

WEST HENDRED PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of West Hendred Parish held on Thursday 14th March 2024 at 7.30pm At West Hendred Village Hall

Present: Cllr Dave Clayton (Chair), Cllr Hugo Axel-Berg, Cllr Sarah Lloyd, Cllr Matthew Evans, Cllr Claire Pill

Clerk/Finance Officer: Julia Evans

District Councillor: Cllr Sarah James

County Councillor:

**Members of the
Public:**

		Action:
20/24	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE None	
21/24	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Cllr Pill for agenda item 10b.	
22/24	MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and approved. Proposed Cllr Clayton, Seconded Cllr Evans. RESOLVED. The minutes were signed.	
23/24	OPEN FORUM Nothing.	
24/24	MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES a) Noticeboard key – It had been established that Mr Millard had the key. It was noted that there was a wobbly leg on the noticeboard. Clerk to as Mr Tarrant to look at it. b) Joint Local Plan. An update was given. It was noted that there would be a further consultation later in the year. c) Emergency Planning survey. Cllr Lloyd agreed to be the 24 hour contact for the village hall. d) Potholes. It was noted that all the potholes in the village had already been reported on Fix My Street although there were two in Ginge that needed to be reported. e) Flooding by the bridge. This had been reviewed and it was felt that there was not an issue.	Clerk CLOSED CLOSED CLOSED CLOSED
25/24	UPDATE ON PROPOSED CROSSING ON A417 AND VARIOUS SPEED REDUCTION MEASURES It was understood that there had been a Speedwatch session in the village but no data had been received. The 20mph speed limit was being progressed by OCC. There was no update on the crossing on the A417.	
26/24	DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT A written report had been circulated. At the meeting Cllr James reported: a) She had attended a Thames Water briefing about the proposed reservoir. Surveys had indicated that the proposal would raise the groundwater level by 1 metre on the south side. Mitigation will be required. GARD had asked the Secretary of State for a Public Enquiry into the proposal. b) She had asked the Vale about the number of power cuts in the	

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	<p>area and whether they could do anything to help provide a more resilient system. She requested residents to send her information on power outages that they experienced.</p> <p>c) There were changes on the way for the brown bin system. A permit scheme would be introduced from 2025.</p> <p>Cllr James was thanked for attending.</p>	
27/24	<p>COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT A written report had been circulated.</p>	
28/24	<p>PLAYING FIELD</p> <p>a) Playground Inspection. (Cllr Axel-Berg for February, Cllr Clayton for March). It was noted that some of the equipment was looking tired. The logs that had been removed from the agility trail were to be removed.</p> <p>b) Agility Trail. A quote had been received from Playdale. Awaiting quotes from other suppliers. It was noted that the swings also needed to be replaced.</p> <p>c) Replacement of football nets. This was to be carried forward until it was known how much the replacement of the agility trail and swings would cost.</p> <p>d) Broken fence. A temporary measure was to be considered until the autumn when the bramble was to be cut back.</p> <p>e) Grass cutting 2024. Mr Tarrant was appointed. Propose Cllr Clayton, Seconded Cllr Axel-Berg. RESOLVED.</p> <p>f) Request o use part of the Playing Field as a Community Garden. Cllr Lloyd explained what was required. It was noted that the lease for the playing field prohibits sub-letting and any other use than as a playing field.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>ME</p> <p>c/f (September)</p> <p>c/f (September)</p> <p>Clerk</p>
29/24	<p>PLANNING MATTERS</p> <p>a) Proposal for development at Ardington. There was nothing to report.</p> <p>b) New applications.</p> <p>i. P24/V0441/HH & P24/V0442/LB – Malthouse, Ginge. Demolition of existing conservatory and replacement with single storey extension. Response due by 27th March. There were no objections.</p>	
	FINANCIAL MATTERS	
30/24	<p>Ratification of February payments. The payments totalling £334.50 were ratified. Proposed Cllr Clayton, Seconded Cllr Axel-Berg. RESOLVED.</p>	
31/24	<p>Approval of March Payments The payments totalling £458.27 were approved. Proposed Cllr Lloyd, Seconded Cllr Clayton. RESOLVED.</p>	
32/24	<p>Transfer of funds to EMR The list of funds to be transferred had been circulated and was approved. Proposed Cllr Axel-Berg, Seconded Cllr Clayton. RESOLVED.</p>	
33/24	<p>Grant requests</p> <p>a) Request for grant toward cemetery grass cutting. £250 had been requested and was approved. Excess to come from EMR. Proposed Cllr Axel-Berg, Seconded Cllr Pill. RESOLVED.</p> <p>b) Village Hall donation. It was agreed to release to £1000 approved at the January meeting. Clerk to add to the payments list.</p>	Clerk
34/24	<p>MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>a) Request for permission to allow dogs in the Playing Field on 1st September 2024 for the annual dog show. Permission</p>	

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	granted. b) Request for permission to allow the Beer Festival to erect a tend on the playing field and to use the Playing field for various activities. Permission granted.	
35/24	DATE FOR ANNUAL PARISH MEETING It was agreed that this would be held on the same date as the May meetings. The Annual Council meeting would start at 6.30pm and would be followed by the monthly meeting and then the Annual Parish Meeting at approx.. 8pm	
36/24	NEWSLETTER ITEMS a) Note about power outages.	SL
37/24	AOB (for information only) a) Playing Field & Defibrillator inspections: Cllr Lloyd – April, Cllr Evans – May	
38/24	DATE OF NEXT MEETING Thursday 9 th May 2023 in the Village Hall.	

The meeting closed at 21.00

Signed

Dated