

WEST HENDRED PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of West Hendred Parish held on Thursday 10th March 2022 at 7.30pm At West Hendred Village Hall

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

Clerk/Finance Officer: Julia Evans

District Councillor: Cllr Janet Shelley

County Councillor: Cllr Sally Povolotsky

Members of the Public:

		Action:
21/22	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllr Bashford.	
22/22	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None.	
23/22	MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING The minutes of the meeting held on 13 th January were reviewed and approved. Proposed: Cllr Axel-Berg; Seconded: Cllr Evans RESOLVED. The minutes were signed.	
	MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF 13th JANUARY	
24/22	<p>a) 122/21 (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. A quote from Ligna consultancy had been received. This was reviewed and approved. Proposed Cllr Clayton, Seconded Cllr Axel-Berg. RESOLVED.</p> <p>b) 135/21 – Parish Transport Representative. Clerk was to send Cllr Lloyd details of what the role involved.</p> <p>c) 135/21 – Queen’s Platinum Jubilee. East Hendred were working on a joint beacon. Two residents from West Hendred were on the planning group. Cllr Lloyd asked for assistance getting people up to the beacon. Four-wheel drive vehicles would be required. West Hendred Village Hall wanted to offer a free lunch for residents. There was money in the covid fund. Cllr Evans suggested giving away mugs or a memento to mark the occasion.</p> <p>d) 135/21 – Bollards on the Icknield Way. There was no progress. Cllr Clayton had a meeting with Arthur McEwan-James w/c 14th March and he agreed to speak to him about this.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Clerk</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Clerk</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SL</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DC</p>
25/22	DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT Cllr Shelley reported that: <p>a) The Vale was running free courses on food and safety in the workplace at the end of March. There had been a good uptake on this.</p> <p>b) Affordable homes delivery was making good progress despite the pandemic and national supply chain issues.</p> <p>c) Grant was open for climate action activities. It was open to all Town and Parish councils and not for profit groups. It was open until 25th April.</p> <p>d) Changes were to take place to Vale car parking from 4th April. Free parking would be reduced to 1 hour and new fees would apply.</p>	

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	<p>e) The planning application for the old Esso site near Q Gardens was refused at planning committee.</p> <p>f) The waste bin review project was still ongoing.</p> <p>Cllr Shelley was thanked for attending.</p>	
26/22	<p>COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT</p> <p>Cllr Povolotsky had sent a written report which had been circulated. At the meeting she reported that:</p> <p>a) The rural broadband project was ongoing.</p> <p>b) Gully cleaning had been carried out.</p> <p>c) A grant had been awarded to the Parish Council from the Councillor Priority Fund.</p> <p>d) The consultation on the proposed Reservoir consultation was open. GARD had issued a guide on how to respond it. Cllr Povolotsky gave the background to the proposals.</p> <p>e) The community larder had opened in East Hendred, sited in the sports pavilion.</p> <p>f) Magnox grant funding was open until the end of March, but would reopen again.</p> <p>g) There had been several near accidents in Church Street, East Hendred. She was asking parents not to drive to school.</p> <p>h) She had asked for a review of the A417 between Crab Hill and Wantage.</p> <p>i) A quote of £1.2m had been received to resurface the cycle way between West Hendred and Harwell. OCC were looking into funding for this.</p> <p>j) Letters advising of the £150 grant toward council tax for band A-D properties were due to be sent out soon. Cllr Shelley noted that those paying by DD will have the rebate paid directly into their accounts starting in April.</p> <p>k) An experimental scheme to wild the verges for biodiversity was due to at the end of March.</p> <p>l) East and West Hendred WI has been rescued and would not now close.</p> <p>Cllr Povolotsky was thanked for attending.</p>	
27/22	<p>POLICE REPORT</p> <p>No report</p>	
28/22	<p>OPEN FORUM</p> <p>No members of the public.</p>	
29/22	<p>PLAYING FIELD</p> <p>a) Playground Inspection. (Cllr Lloyd Axel-Berg for March, Cllr Lloyd for April) This was still to be carried out.</p> <p>b) New Play Equipment. The new equipment had been installed. Cllr Lloyd was thanked for all the hard work she had put into the project. Cllr Lloyd was to check the guarantee for the fort.</p> <p>c) Grass cutting. Mr Tarren was to lift the crown on the main tree in the play park. He was also to be asked to complete the chestnut paling. Cllr Axel-Berg was thanked for fixing the palings by the road. His quote for the regular grass cutting for the 2022 season was approved. Proposed Cllr Clayton, Seconded Cllr Lloyd. RESOLVED. Clerk to ask him to quote for the rest of the grass cutting.</p> <p>d) Email from Roland Jack about tree. The email was read out. Cllr Lloyd noted that we were aware that one of the trees had died, but the other one was not left. It was dug up because it was going to be compromised by the new play equipment. It was agreed to remove it and replant it in the place where the one had died.</p>	<p>HAB/SL</p> <p>SL</p> <p>Clerk</p>

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30/22	<p>PLANNING MATTERS</p> <p>a) Update Curly Cottage. No update was available. Cllr Axel-Berg noted that there was a trench all around the tree and roots were springing up. Clerk to email Cllr Bashford for an update. It was suggested that the Vale tree officer should be contacted regarding the preservation of the tree.</p>	Clerk
	FINANCIAL MATTERS	
31/22	<p>Ratification of February Payments</p> <p>The February payments totalling £285.75 were ratified. Proposed Cllr Clayton, Seconded Cllr Axel-Berg. RESOLVED.</p>	
32/22	<p>Approval of March Payments</p> <p>The payments for approval totalled £11107.94. Proposed Cllr Clayton, Seconded Cllr Lloyd. RESOLVED.</p>	
33/22	<p>Transfer to EMR. The proposal to transfer £2900 to EMR at year end was approved. Proposed Cllr Evans, Seconded Cllr Clayton. RESOLVED.</p>	
34/22	<p>Review of Asset Register. The asset register was circulated and reviewed. The new play equipment and the sapling in playing field were to be added.</p>	
35/22	<p>Review of Risk Register. This was circulated, reviewed and approved.</p>	
36/22	<p>RATIFICATION OF COMMITTEE DECISIONS</p> <p>This list of decisions to be ratified has been circulated and were approved. Proposed Cllr Clayton, Seconded Cllr Axel-Berg. RESOLVED.</p>	
37/22	<p>MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>a) Steventon Reservoir. Cllr Lloyd had circulated information to the village including a 'cheat sheet' for the survey. She suggested the Parish Council completed the survey with an objection. Cllr Axel-Berg volunteered to do this. There was to be another meeting w/c 14th March.</p> <p>b) Parish Footpath Warden. Cllr Lloyd to ask Tony Lewis if he would take on this role.</p> <p>c) Consultation on Local Transport Plan. The consultation was open until 16th March. Cllr Evans had reviewed the documentation but was unable to complete the questionnaire.</p> <p>d) Operation London Bridge. Clerk to circulated round notes about this and the Parish Council to develop a plan.</p> <p>e) Vale Deep Clean. Vale had agreed to carry out the works requested.</p> <p>f) Biodiversity forum. For information only.</p> <p>g) Annual Parish Meeting. It was agreed to hold this in May. The suggested topic was the Village Youth.</p>	<p>HAB</p> <p>SL</p> <p>CLOSED</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>CLOSED</p>
38/22	<p>NEWSLETTER ITEMS</p> <p>None.</p>	SL
39/22	<p>AOB (for information only)</p> <p>a) Playing Field & Defibrillator inspections: May– Cllr Evans, June – Cllr Bashford</p>	
40/22	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>Thursday 12th May 2022 at 7pm in the Village Hall. This will also be the Annual Parish Meeting and the AGM.</p>	

The meeting closed at 21.42

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