

## WEST HENDRED PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of meeting held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at 7.30pm in West Hendred Village Hall

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

**Clerk/Finance Officer:** Julia Evans

**District Councillor:**

**County Councillor:**

**Members of the Public:**

<b>84/17</b>	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> Councillors Mike Fox-Davies, Mike Murray and Fiona Taylor sent their apologies.	<b>Action:</b>
<b>85/17</b>	<b>DECLARATION OF INTERESTS</b> None	
<b>86/17</b>	<b>MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON 27<sup>th</sup> APRIL, 11<sup>TH</sup> MAY AND 2<sup>ND</sup> JUNE</b> Cllr Lennox proposed accepting the minutes of the meetings held on 27 <sup>th</sup> April, 11 <sup>th</sup> May (Monthly meeting and AGM) and 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2017. Cllr Lloyd seconded. RESOLVED. The minutes were signed.	
<b>87/17</b>	<b>MATTERS ARISING</b> <b>Review of Grants Policy</b> The meeting agreed to carry this matter forward. <b>Policy on dealing with the public –</b> Clerk to develop this. <b>Trees in Playing Field –</b> Oakleaf have been out to assess the situation but Mr Wyman disagrees with this. It was agreed to ask Tim Stringer, the Vale Tree Officer, to visit the site and give his opinion.	<b>C/F: Clerk</b> <b>C/F: Clerk</b>  <b>Clerk</b>
<b>88/17</b>	<b>CONSULTATION ON 30MPH SPEED LIMIT AT EAST HENDRED</b> The Parish Council responded requesting an extension of the proposed 30MPH limit westbound to beyond The Hare. It was noted that Parish Councils may soon have the power to pay for their own changes in Speed Limits. Clerk to find out more.	<b>Clerk</b>
<b>89/17</b>	<b>GRASS CUTTING</b> The area adjacent to the footpath opposite Brewer's Lane cottages was very overgrown. Ed Clayton was thanked for cutting it back. Clerk to remind BGG to do this next time they are in the village.	<b>Clerk</b>
<b>90/17</b>	<b>POLICE REPORT</b> This was not available. A resident has reported that copper and lead were being stripped from The Hare pub. A previous incident was reported to the security firm looking after the building. This incident needs to be reported to the Police. Cllr Evans to get the details and report it. Cllr Lennox to send a letter to Star Pubs.	<b>RE/RL</b>
<b>91/17</b>	<b>OPEN FORUM</b> No members of the public present.	
<b>92/17</b>	<b>COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT</b> No report.	
<b>93/17</b>	<b>DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT</b> No report.	
<b>94/17</b>	<b>PLAYING FIELD REPORT:</b> <b>Playing Field Inspection and Repairs-</b> Clerk to circulate the inspection report and the defib inspection report, along with the defib code. Cllr Lennox to carry out the July inspection. <b>Clearing of Brambles –</b> Cllr Lennox proposed accepting the quote for £200 to clear the brambles in the playing field. Cllr Lloyd seconded. RESOLVED.	<b>Clerk</b>

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95/17	<p><b>PLANNING MATTERS:</b>  <b>P17/V1784/HH and P17/V1785/LB – Curly Cottage.</b> Proposed in-roof solar pv array to SW slope of previously approved first floor extension. The Parish Council had no objection to this application.  <b>Consultation on Didcot Garden Town –</b> Councillors to review the proposal and return any comments by 30<sup>th</sup> July, The consultation closes on 31<sup>st</sup> July.  <b>The Greensands and Pye3 developments at East Hendred –</b> Clerk to forward the S106 agreements for these developments to all councillors. Cllr Evans has spoken with one of the Governors of The Hendreds Primary school. He has been informed that there is currently enough space to accommodate children from West Hendred and Ardington. Clerk to write to the County Council asking for confirmation of capacity in the local schools.</p>	<p><b>All Councillors</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p>
96/17	<p><b>FINANCIAL MATTERS</b>  <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.  <b>Consideration of Grant to West Hendred Village Hall toward the Kitchen Refurbishment –</b> Cllr Lloyd reported that the funds would be £2000 short if the grant from the Doris Field Charitable trust is unsuccessful. It was agreed to revisit this matter in November during the Budget setting process.  <b>Grant toward Cemetery Grass cutting –</b> This was approved at the May meeting.</p>	<p><b>Clerk (agenda)</b></p>
97/17	<p><b>COMMUNITY LED PLAN ACTION LIST</b>  The action list was reviewed. It was agreed to put a map of parish footpaths on the website. Cllr Evans to speak to the landowner regarding the Icknield Way and the crossing over the brook. Cllr Clayton to check what, if any, signage needs replacing. Cllr Lloyd to look into Instagram. Cllr Lennox has been in touch with the Southern Area Manager of Star Pubs and is pressing for a meeting. The issue of the kissing gate and stile to be discussed at the next meeting. Cllr Taylor to approach Age UK for information on the Good Neighbour scheme. Clerk to circulate the email regarding parking. Clerk to obtain some information on basket swings and other equipment for older children. Further investigation is required on watercourses. Cllr Evans to find out about the local Neighbourhood Watch. Cllr Lennox to produce a summary of progress.</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>All Councillors</b></p>
98/17	<p><b>WARNING LIGHTS ON THE A417</b>  It has been confirmed that it will be possible to program the timings requested for the lights. OCC are aiming to have the lights installed by the start of the autumn term.</p>	
99/17	<p><b>CRIMINAL DAMAGE ON PARISH COUNCIL LAND</b>  Clerk to arrange a meeting between the Councillors and PC Sarah Merritt to discuss the issues that have arisen. Cllr Lloyd presented the costs for the replacement of the felled tree. It will be at least £400 + VAT. Cllr Lennox proposed approving a maximum spend of £500. Cllr Clayton seconded. RESOLVED.</p>	
100/17	<p><b>MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE</b>  <b>Speeding in the Village –</b> A complaint has been received about speeding vehicles. This has been reported to the Police.  <b>Parish Council Archives –</b> Following correspondence from the Berkshire Records Office the meeting agreed to move all the archives to the Oxfordshire office. Clerk to arrange.  <b>Parish Partners Invitation –</b> No one was available to accept this invitation.  <b>Letter regarding neglected land –</b> Cllr Clayton to investigate this matter.</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>DC</b></p>
101/17	<p><b>NEWSLETTER ITEMS</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Theft at The Hare</li> <li>2. Report that we are speaking to the Police about incidents in the village</li> <li>3. Report on the replacement of the tree – Cllr Lloyd to draft a note</li> </ol>	<p><b>RE/SL</b></p>

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	4. Update on the lights on the A417 5. Note on Instagram – SL to draft	
<b>102/17</b>	<b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b> None.	
<b>103/17</b>	<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b> Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm.	

The meeting closed at 10.20 pm

Signed .....

Dated .....

