

WEST HENDRED PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Thursday 9th November 2017 at 7.30pm in West Hendred Village Hall

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

Clerk/Finance Officer: Julia Evans

District Councillor: Cllr Mike Murray

County Councillor: Cllr Mike Fox-Davies

Members of the Public: None

123/17	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Councillor Fiona Taylor sent her apologies.	Action:
124/17	DECLARATION OF INTERESTS None	
125/17	MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON 14th SEPTEMBER 2017 Cllr Lennox proposed accepting the minutes of the meetings held on 14 th September 2017. Cllr Clayton seconded. RESOLVED. The minutes were signed.	
126/17	MATTERS ARISING 107/17 - Trees in Playing Field – A meeting has been held with Tim Stringer, Tree Officer at the Vale. He has suggested removing the two willows and cutting the ivy on the Ash. Following discussion it was agreed that this work should be carried out; the willows should be removed because of their impact on the Oak tree. However, it was noted that funds are not currently available to remove the two willows. Therefore the ivy would be cut back but the rest of the work would be put on hold until funds are available. Cllr Evans to draft a letter and circulate it for review. It was noted that Tim Stringer has produced a tree plan for Yew Tree Cottages. Letter regarding neglected land – Cllr Clayton reported that the paddock in question bellows to Corpus Christi college. Of the other land in the area, some is private and some belongs to Sovereign Housing Association.	RE CLOSED
127/17	DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT Cllr Murray reported on plans for the Oxford-Cambridge expressway. He thought that the road is likely to be built before the railway. One million houses are planned along the route of the road. The process is likely to start within the next two years. It is almost certain that the route will come south of Oxford and Abingdon, but north of Milton. It is not yet clear where the money to build the road will come from. Cllr Murray also reported that: the Vale has put in a bid for funds for driverless vehicles at Milton Park; A new leisure centre has been agreed for Wantage; Grove airfield S106 agreement has been signed and it is hoped that building work will start soon. Cllr Murray was asked why improvements to the A34 and the A420 were taking priority over the A417. Cllr Murray was thanked for attending.	
128/17	COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT Cllr Fox-Davies sent a report by email which was circulated to all councillors. A copy is filed with these minutes. Cllr Fox-Davies reported that people can apply for primary school places on line. Cllr Lloyd asked for the link to this information. Cllr Fox-Davies to send this. Cllr Fox-Davies agreed to send details of the Highways England presentation on the Oxford to Cambridge expressway. He pointed out	MF-D

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	that there is no planned corridor yet. The National Infrastructure Commission are producing a report on the project. Cllr Fox-Davies was thanked for attending.	
129/17	POLICE REPORT An email report for the area was circulated ahead of the meeting. Cllr Clayton reported that he had spoken to PC Merritt about a new PCSO for the village. He was informed that there will no longer be a PCSO for the area as there are no funds available.	
130/17	OPEN FORUM No members of the public present.	
131/17	PLAYING FIELD REPORT: Playing Field Inspection and Repairs- Cllr Lloyd presented the September report. Cllr Lennox carried out the October inspection and reported that a board has come away on the fort leaving four nails exposed. A plank on the far side has also come away. There are nettles growing under the bench. The defibrillator has been checked in September and October. RoSPA Report – Quote for repair or replacement of the fort platform were reviewed. It was agreed to go with the repair option at £80. Proposed: Cllr Lennox; Seconded: Cllr Lloyd. RESOLVED. Clerk to inform Mr Stoter. Fort Replacement – Cllr Lennox presented some options for a replacement for the fort. It was agreed that she would consult with OPFA, who are able to help with funding opportunities. Hedge – The hedge (roadside) needs cutting. It was agreed to obtain two further quotes.	Clerk SL Clerk
132/17	PLANNING MATTERS: Report from Local Plan Briefing Session – Cllr Lennox has sent a pack from the session. Clerk to circulate. Cllr Lennox outlined the areas of interest to West Hendred. He noted that at the briefing there was some doubt about the delivery of the Dalton Barracks site, but that since then the site has moved forward. Consultation on the Vale Local Plan Part 2 – The Parish Council had no comment to make. Consultation on Local Plan Development Order for land at Hill Farm, Appleford – The Parish Council had no comment to make.	Clerk
133/17	FINANCIAL MATTERS Payments for Approval – 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. Audit Report – the external audit report was presented and the comments noted. Review of Q2 accounts – Cllr Lennox raised a question on expenditure which was explained satisfactorily. Cllr Lennox approved the Q2 accounts. Draft Budget for 2018/19 – The draft budget and precept proposal was discussed. Agreement on the final precept figure to be made at the January meeting. Request for donation from South and Vale CAB – Further information has been requested. To be carried forward to the January meeting. Request for donation from Wantage Independent Advice Centre – Cllr Clayton proposed a donation of £50. Cllr Lloyd seconded. RESOLVED.	Clerk (agenda) Clerk (agenda)
134/17	REVIEW OF GRASS CUTTING SERVICE The Parish Council agreed that it was satisfied with both grass cutting services. BGG to be asked for a quote for 2018 grass cutting.	Clerk
135/17	COMMUNITY LED PLAN ACTION LIST	

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	<p>The Hare – Cllr Lennox received no response to his letter to Heinekin. He has now written to the MD. Cllr Lennox asked if there was likely to be a good response to a campaign to save the pub. The feeling was that there would not be.</p> <p>Cycle Route – Alternatives to the church route have been proposed.</p> <p>Village hall – work on the kitchen has been completed.</p> <p>Progress. All councillors invited to review their action areas and report back to Cllr Lennox.</p> <p>Cllr Lennox to provide an update on CLP actions for the website.</p>	<p>All Councillors</p> <p>RL</p>
136/17	<p>WARNING LIGHTS ON THE A417</p> <p>The lights have been installed and programmed. Awaiting the installation of ‘Children Crossing’ signs. It is hoped that the project will be completed before Christmas.</p>	
137/17	<p>CRIMINAL DAMAGE ON PARISH COUNCIL LAND</p> <p>Cllr Lennox to research different sizes of Birch Tree to replace the one that was cut down.</p>	<p>SL</p>
138/17	<p>TOWN & PARISH FORUM</p> <p>Cllr Lennox reported that the event was introduced by Cllr Matt Barber. Local flooding was discussed but was mainly concerned with the area around Oxford. It was pointed out that flood alleviation measures have been carried out in West Hendred. The future of Didcot Garden town was discussed. It was emphasised that this refers to the whole area. There were workshops on the local environment and another presentation on LPP2. Regarding the latter there is concern about the lack of infrastructure and communication.</p>	
139/17	<p>MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>Request to plant a memorial tree on The Greenway – Cllr Clayton to make enquiries of the family concerned. A draft response is to be circulated for approval.</p> <p>Letter from WAIC requesting commitment to the same level of funding for the next three years – It was agreed that it was not possible to make this commitment.</p>	<p>DC/RE</p>
140/17	<p>NEWSLETTER ITEMS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Report on the lights on the A417 2. Note that no planning applications have been received 	<p>RE</p>
141/17	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p>It was noted that SPIE are working on overhead power lines. It was reported that Mr Clayton had to cut a padlock off the kissing gate by the church and that a child on a bicycle had been harassed and pushed off their bike by an unknown woman on The Furlong. Cllr Lloyd suggested keeping a log of all such incidents. It was agreed to put a note in the newsletter asking people to keep their eyes and ears open.</p>	
142/17	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>Thursday 18th January at 7.30pm.</p>	

The meeting closed at 10 pm

Signed

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