

WEST HENDRED PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of West Hendred Parish Council held on Thursday 9th September 2021 at 7.30pm In West Hendred Village Hall

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

Clerk/Finance Officer: Julia Evans

District Councillor: Cllr Janet Shelley

County Councillor: Cllr Sally Povolotsky

**Members of the
Public:**

		Action:
101/21	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE None.	
102/21	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None.	
103/21	MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING The minutes of the meeting held on 8 th July were reviewed and approved. Proposed: Cllr Evans; Seconded: Cllr Lloyd. RESOLVED. The minutes were signed.	
	MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF 8th JULY	
104/21	88/21 (56/21 - 34/21 - 05/21 - 117/20 - 92/20 - 69/20 - 38/20 - 26/20 – 4/20 - 151/19 - 119/19 - 112/19) – Tree Survey The work had still not been carried out. Cllr Lloyd to contact Andrew Maclean.	SL
105/21	DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT Cllr Shelley reported that <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) The Vale was getting involved in Green Week. They were encouraging parishes start campaigns - see #onestepgreener. b) The Vale was clamping down on those claiming the single occupancy council tax. They had written to residents for confirmation of their eligibility. c) Cornerstone & Beacon were now open. d) The Vale has responded to the OXIS survey. e) The women's tour cycling event was to take place on 4th October. It will start in Bicester at 10.45 but will not come into our area. f) The County lottery had started. The first draw will be on 18th September. Parishes had been asked to promote this. g) The Valley Park application was approved at committee. h) The application for the old Esso site was in consultation. Awaiting OCC's comment on the new plans. It was expected to go to committee at the end of October. i) Garden waste service – The Vale had written requiring the matter to be brought up at scrutiny committee. There would also be an extraordinary meeting of the full council on 21st September. Cllr Shelley requested that all comments be sent to her. Cllr Evans felt that given the national shortage of lorry drivers the collection of green waste was quite a low priority. Cllr Shelley noted that although other councils have suffered similar issues their services were back in operation. She felt that it was worth negotiating on behalf of the residents as a level of service should be maintained. 	

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	<p>Cllr Lloyd asked for an update on the Greensands site. Cllr Shelley outlined the situation. Cllr Shelley was thanked for attending.</p>	
106/21	<p>COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT Cllr Povolotsky had sent a written report which had been circulated. At the meeting she reported that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> j) The Oxfordshire 2050 consultation was open. k) The OxCam arc consultation was also open. l) Civic Parking enforcement will come into force on 1st November. She will send out literature when it becomes available. m) The roads were in bad way. She urged people to keep reporting problems on Fix My Street. n) The Steventon reservoir was at a crunch point. Stakeholders had been pushed out of the discussion. She pointed out the amount of water being lost by Thames Water each day. GARD was trying to get people together to discuss. o) The Yew tree. The applicants had put forward a tree works order but the work went ahead anyway. Cllr Clayton was surprised that there was not an Root Protection Zone specified at the planning stage. Cllr Axel-Berg noted that the connection had not yet been completed. p) Praised the beer festival. q) She was trying to get a group together to discuss A417 but there were already a lot of highways groups at the moment. r) Rowstock had formed a Residents Association. There was a large scheme proposed in that area regarding roads which was likely to require a £10-£12m budget. s) She had objected to the Valley Park application. t) Cycle route 1 had been poorly executed. The Cycling champion met up with cycling groups and cycled the route. He agreed it was poor. Cllr Axel-Berg noted that the gripper tape on the bridge was coming off. He also complained about the bollards which were flimsy. He suggested that it would be impossible to please all users of the route. Cllr Evans pointed out that the surface had improved with settling. Cllr Povolotsky stated that it will cost £1m to put right. u) Outlined plans for nature reserve verges. <p>Cllr Evans raised the consultation on air quality and asked for one on light pollution. Cllr Povolotsky said this was in progress. He questioned why parks etc were lit up at night. He stated that that villages without street lights should be able to refuse them on new developments. Cllr Povolotsky was thanked for attending.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Clerk</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SL</p>
107/21	<p>POLICE REPORT No report.</p>	
108/21	<p>OPEN FORUM No members of the public.</p>	
109/21	<p>PLAYING FIELD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Playground Inspection. As per RoSPA report – see below. b) Review of RoSPA report. The report had been circulated ahead of the meeting. All the comments were noted. Cllr Lloyd to check the comment regarding finger entrapment. Paul Stoter's quote for new bark was approved. Proposed Cllr Clayton, Seconded Cllr Bashford. c) New Play Equipment. Cllr Lloyd reported that an installation date had not yet been received. She agreed to chase for a price to remove the old bench. 	<p style="text-align: center;">SL</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SL</p>

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	<p>d) S106 funding. Cllr Clayton to attend a meeting about S106 funds that would not be spent on a new leisure centre.</p> <p>e) Hedge pruning. The hedge beside the village hall car park required pruning. Clerk to get a cost for this.</p>	<p>DC</p> <p>Clerk</p>
110/21	<p>PLANNING MATTERS</p> <p>a) Consultation on Oxfordshire 2050 plan – The consultation closes on 8th October. Clerk to send notes. The Parish Council to develop a response.</p> <p>b) Consultation on OxCam Arc – The consultation closes on 12th October. To be reviewed and response developed.</p> <p>c) Curly cottage Air Source Heat Pumps. It was noted that the switch gear was fixed to the wall. There was a question over whether this was permissible on a listed building as it was out of character. Cllr Bashford to raise this with the Conservation Officer. The tree officer was to be asked about the tree work application.</p>	<p>Clerk/ Councillors</p> <p>DB</p> <p>Clerk</p>
	FINANCIAL MATTERS	
111/21	<p>Ratification of August Payments The August payments totalling £573.68 were ratified. Proposed Cllr Clayton, Seconded Cllr Axel-Berg. RESOLVED.</p>	
112/21	<p>Approval of September Payments The payments for approval totalled £245.75. Proposed Cllr Clayton, Seconded Cllr Lloyd. RESOLVED.</p>	
113/21	<p>Appointment of Internal Auditor It was agreed that Lightatouch be reappointed. Proposed Cllr Lloyd, Seconded Cllr Axel-Berg. RESOLVED.</p>	
114/21	<p>REVIEW OF INSURANCE POLICY This had been circulated ahead of the meeting. It was agreed that the cover was adequate, however Cllr Lloyd to confirm the replacement cost of the playground equipment.</p>	SL
115/21	<p>MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>a) Winter Salt. No requirement.</p> <p>b) Suspension of Garden Waste Service. A number of complaints had been received from residents about the suspension of the service. It was agreed to await the outcome of the Vale meeting on 21st September.</p>	
116/21	<p>NEWSLETTER ITEMS</p> <p>a) Cllr Lloyd to draft an item about Roy Lennox</p> <p>b) Dog Training Session</p>	SL
117/21	<p>AOB (for information only)</p> <p>a) Playing Field & Defibrillator inspections: October – Cllr Lloyd/ November – Cllr Axel-Berg</p> <p>b) Website – requires updating</p> <p>c) PC photos – to be taken at the November meeting</p> <p>d) Memorial for Roy Lennox. Cllr Lloyd to speak to Mrs Lennox</p>	SL
118/21	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING Thursday 11th November at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.</p>	

The meeting closed at 21.30

Signed

Dated