

WEST HENDRED PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of West Hendred Parish Council held on Thursday 11th March 2021 at 7.30pm by Zoom Conference

Present: Cllr Dave Clayton (Chair), Cllr Ban Bashford, Cllr Sarah Lloyd, Cllr Richard Evans, Cllr Hugo Axel-Berg

Clerk/Finance Officer: Julia Evans

District Councillor: Cllr Janet Shelley

County Councillor: Cllr Mike Fox-Davies

Members of the Public: Hugo Axel-Berg

		Action:
30/21	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE None.	
32/21	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None.	
33/21	MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING The minutes of the meetings held on 21 st January and 23 rd February 2021 were reviewed and approved subject to an amendment. Proposed: Cllr Clayton; Seconded: Cllr Evans. RESOLVED.	
	MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF 12th NOVEMBER 2020	
34/21	05/21 (117/20 - 92/20 - 69/20 - 38/20 - 26/20 – 4/20 - 151/19 - 119/19 - 112/19) – Tree Survey Andrew MacClean had quoted £400 to carry out the survey. Cllr Lloyd proposed accepting the quote. Cllr Clayton seconded. RESOLVED.	Clerk
35/21	UPDATE FROM COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUP Nothing to report. It was agreed to close this item. It would be re-opened if the COVID situation worsened.	CLOSED
36/21	DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT Cllr Shelley reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Purdah starts on 29th March due to the forthcoming local elections. b) The next Climate Emergency Committee meeting was on 19th April. c) The Vale and SODC had raised more that £240k for newt conservation. d) A new partnership had been agreed between Oxford Greentech, VWHDC and SODC to help Oxfordshire become carbon neutral. e) The Garden Waste Service had resumed. Biffa were confident that they would meet their contracted 20 collections per annum. f) Discussion were underway between VWHDC and SODC regarding the production of a joint Local Plan. This was due to go to Cabinet on 17th March and Full Council on 23rd March. g) The Census was now out. h) There were warnings of scams involving cold calls relating to Eco grants. The Vale does not cold call or sell on doorsteps. Residents should contact the Community Hub if approached in this way. i) The Valley Park planning application had been deferred due to issues over the roundabout and funds for a Doctors surgery. Cllr Lloyd raised the matter of the naming of the new cycle route –	

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	<p>Icknield Greenway. The Parish Council requested that the name revert to The Icknield Way. It was also pointed out that the bollards on the eastern side of Ginge Road were not fit for purpose and it was requested that they be replaced with units that were the same as those on the western side. Cllr Shelley agreed to discuss this with Cllr Fox-Davies. Cllr Fox-Davies raised the issue of the surface of the track which was not considered suitable for road bikes. Clerk to send Cllr Shelley an email outlining these points. Cllr Bashford offered to provide information on the history of The Icknield Way if required. Cllr Shelley was thanked for attending.</p>	Clerk
37/21	<p>COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT Cllr Fox-Davies had sent a written report which had been previously circulated. He reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) That COVID cases were reducing quite quickly in the County. b) Schools had returned as at 8th March. c) Self-testing kits were available from Oxford or Banbury. Home testing kits were available from The Beacon for symptom free testing. People with symptoms were to go to Dalton Barracks. d) Oxfordshire was top of the table for recycling and composting. e) There was a consultation out for the Local Transport Plan 5. f) Volunteers were being sought for on-call firefighting. g) There was a focus on the Oxford-Cambridge arc which was supporting 2 million jobs. h) Census day was 21st March. <p>Cllr Clayton asked whether there was any truth in the rumour of a Rowstock bypass. Cllr Fox-Davies explained that a study on the area had restarted, but he was not sure whether a bypass would be built. Cllr Fox-Davies announced that this would be his last meeting as he was standing down as County Councillor. Cllr Clayton thanked him for all his help during his time in office. Cllr Lloyd felt that we would not have achieved the improvements to the Playing Field without his help. Cllr Fox-Davies was thanked for attending.</p>	
38/21	<p>POLICE REPORT A written report had been circulated.</p>	
39/21	<p>OPEN FORUM No members of the public.</p>	
40/21	<p>PLAYING FIELD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Playground Inspection. Cllr Bashford reported that the inspection had been carried out and everything was OK. b) Playing Field Trees, Cllr Axel-Berg reported that work was due to start on 19th April subject to approval from the Vale. Logs were to be left in his field. It would be necessary to ensure that the car park was free on the day to allow the contractor's vehicles to access the site. Cllr Lloyd to make the village hall committee aware of this. Cllr Axel-Berg suggested that the logs could be donated to key workers in the village. Clerk to put Angela and Nigel Findley in touch with Cllr Axel-Berg. c) New Play Equipment. Cllr Lloyd presented two types of basket swing for consideration along with a quote for a seesaw. Cllr Lloyd recommended purchasing the smaller basket swing and the seesaw. Following discussion on the pros and cons of the larger unit it was proposed that the quote for the smaller swing and the seesaw be accepted, along with the possibility of a third piece of equipment, dependent on price. Proposed Cllr Lloyd, Seconded Cllr Clayton. RESOLVED. 	Clerk SL
41/21	<p>PLANNING MATTERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) P20/V3137/FUL – Land adjacent to Downs House Farmyard, 	

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	Ginge. Erection of a garage and sheepdog kennel. Response due by 19 th March. It was noted that there was a need for lockable kennels for the dogs; having somewhere to keep the dogs securely was farm critical. The garage was necessary for the house. It was agreed to support the application.	
	FINANCIAL MATTERS	
42/21	Ratification of February Payments. The February payments totalling £433.95 were ratified. Proposed Cllr Clayton, Seconded Cllr Axel-Berg. RESOLVED.	
43/21	Approval of March Payments The payments for approval totalled £543.14. Proposed Cllr Lloyd, Seconded Cllr Clayton. RESOLVED.	
44/21	EMR Proposal A proposal was presented to put £3450 into EMR at the end of the financial year. This was approved. Proposed Cllr Clayton, Seconded Cllr Lloyd. RESOLVED.	Clerk
45/21	Grass Cutting contract for 2021 It was agreed to appoint BGG to cut the verges in the village and Paul Stoter to cut The Furlong three times per year. Proposed Cllr Bashford, Seconded Cllr Evans, RESOLVED.	Clerk
46/21	REVIEW OF RISK ASSESSMENT The risk assessment had been circulated prior to the meeting and was approved. Proposed Cllr Clayton, Seconded Cllr Bashford. RESOLVED.	
47/21	ANNUAL REVIEW OF ASSETS Cllr Clayton to carry this out.	DC
48/21	MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE Cllr Axel-Berg asked about the Broadband scheme. This was discussed. It was agreed to ask Mr Shand to look into this and report back, especially on costs.	RE
49/21	MAY MEETING It was proposed that the May meeting be bought forward to Thursday 29 th April along with the APM and that the AGM would take place on Saturday 1 st May at 10am. The Annual Parish Meeting would consist of Annual Reports from the Parish, District and County councils. Afternote: In early April OALC advised that the APM was not obligatory this year. It was decided, by email, that this would therefore not be held.	
50/21	NEWSLETTER ITEMS a) Thank you to the litter pickers on the Icknield Way.. b) Note about the Ash Tree in the playing field. c) Annual Parish Meeting	SL HAB Clerk
51/21	AOB (for information only) Playing Field & Defibrillator inspections: April – Cllr Clayton May – Cllr Lloyd	
52/21	DATE OF NEXT MEETING Thursday 29 th April 2021 at 7.30pm	

The meeting closed at 9.13 pm

Signed

Dated