

WEST HENDRED PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Thursday 18th January 2018 at 7.30pm in West Hendred Village Hall

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

Clerk/Finance Officer: Julia Evans

District Councillor: Cllr Mike Murray

County Councillor: Cllr Mike Fox-Davies

Members of the Public: None

01/18	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Councillor Evans sent his apologies.	Action:
02/18	DECLARATION OF INTERESTS None	
03/18	MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON 9th November 2017 Cllr Clayton proposed accepting the minutes of the meetings held on 9 th November 2017. Cllr Taylor seconded. RESOLVED. The minutes were signed.	
04/18	MATTERS ARISING 126/17 (107/17) - Trees in Playing Field – The application submitted by a resident was circulated. It was noted that what has been applied for does not reflect the Parish Council’s decision made in the November meeting. It was felt that the application should have been submitted by the Parish Council. Cllr Lennox to draft a letter to the resident. Clerk to establish whether the Tree Officer has a written report on the work to be permitted, and also to write to the case officer outlining the Parish Council position. 139/17 – Request to plant a memorial tree on The Greenway – The Parish Council has spoken with the family concerned who are happy to have a memorial tree planted in a location acceptable to the Parish Council. It was suggested that the tree outside the resident’s home may need replacing and this could be the ideal location for a memorial tree. However, this will need to be inspected. Clerk to write to the potential benefactor to this effect. It was agreed to proceed with the replacement for the birch that had been illegally cut down last year. The new tree will be protected by chestnut paling. Cllr Lloyd to discuss with Paul Stoter.	RL Clerk DC Clerk SL
05/18	DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT Cllr Murray reported that there had been some slippage in the installation of fast broadband. There are three locations which should have been completed by Christmas. The Ardington/West Hendred box has now been completed. Two further boxes in West Hendred remain outstanding; one will be completed by June, the other by the end of the year. Cllr Murray was thanked for attending.	
06/18	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 it has been proposed that the OCC portion of the Council tax will rise by 5.99%. This is to be ratified by cabinet and full council. The A417 group meeting is being wound up. There is nothing further that can be done at the moment as there is no funding, Funds only come from development. Plans for improvement to the A417 have been produced and ‘put on the shelf’ for when funds are available. A group of councillors are to work on proposals for the Oxford-Cambridge	

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	<p>expressway. There have been significant issues due to the A34 closures. A meeting is to be held to discuss these. The issue of the number of roadworks currently underway in the area was raised. Cllr Fox-Davies agreed to raise the matter. Cllr Lennox asked if the Featherbed Lane improvements were still on the cards. Cllr Fox-Davies confirmed that they were. Cllr Fox-Davies was thanked for attending.</p>	M-FD
7/18	<p>POLICE REPORT No report.</p>	
8/18	<p>OPEN FORUM No members of the public present.</p>	
9/18	<p>PLAYING FIELD REPORT: Playing Field Inspection and Repairs- Cllr Taylor reported that the main posts on the fort are rotting as are the handrails on the centre bridge. The eye on the change holding the third tyre on the adventure trail is cutting into the wood and needs to be repaired. Paul Stoter to be asked to do this. The football nets are a trip hazard and are also becoming tired. Cllr Lloyd to measure the goal posts, then the Clerk will research options for replacement nets. Cllr Taylor to check the defibrillator on Monday. Cllrs Lennox and Clayton agreed to be Defibrillator guardians along with the Clerk. Repairs to the fort – Paul Stoter has been asked to carry out the repairs. Cllr Lloyd to chase. Fort Replacement – Cllr Lloyd has identified a replacement piece. We now need to consider grant applications to help fund it. Clerk to send OPFA information to Cllr Lloyd. Hedge – A contractor has been instructed to cut the hedge. The work is scheduled for 7th February.</p>	<p>Clerk SL/Clerk FT SL SL/ Clerk</p>
10/18	<p>PLANNING MATTERS: Cllr Clayton presented an application for a new cattle shed at the top of Brewer's Lane which has just been submitted to the Vale. The Parish Council will consider the application once it has been formally invited to consult on it.</p>	
11/18	<p>FINANCIAL MATTERS Payments for Approval – A list of payments for approval is filed with these minutes. Cllr Clayton proposed approving all payments. Cllr Taylor seconded. RESOLVED. The cheques were signed. Review of Q2 accounts – Cllr Lennox raised a number of questions on expenditure which were explained satisfactorily. Cllr Lennox approved the Q2 accounts. 2018/19 Precept – Cllr Lloyd proposed a precept of £8755. Cllr Clayton seconded. Agreed unanimously. RESOLVED. Request for donation from Oxfordshire Association for the Blind – Cllr Lloyd proposed a donation of £35. Cllr Clayton seconded. RESOLVED.</p>	
12/18	<p>COMMUNITY LED PLAN ACTION LIST Cllr Lennox had previously circulated the action list and a draft note for publication. The Hare – Cllr Lennox noted the people had been seen entering the building. Progress. Cllr Lloyd suggested an amendment to Care of the Elderly and Disabled. She agreed to review this. Once the plan has been agreed it will be published on the website, newsletter and notice board. It may also be distributed via the village email.</p>	SL

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	Councillors were invited to comment on this latest edition within the next 10 days.	All Cllrs
13/18	REPORT FROM A417 MEETING This was covered in the County Councillor's Report above.	
14/18	WARNING LIGHTS ON THE A417 The lights have been installed and programmed. The "Children Crossing" signs have also been installed. It was reported that the lights appear to be effective.	CLOSED
15/18	CRIMINAL DAMAGE ON PARISH COUNCIL LAND This was covered under "Matters Arising" above.	
16/18	MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan part 2 – The Parish Council had no comment to make on this consultation. RAF Brize Norton Consultation for Airspace Change Proposal –It was agreed to ask Mr Findley if he would review the proposals.	Clerk
17/18	NEWSLETTER ITEMS 1. CLP note with a link to the website 2. A417 group closing. Cllr Lennox to draft a note on this.	RL
18/18	ANY OTHER BUSINESS None.	
19/18	DATE OF NEXT MEETING Thursday 8 th March at 7.30pm.	

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm

Signed

Dated