

## WEST HENDRED PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Meeting of West Hendred Parish Council held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 7.30pm In West Hendred Village Hall

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

**Clerk/Finance Officer:** Julia Evans

**District Councillor:** Cllr Janet Shelley

**County Councillor:**

**Members of the  
Public:**

|        |   | <b>Action:</b> |
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| 119/21 | <b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b><br>Cllr Bashford and County Councillor Povolotsky.   |                |
| 120/21 | <b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b><br>None.  |                |
| 121/21 | <b>MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING</b><br>The minutes of the meeting held on 9 <sup>th</sup> September were reviewed and approved. Proposed: Cllr Evans; Seconded: Cllr Clayton. RESOLVED. The minutes were signed.   |                |
|        | <b>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF 9<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER</b>   |                |
| 122/21 | <b>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</b><br>The work had still not been carried out. Cllr Lloyd to contact Andrew Maclean again.  | <b>SL</b>      |
| 123/21 | <b>DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT</b><br>Cllr Shelley reported that <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The garden waste service had resumed. Residents would get a 3 month extension on their bills.</li> <li>b) The consultations on the local plans had closed.</li> <li>c) The planning application for the Esso site was unlikely to go before planning committee until January. Revisions to the transport information and protected species survey were still outstanding. Cllr Shelley had asked for a site visit.</li> <li>d) The waste bin review was still ongoing.</li> <li>e) Lockinge Estate had removed an avenue of trees. The senior tree officer had assessed them and considered that there was no other viable option. The trees were diseased and in poor structural form. The Forestry Commission had agreed with the decision.</li> </ul> Cllr Shelley was thanked for attending. |                |
| 124/21 | <b>COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT</b><br>Cllr Povolotsky had sent a written report which had been circulated.  |                |
| 125/21 | <b>POLICE REPORT</b><br>No report.  |                |
| 126/21 | <b>OPEN FORUM</b><br>No members of the public.  |                |
| 127/21 | <b>PLAYING FIELD</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) <b>Playground Inspection.</b> Cllr Axel-Berg had completed the inspection. He reported that there was honey fungus in the playing field which needed to be removed. Paul Stoter to be</li> </ul>   | <b>SL</b>      |

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|        | <p>asked to cut this off. The grass required another cut. Clerk to ask Mr Soffe to do this. Paul Stoter to be asked to strim the playing field. The inside roadside hedge needed to be cut – clerk to arrange this. There were no issues with the defibrillator.</p> <p><b>b) New Play Equipment.</b> Cllr Lloyd had asked again for a quote, but no information had been received.</p> <p><b>c) Grass cutting.</b> Ed Clayton had cut the village grass but did not want to receive payment. He suggested the money was put into the play equipment fund instead.</p>   | <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Clerk</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>SL</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Clerk</b></p> |
| 128/21 | <p><b>PLANNING MATTERS</b></p> <p>a) <b>P21/V2396/HH – Little Barn, Manor Lane.</b> Orangery and Porch extensions. There were no objections.</p> <p>b) <b>P21/2830/FUL – Land adjacent to Down House Farmyard, Ginge.</b> Single storey extension to accommodate farm office and welfare facilities. There were no objections.</p> <p>c) <b>P21/V2831/AG – Land adjacent to Down House Farmyard, Ginge.</b> Erection of agricultural barn. There were no objections. Permission had been granted.</p> <p>d) <b>Old Cottage –</b> A question was raised over the change of use of the garage. Cllr Shelley reviewed the planning application and reported that everything was being developed according to the plans.</p> <p>e) <b>Consultation on Dalton Barracks Strategic Allocation.</b> Cllr Shelley explained that the Vale was seeking views on the future development of Dalton Barracks. The Parish Council had no comment to make.</p> <p>f) <b>Steventon Neighbourhood Plan.</b> The Parish Council had no comment to make.</p> <p>g) <b>Curly Cottage.</b> There has not been a response to the letter sent in September. Clerk to chase with a copy to Cllr Shelley.</p> | <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Clerk</b></p>  |
|        | <b>FINANCIAL MATTERS</b>   |   |
| 129/21 | <p><b>Ratification of October Payments</b><br/>The October payments totalling £933.34 were ratified. Proposed Cllr Clayton, Seconded Cllr Axel-Berg. RESOLVED.</p>   |   |
| 130/21 | <p><b>Approval of November Payments</b><br/>The payments for approval totalled £470.75. Proposed Cllr Clayton, Seconded Cllr Axel-Berg. RESOLVED.</p>  |   |
| 131/21 | <p><b>Review of Q2 accounts</b><br/>The status of the accounts was reviewed. It was agreed to transfer £380 from grass cutting to play equipment EMR (see minute reference 127/21 c) above).</p>   |   |
| 132/21 | <p><b>Review of draft budget for 2022/23.</b><br/>The draft budget was presented and reviewed. Following discussion it was agreed to increase the precept by 3% to £10,820. Proposed Cllr Clayton, Seconded Cllr Axel-Berg. RESOLVED. Clerk to review budget allocations. Grass cutting to be reduced by £500 and grants to be reduced by £300.</p>  | <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Clerk</b></p>  |
| 133/21 | <p><b>S106 Funds for Wantage Leisure Centre</b><br/>Cllr Clayton had attended a meeting about the S106 funds that had originally been allocated to the development of a new leisure centre in Wantage. Cllr Clayton urged that funds be distributed among the communities local to Wantage to enable them to enhance their sports facilities as the leisure centre will not be built.</p>  |   |
| 134/21 | <p><b>Request for Grant from Clean Slate</b><br/>Cllr Lloyd to research this charity.</p>  | <p style="text-align: right;"><b>SL</b></p>   |
| 135/21 | <b>MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE</b>  |   |

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|        | <p>a) <b>Planting in the Village Green.</b> An item to be put in the next newsletter.</p> <p>b) <b>Tree Pruning request.</b> To be deferred until the tree survey was complete. Clerk to write to resident.</p> <p>c) <b>Parish Transport Representative.</b> Cllr Evans to discuss with Mr Taylor.</p> <p>d) <b>OCC Initiative for 20mph speed limit.</b> This was discussed. The Parish Council would not be interested if it had to pay for the changes. Cllr Clayton to discuss with Cllr Povolotsky.</p> <p>e) <b>Civil Parking Enforcement.</b> It was felt that this was not relevant to the village.</p> <p>f) <b>Speedwatch.</b> The Parish Council agreed not to pursue this.</p> <p>g) <b>Queen's Platinum Jubilee.</b> Cllr Evans to check the dates and discuss the idea of a beacon with Mr Pill. Cllr Evans to ask the beer festival if they had any plans for this event.</p>  | <p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>RE</b></p> <p><b>DC</b></p> <p><b>RE</b></p> |
| 136/21 | <p><b>NEWSLETTER ITEMS</b></p> <p>a) An item on Isabel Watson was suggested. Cllr Bashford to speak to her about this.</p> <p>b) Item on the village green.</p>  | <b>DB</b>  |
| 137/21 | <p><b>AOB (for information only)</b></p> <p>a) <b>Playing Field &amp; Defibrillator inspections:</b> December – Cllr Evans January – Cllr Bashford</p> <p>b) <b>Best Kept Garden cup</b> – It was agreed that it should stay with the current holder until a place can be found to house it. Cllr Clayton to write to them</p> <p>c) <b>Request for another dog waste bin.</b> New waste bins specifically for dog waste were no longer installed. All waste bins were now mixed waste, As the Vale was still undertaking its review of waste bins it would not be possible to request the installation of a new one at the moment.</p> <p>d) <b>Bollards at the new cycle path.</b> One of the bollards at the entrance to the new cycle path had fallen over. Cllr Axel-Berg to take some photographs.</p> <p>e) <b>Steventon Reservoir.</b> GARD had produced templates that Parish Councils could use to respond to consultations about the reservoir.</p> | <p><b>DC</b></p> <p><b>HAB</b></p>   |
| 138/21 | <p><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b><br/>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.</p>  |  |

The meeting closed at 21.55

Signed .....

Dated .....