

## WEST HENDRED PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Meeting of West Hendred Parish held on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 7.30pm At West Hendred Village Hall

**Present:** Cllr Dave Clayton (Chair), Cllr Hugo Axel-Berg, Cllr Matthew Evans

**Clerk/Finance Officer:** Julia Evans

**District Councillor:** Cllr Sarah James

**County Councillor:** Cllr Sally Povolotsky

**Members of the Public:** 7 members of the public

|              |   | <b>Action:</b>  |
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| <b>76/23</b> | <b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b><br>Cllrs Lloyd and Pill.   |                 |
| <b>77/23</b> | <b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b><br>None   |                 |
| <b>78/23</b> | <b>MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING</b><br>The minutes of the meeting held on 18 <sup>th</sup> May 2023 were reviewed and approved. Proposed Cllr Axel-Berg, Seconded Cllr Clayton.<br><b>RESOLVED.</b> The minutes were signed.   |                 |
| <b>79/23</b> | <b>OPEN FORUM</b><br>All residents were present to discuss issues around speed control measures. The points raised were:<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) It was hoped that the Parish Council would support the various speed control measures proposed for the A417.</li> <li>b) The Parish Council was requested to apply for a 20mph speed limit through the village.</li> <li>c) There had been a large increase in traffic through the village, especially delivery vehicles.</li> <li>d) The Parish Council should represent the views of all the residents in the village.</li> </ul> Cllr Clayton expressed concern about over urbanisation of the village. He had spoken to a number of people about the 20mph scheme and the response was mixed.<br>Cllr Povolotsky explained how the 20mph would work and insisted that OCC would design the scheme as they saw fit. She expressed concern over HGVs in the village and had asked for some speed lines to be installed. These would give data on the type of traffic. She explained the process and said that there would be a wait before it took place. The residents were thanked for attending. |                 |
|              | <b>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF 19<sup>th</sup> May 2023</b>   |                 |
| <b>80/23</b> | a) <b>Dangerous kerb at the junction of Bankside and the Greenway.</b> Lines had been sprayed on the kerbs and the work to cut them back would take place sometime this year.   |                 |
| <b>81/23</b> | <b>UPDATE ON PROPOSED CROSSING ON A417</b><br>a) <b>Consultation on speed reduction measures on A417 (including reduction of speed limit to 30mph).</b> The Parish Council would be supporting the proposals in full. Residents were also urged to support the consultation. Closing date 28 <sup>th</sup> July. Cllr Axel-Berg thanked Cllr Povolotsky for bringing the CEO of OCC to the village. Cllr Lloyd to send another village email reminding residents of the consultation.   | <b>Clerk/SL</b> |

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|              | <p>b) <b>20mph Speed Limit through the village.</b> Cllr Clayton reported that the Parish Council would apply for a like-for-like 20mph scheme. Cllrs Lloyd and Pill had emailed their support. Proposed Cllr Clayton, Seconded Cllr Evans. RESOLVED. Cllr Axel-Berg noted that the information on the OCC website did not mention safety as a key driver for a 20mph scheme.</p>   | <b>Clerk</b>                     |
| <b>82/23</b> | <p><b>DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT</b><br/>A written report had been circulated. At the meeting Cllr James reported that:</p> <p>a) The key factor in the bins issue was land ownership. There was already a request for a bin on the Icknield Greenway, but the Vale had surveyed the area and not found much litter. Clerk to write to the Vale.</p> <p>b) She was going to speak against the HIF1 application at the planning committee meeting because she did not feel that the scheme would benefit our area.</p> <p>Cllr James was thanked for attending.</p>   | <b>Clerk</b>                     |
| <b>83/23</b> | <p><b>COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT</b><br/>A written report have been circulated. At the meeting Cllr Povolotsky reported that:</p> <p>a) HIF1 was infrastructure thank linked Valley Park to Culham. The design included flyovers and an aqueduct. The scheme appeared to be over budget, but if it was not progressed the Vale would lose their local plan. She had made suggestions for improvement but they had not appears in any design so far.</p> <p>b) OCC was pushing back on development.</p> <p>c) OCC had changed the rules for the number of car parking spaces per new property with the aim of reducing the number of cars on the road.</p> <p>d) Bankside was scheduled for road refurbishment during the summer.</p> <p>e) People should report defects on Fix My Street.</p> <p>f) She had become Public Transport champion.</p> <p>g) Changes to the X32 bus service were coming shortly.</p> <p>h) Roman ruins had been found at the Botley Road site which had delayed work there.</p> <p>i) The OCC CEO did not dispute the need for a crossing on the A417. A new proposal had been put forward to him which would come within budget. If agreed it could be in place in 2024. The proposal was based on a crossing to the east of The Greenway.</p> <p>j) If approved the 30mph speed limit on the A417 could be in place by the end of this year.</p> <p>Cllr Axel-Berg asked about the wildflower verge as it was causing problems with sightlines. Cllr Povolotsky stated that sightlines no longer existed on roads with speed limits less that 50mph. She suggested that the Parish Council send a formal complaint to OCC Highways. Cllr Axel-Berg to draft a complaint.<br/>Cllr Povolotsky was thanked for attending.</p> | <b>HAB</b>                       |
| <b>84/23</b> | <p><b>PLAYING FIELD</b></p> <p>a) <b>Playground Inspection Rota for 2023/24.</b> This was approved. Proposed Cllr Axel-Berg, Seconded Cllr Clayton. RESOLVED.</p> <p>b) <b>Playground Inspection. (Cllr Lloyd for June, Cllr Evans for July)</b> All was OK except for missing post on the agility trail.</p> <p>c) <b>Agility Trail.</b> Clerk to ask our contractor for a quote for a new post.</p> <p>d) <b>Replacement of football nets.</b> Clerk to obtain quotes for 2</p>   | <b>Clerk</b><br><br><b>Clerk</b> |

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|              | five-aside goals with nets.<br><b>e) Leylandii Hedge.</b> Clerk to ask our contractor to quote for work to the hedge.  | <b>Clerk</b>  |
| <b>85/23</b> | <b>PLANNING MATTERS</b><br>None.   |               |
|              | <b>FINANCIAL MATTERS</b>   |               |
| <b>86/23</b> | <b>Ratification of June payments.</b> The payments totalling £1074.74 were ratified. Proposed Cllr Axel-Berg, Seconded Cllr Evans.<br><b>RESOLVED.</b>   |               |
| <b>87/23</b> | <b>Approval of July Payments</b><br>The payments totalling £452.60 were approved. Proposed Cllr Axel-Berg, Seconded Cllr Evans. <b>RESOLVED.</b>   |               |
| <b>88/23</b> | <b>TREE WORK AND NEW TREES</b><br>Cllr Axel-Berg had been watering the tree during the dry weather.  | <b>CLOSED</b> |
| <b>89/23</b> | <b>CORONATION BENCH</b><br>The bench had been delivered and installation was to take place on 25 <sup>th</sup> July.   |               |
| <b>90/23</b> | <b>ANNUAL REVIEWS</b><br>The revised Standing Orders and Financial Regulations had been circulated and were adopted. Proposed Cllr Clayton, Seconded Cllr Axel-Berg, <b>RESOLVED.</b>  | <b>CLOSED</b> |
| <b>91/23</b> | <b>MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE</b><br>a) <b>Deep Cleanse locations.</b> Footpath from College Farm House to Curly Cottage.<br>b) <b>Report from Transport Representative.</b> The report had been circulated and was noted. | <b>Clerk</b>  |
| <b>92/23</b> | <b>NEWSLETTER ITEMS</b><br>a) 30mph consultation – note that it was supported by the PC.<br>b) Coronation bench installation..   | <b>Clerk</b>  |
| <b>93/23</b> | <b>AOB (for information only)</b><br>a) <b>Playing Field &amp; Defibrillator inspections:</b> Cllr Pill – August, Cllr Axel-Berg – September.  |               |
| <b>94/23</b> | <b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b><br>Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> September 2023 in the Village Hall.   |               |

The meeting closed at 21.11

Signed .....

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