

## WEST HENDRED PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Meeting of West Hendred Parish held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 7.30pm At West Hendred Village Hall

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

**Clerk/Finance Officer:** Julia Evans

**District Councillor:** Cllr Janet Shelley

**County Councillor:**

**Members of the  
Public:**

		<b>Action:</b>
<b>20/23</b>	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> Cllr Bashford and County Cllr Povolotsky	
<b>21/23</b>	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b> None	
<b>22/23</b>	<b>MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING</b> The minutes of the meeting held on 12 <sup>th</sup> January 2023 were reviewed and approved. Proposed Cllr Axel-Berg, Seconded Cllr Lloyd. RESOLVED. The minutes were signed.	
<b>23/23</b>	<b>OPEN FORUM</b> No members of the public.	
	<b>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF 12<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2023</b>	
<b>24/23</b>	a) <b>Dangerous kerb at the junction of Bankside and the Greenway.</b> No progress	
<b>25/23</b>	<b>UPDATE ON PROPOSED CROSSING ON A417</b> OCC had informed the Parish Council that the project was in design consultation. The current cost estimate was £480k. The Parish Council was disappointed by the lack of progress. Cllr Axel-Berg to speak to Cllr Povolotsky to ask for contact details for the project manager.	<b>HAB</b>
<b>26/23</b>	<b>DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT</b> Cllr Shelley reported that: a) The Household Support fund had been closed but the Vale was still helping people. b) A list of grant funds was available. c) The Community Action fund would open again on 22 <sup>nd</sup> March. Cllr Shelley to send a link. d) Bookings have re-opened for bulky waste collections. e) Free training on food handling was available for businesses. f) The Vale was offering free mediation for neighbour disputes. g) The Climate Action fund had issued grants to 15 different groups. The fund would be launched again this year. h) She had been invited to attend to Rowstock Residents Association briefing. She had asked if Parish Councillors could attend but had not received a response. i) The Camp Soul festival was to be held in Ardington on August bank holiday Monday this year. She agreed to send more details when available. Cllr Lloyd noted that the Vale response to the reservoir proposal was very good. Cllr Shelley was thanked for her work over the last four years.	

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27/23	<b>COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT</b> A written report had been received and was circulated.	
28/23	<b>PLAYING FIELD</b> a) <b>Playground Inspection. (Cllr Axel-Berg for February, Cllr Evans for March)</b> Cllr Evans had yet to complete the March inspection. Cllr Axel-Berg reported that there were no issues in February. The defibrillator was OK. Clerk to check minutes for details of the goal nets. b) <b>Grass Cutting contract for 2023.</b> It was agreed to award the grass cutting contract for the playing field and The Furlong to Logs Unlimited. Proposed Cllr Axel-Berg, Seconded Cllr Clayton. RESOLVED. Clerk to advise them on the cutting schedule.	RE/Clerk  Clerk
29/23	<b>PLANNING MATTERS</b> None.	
	<b>FINANCIAL MATTERS</b>	
30/23	<b>Ratification of February payments.</b> The payments totalling £264.50 were ratified. Proposed Cllr Clayton, Seconded Cllr Axel-Berg. RESOLVED.	
31/23	<b>Approval of March Payments</b> The payments totalling £686.16 were approved. Proposed Cllr Axel-Berg, Seconded Cllr Clayton. RESOLVED.	
32/23	<b>Transfers to EMR</b> A list of funds to be transferred to EMR at year end was presented and approved. The total to be transferred was £3980. Proposed Cllr Clayton, Seconded Cllr Lloyd. RESOLVED.	
33/23	<b>TREE WORK AND NEW TREES</b> The tree to be planted by OCC was discussed. No action. Cllr Clayton had purchased a replacement cherry tree for The Greenway. Logs Unlimited had provided a quote to plant it. This was approved. Proposed Cllr Axel-Berg, Seconded Cllr Lloyd. RESOLVED.	
34/23	<b>THE CORONATION OF HM KING CHARLES III.</b> The Village Hall Committee had suggested that anyone who wanted to organise an event could use the village hall free of charge over the Coronation weekend, but no one had taken up the offer. Cllr Axel-Berg to investigate the possibility of a memorial bench, possibly made of local oak.	HAB
35/23	<b>2023 PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS</b> Nomination forms had been circulated. Clerk offered to deliver them to the Vale.	Clerk
36/23	<b>ANNUAL PARISH MEETING</b> It was agreed to hold the Annual Parish Meeting on the same evening as the AGM and the May meeting. The Annual Parish Meeting would be held first and would start at 6.30pm. It would be a traditional, report only meeting. Cllrs Lloyd and Clayton agreed to arrange refreshments.	DC/SL
37/23	<b>ANNUAL REVIEWS</b> a) <b>Review of Standing Orders.</b> Carried forward to May. b) <b>Review of Financial Regulations.</b> Carried forward to May. c) <b>Risk Assessment.</b> The risk assessment was reviewed and approved. Proposed Cllr Clayton, Seconded Cllr Lloyd. RESOLVED.	c/f c/f
38/23	<b>MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE</b> a) <b>Request to apply to list The Hare as an Asset of Community Value.</b> Guidance for the registration of ACVs was discussed. The process had changed since the last registration. The Clerk to write to the applicant with details of the new guidelines and with the information from the previous	Clerk

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	registration. The Parish Council agreed to support the registration but the applicant would need to provide the relevant data.	Clerk
39/23	<b>NEWSLETTER ITEMS</b> Parking on pavements - Clerk	Clerk
40/23	<b>AOB (for information only)</b> a) <b>Playing Field &amp; Defibrillator inspections:</b> Cllr Bashford (April)/Cllr Clayton (May).	
41/23	<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b> Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> May 2023 in the Village Hall. This would also be the Annual Parish Meeting and the AGM.	

The meeting closed at 21.30

Signed .....

Dated .....