

WEST HENDRED PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of West Hendred Parish Council held on Thursday 21st January 2021 at 7.30pm by Zoom Conference

Present: Cllr Dave Clayton (Chair), Cllr Ban Bashford, Cllr Sarah Lloyd, Cllr Richard Evans

Clerk/Finance Officer: Julia Evans

District Councillor:

County Councillor: Cllr Mike Fox-Davies

Members of the Public: Hugo Axel-Berg

		Action:
01/21	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE District Councillor Janet Shelley.	
02/21	CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR Following the advertising of the Casual Vacancy, Hugo Axel-Berg had applied for the post of Parish Councillor. The appointment was agreed. Proposed Cllr Clayton, Seconded Cllr Lloyd. The Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed and Mr Axel-Berg joined the meeting as a member of the Council.	
03/21	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None.	
04/21	MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING The minutes of the meeting held on 12 th November 2020 were reviewed and approved. Proposed: Cllr Bashford; Seconded: Cllr Clayton. RESOLVED.	
	MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF 12th NOVEMBER 2020	
05/21	117/20 (92/20 - 69/20 - 38/20 - 26/20 – 4/20 - 151/19 - 119/19 - 112/19) – Tree Survey Clerk to chase Oakleaf for the survey report.	Clerk
06/21	UPDATE FROM COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUP The Christmas gifts that were sent to the older residents of the village were very well received. Thanks were recorded to Jasmine and Kitty Spurgeon, and also to Angela Findley. Cllr Lloyd to draft a thank you note.	SL
07/21	DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT No report. Cllr Shelley had advised that a written report would be sent.	
08/21	COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT Cllr Fox-Davies had sent a written report which had been previously circulated. He reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The written report included a link to information on Oxfordshire COVID cases. Cases were dropping. b) There was also information on COVID regulations and on the vaccination programme, which was going well. c) There were scams circulating regarding the vaccine. People were warned to be aware that the NHS would never ask for financial information. d) Recycling centres were still open but museums, libraries and other public buildings were closed. e) The Registration service was only conducting weddings on a specific basis. f) Funding had been announced to support businesses during the lockdown. 	

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	<p>g) There was to be a census this year. Information was to be available from mid January. The census will be digital for the first time.</p> <p>h) More funding had been put into bus services.</p> <p>Cllr Clayton queried the suspension of the garden waste service. Cllr Fox-Davies explained that it had been suspended because of the lack of staff due to illness. He pointed out that the service guarantees 20 collections per year and 23 had been carried out so far, so the contracted service had been met. Cllr Fox-Davies did not know when the service would restart.</p> <p>Cllr Axel-Berg questioned why bollards had not yet been installed on the Icknield Way. It was suggested that there was a supply issue. It was noted that there had been issues with the gravel, but that this had now compacted down. Cllr Axel-Berg suggested that the Parish Council monitor the surface as it was likely to deteriorate. Cllr Clayton reported that hoardings and signs had been left behind. The Clerk had contacted OCC to get these removed. Cllr Axel-Berg to send photographs. It was also reported that the track had been incorrectly named, as Icknield Greenway rather than Icknield Way. Clerk to write to Paul Harris about this.</p>	<p>HAB</p> <p>Clerk</p>
09/21	POLICE REPORT No report.	
10/21	OPEN FORUM No members of the public.	
11/21	<p>PLAYING FIELD</p> <p>a) Playground Inspection. It was reported that the posts had been replaced and the agility trail was now sound. The chestnut paling fence on the South West side of the playing field had collapsed and could allow dogs to enter. Clerk to ask Paul Stoter for a quote to fix this.</p> <p>b) Loose Dog. Cllr Lloyd reported that there was a dog running loose in the village which has killed a number of animals. Cllr Lloyd to send out a village email warning about this.</p> <p>c) Defibrillator. A number of questions were asked about the defibrillator. Clerk to circulate a user guide. It was agreed that a socially distanced meeting would be held to run through the defibrillator checks.</p> <p>d) Playing Field Trees, A letter had been sent to the Bursar of Corpus Christi College. Awaiting a reply. Cllr Axel-Berg to ask his tree surgeon to provide a quote for the work.</p> <p>e) Playing Field Grass Cutting. Mr Soffe was awarded the work for the 2021 season.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>SL</p> <p>Clerk</p>
12/21	<p>PLANNING MATTERS</p> <p>a) P20/V3145/HH – Trofana Barn, Ginge Road. Front Garage extension. A site visit was planned for Saturday 23rd January.</p>	
	FINANCIAL MATTERS	
13/21	Ratification of December Payments. The December payments totalling £1373.75 were ratified. Proposed Cllr Clayton, Seconded Cllr Lloyd. RESOLVED.	
14/21	Approval of January Payments The payments for approval totalled £918.75. Proposed Cllr Clayton, Seconded Cllr Lloyd. RESOLVED.	
15/21	Village Grass Cutting contract 2021 BGG to be renewed for 2021. Paul Stoter to be asked to quote for strimming The Furlong before the BGG contract is renewed.	Clerk
16/21	Bank Account Access Cllr Lloyd reported that she now had online access.	CLOSED
17/21	2021/22 Budget and precept A precept of £10,500 had been applied for, which was the same as the current year. Proposed Cllr Clayton, Seconded Cllr Lloyd. RESOLVED.	CLOSED

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	The budget allocation had been circulated and was approved. Proposed Cllr Lloyd, Seconded Cllr Evans. RESOLVED.	
18/21	Request for donation from Wantage Independent Advice Centre It was agreed to award a donation of £100 in recognition of the assistance provided to parishioners. Proposed Cllr Clayton, Seconded Cllr Bashford.	
19/21	NEW WEBSITE REGULATIONS It was agreed that the Clerk would work on this as time permitted.	Clerk
20/21	MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Suspension of Garden Waste Service. This matter was covered in minute reference 08/21 above, b) Consultation on the future of Police counter provision. The consultation was running until 31st January. Cllr Clayton had responded online. It was noted that the Abingdon branch was not on the list for closure. Cllr Clayton reported that he had also responded to the consultation on the increase in the Police portion of the Council Tax. c) Playing Field Lease. It was suggested that a longer lease be considered. It was agreed to leave it as it is for the time being. 	
21/21	NEWSLETTER ITEMS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Thank you for the Christmas Gifts. b) Thank you to Roy Lennox for his work on the Parish Council c) Welcome Hugo Axel-Berg to the Council 	SL Clerk/SL Clerk/SL
22/21	AOB (for information only) Playing Field & Defibrillator inspections: February – Cllr Evans March – Cllr Bashford	
23/21	DATE OF NEXT MEETING Thursday 11 th March 2021 at 7.30pm	

The meeting closed at 9 pm

Signed

Dated

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