreed to support this organisation. Clerk to establish how they have been supported previously.  <b>Nomination for the Vale Chairman’s “Unsung Heroes Award”</b> – No one nominated for this year’s awards.  <b>AONB Presentation</b> – This is a possibility for the Annual Parish Meeting. Clerk to establish where else it is being run so that it can be checked out.</p>	Clerk  Clerk

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	<b>Age UK Carers' nomination</b> – No one to be nominated.	
<b>120/17</b>	<b>NEWSLETTER ITEMS</b> 1. Theft at The Hare 2. Report that we are speaking to the Police about incidents in the village 3. Report on the replacement of the tree – Cllr Lloyd to draft a note 4. Update on the lights on the A417 5. Note on Instagram – SL to draft	<b>JE/SL</b>
<b>121/17</b>	<b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b> None.	
<b>122/17</b>	<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b> Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm.	

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm

Signed .....

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