

## WEST HENDRED PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of meeting held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 7.30pm in West Hendred Village Hall

**Present:** Cllr Richard Evans (Chairman), Cllr David Clayton, Cllr Roy Lennox, Cllr Fiona Taylor, Cllr Sarah Lloyd

**Clerk/Finance Officer:** Julia Evans

**District Councillor:** Cllr Mike Murray

**County Councillor:** Cllr Stewart Lilly

**Members of the Public:** Paul Wyman

21/17	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> None	<b>Action:</b>
22/17	<b>DECLARATION OF INTERESTS</b> None	
23/17	<b>MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON 12<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2017</b> Cllr Tayer proposed accepting the minutes of the Monthly meeting held on 12 <sup>th</sup> January 2017. Cllr Clayton seconded. RESOLVED. The minutes were signed.	
24/17	<b>MATTERS ARISING</b> <b>Review of Grants Policy</b> The meeting agreed to carry this matter forward. <b>The Hendreds Primary School Expansion</b> Cllr Evans has written to Richard Case, Chair of Governors at The Hendreds Primary School to inform him that the Parish Council agreed that it was in favour of expansion. <b>Salt</b> – No longer required. <b>Policy on dealing with the public</b> – Clerk to develop this. <b>WW1 Beacons</b> – Cllr Evans has spoken to Mr Pill. He will come back to the Parish Council shortly.	<b>C/F: Clerk</b>  <b>CLOSED</b>  <b>C/F: Clerk</b>
25/17	<b>POLICE REPORT</b> An area report was circulated by email. It was noted that there had been reports of vehicle break-ins from local beauty spots. Item to be put in the newsletter. Cllr Clayton reported that there had been an increase in night time crime on farms.	
26/17	<b>OPEN FORUM</b> Mr Wyman raised concern about trees in the playing field; they are blocking light and could cause damage to his house. Cllrs Clayton and Evans to meet with Mr Wyman and Mr Morris on site to discuss specific requirements.	<b>DC/RE</b>
27/17	<b>COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT</b> Cllr Evans thanks Cllr Lilly for his efforts over the years on behalf of West Hendred. Cllr Lilly asked to be copied into correspondence on the warning lights until 4 <sup>th</sup> May. On the Unitary proposals Cllr Lilly reported that the number of councillors would be reduced. Infrastructure and planning would be carried out by a single department. The Vale and South Oxfordshire are in full support of the latest document. The matter will go to the Secretary of State by the end of March. Cllr Lilly urged the Parish Council to look into the proposals for Didcot Garden Town. Other items reported were: The reservoir at Steventon is now back on the cards; Oxfordshire is looking for 700 more carers; 90% of secondary school applicants were allocated their first choice; there is a facebook page for the A34 – this is worth monitoring; route selection for the Oxford to Cambridge	

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	<p>expressway is in progress but the Oxford to Cambridge railway is likely to be delivered first; Steventon bridge has to be moved, Cllr Lilly thinks a new bridge will be the solution. When it closes work could take 10 months; there are still plans to improve Featherbed Lane; lack of hospital parking – there is a conflict between NHS and Oxford City.</p> <p>Cllr Lilly was thanked for attending.</p>	
28/17	<p><b>DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT</b></p> <p>Cllr Murray reported that LPP2 is all about sites and policies. Sites selected are at Dalton Barracks, Kingston Bagpuize, East Hanney, Marcham, Harwell Campus, Harwell and North West Grove, although this is beyond the current plan period.</p> <p>On Unitary proposals Cllr Murray reported that Better Oxfordshire would bring 15 Local Area Boards. These would be empowered. Planning Committees would stay the same. Elections for Unitary Councillors are likely to take place in 2019. The boundaries will be county and ward boundaries. Policies protecting smaller villages are woolly. Policies for pubs; proposals resulting in the loss of a pub will be subjected to higher levels of scrutiny. Didcot Garden Town delivery plan should be out in May. Cllr Evans asked what the aspirations were for Didcot Garden Town. Cllr Murray stated that the strategy was for quality employment and associated accommodation plus a transport strategy.</p> <p>Cllr Murray was thanked for attending.</p>	
29/17	<p><b>PLAYING FIELD REPORT:</b></p> <p><b>Playing Field Inspection and Repairs-</b> The February playing field inspection has been carried out – no issues to report. Cllr Lennox to look again at the tall pole to establish whether work is required. The pole in question is the 3<sup>rd</sup> one along.</p> <p><b>Request for Permission to prune trees in the Playing field.</b> This was covered in minute 26/17 above.</p>	RL
30/17	<p><b>PLANNING MATTERS:</b></p> <p><b>Report from Briefing on Local Plan part 2 –</b> Cllr Evans noted that Dalton Barracks development will depend on transport links into Oxford. He also noted that one site in West Hendred was registered but not included in the current draft. The AONB designation will be a major constraint on development. However, the plan is not fixed.</p> <p><b>Manor Lane and Access Plans – Glebe House, Ginge Road.</b> Residents' concerns were discussed. Clerk to check the conditions attached to the planning permission.</p>	Clerk
31/17	<p><b>FINANCIAL MATTERS</b></p> <p><b>Payments for Approval –</b> A list of payments for approval is filed with these minutes. Cllr Clayton proposed approving all payments. Cllr Lennox seconded. RESOLVED. The cheques were signed.</p> <p><b>2017/18 Budget and Precept –</b> The final budget for 2017/18 had been previously circulated. Cllr Taylor proposed acceptance. Cllr Lloyd seconded. RESOLVED.</p> <p><b>2017 Grass Cutting –</b> BGG have quoted the same as last year for the village grass cutting. Mr Softe to be offered the same as last year for cutting the grass in the Playing Field. Proposed: Cllr Lloyd; Seconded: Cllr Taylor. RESOLVED.</p> <p><b>NJC Payscales –</b> Cllr Clayton proposed accepting the new NJC payscales from 1<sup>st</sup> April,. Cllr Taylor seconded, RESOLVED.</p>	
32/17	<p><b>COMMUNITY LED PLAN ACTION LIST</b></p> <p>It was agreed to post the CLP on the website rather than a link to an external site. Cllr Evans and Clerk to obtain a copy of the document.</p> <p>It was agreed to present the Annual Plan to the village. The aim is to have something under each heading for the July meeting. All Councillors to reply to RL that they are OK with this. Action lists were agreed. An update will be provided in three months' time.</p>	RE/Clerk  All Councillors

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33/17	<p><b>WARNING LIGHTS ON THE A417</b> The eastern pole has been installed. SL to send covering note for the petition that has been handed in. Clerk to send it to Matthew Barber with a copy to Stewart Lilly. The suggestion of a light at the bus stop was discussed. Cllrs Evans and Lloyd to visit the site and investigate further.</p>	Clerk RE/SL
34/17	<p><b>REPORT FROM A417 MEETING</b> Cllr Evans reported that there was no money available for the suggested improvements. A draft feasibility study includes options for all A417 villages. Featherbed Lane negotiations are still ongoing; Rowstock roundabout is not a priority. Pressure needs to be maintained.</p>	
35/17	<p><b>PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE</b> The new website is now live. The Councillors had all reviewed it and agreed to sign it off. Cllr Lloyd to write something for the newsletter.</p>	SL
36/17	<p><b>APPROVAL OF RISK REGISTER</b> The updated risk register had been previously circulated. Cllr Clayton proposed adopting it. Cllr Lennox seconded. RESOLVED.</p>	
37/17	<p><b>LETTER TO THE VALE REGARDING THE HARE</b> Awaiting a response from the Vale to the letter sent from the Parish Council.</p>	
38/17	<p><b>MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE</b> <b>Speeding</b> – A letter has been received from a resident regarding speeding. They have written to the PCSO who has suggested investing in Community Speedwatch. The Parish Council was not sure whether this would be financially viable. It was agreed to put an item in the newsletter asking residents to request that their delivery drivers respect the speed limit. Residents also to be reminded of the danger speeding traffic presents to children and animals.</p>	
39/17	<p><b>NEWSLETTER ITEMS</b> The following items to be reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Website</li> <li>• Speeding</li> <li>• Dog Fouling</li> <li>• Break-Ins</li> <li>• Precept increase</li> </ul>	RE
40/17	<p><b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b> <b>Dog Fouling</b> – Dog Poo bags have been emptied all over The Lynch. Item to be placed in the newsletter. <b>A34 Closures</b> – Cllr Lloyd to send out a village email. <b>Health Services consultation</b> – Cllr Lloyd has produced a draft response – to be circulated for comment.</p>	RE SL
41/17	<p><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b> Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at 6pm. The AGM will be held first, followed by the monthly meeting and then the Annual Parish Meeting. The focus will be on the CLP. Wine and nibbles to be provided.</p>	

The meeting closed at 10.15 pm

Signed .....

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