

WEST HENDRED PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of West Hendred Parish held on Thursday 27th November 2025 at 7.30pm At West Hendred Village Hall

Present: Cllr David Clayton (Chair), Cllr Hugo Axel-Berg, Cllr Matthew Evans, Cllr Sarah Lloyd

Clerk/Finance Officer: Julia Evans

District Councillor: Cllr Sarah James

County Councillor:

**Members of the
Public:**

		Action:
84/25	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllr Pill.	
85/25	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None.	
86/25	MINUTES OF LAST MEETING The minutes of the meetings held on 25 th September 2025 were approved and signed. Proposed Cllr Clayton, Seconded Cllr Axel-Berg. RESOLVED.	
87/25	MATTERS ARISING a) Noticeboard repair. In progress. Cllr Axel-Berg to get a copy of the key.	HAB
88/25	PUBLIC OPEN FORUM No public present,	
89/25	UPDATE ON CROSSING ON A417 Enabling works had started but the tree root survey had not yet been done. Clerk to ask for an update.	Clerk
90/25	COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT No report.	
91/25	DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT A written report was circulated. At the meeting Cllr James reported that the main issue at the moment was the SESRO consultation. There was a discussion on where construction traffic would go. The red line on the plan was much larger than expected. Land south of the railway was to be used for wildlife relocation. The District Council was also working on LGR. The Government was expected to make a decision on this in the spring or summer of 2026. Cllr James was thanked for attending.	
92/25	PLAYING FIELD The inside hedges were to be cut. Clerk to ask Dave Rance to do this.	Clerk
93/25	PLANNING MATTERS None.	
94/25	CONSULTATIONS a) Statutory SESRO consultation – closes on 13 th January. Cllrs Lloyd and Axel-Berg to develop a Parish Council response. b) Ardington and Lockinge Neighbourhood Plan. Closes 17 th December. Cllr Lloyd to review. c) Science Vale Movement and Place plan consultation. Closes 1 st December. No comment.	HAB/SL SL
95/25	FINANCE	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Payments. The payments made since the last meeting were all agreed. Proposed Cllr Axel-Berg, Seconded Cllr Clayton. RESOLVED. b) Review of Ear Marked Reserves. No change. c) Approval of 2026/27 Budget. Approved. Proposed Cllr Axel-Berg, Seconded Cllr Lloyd. RESOLVED. d) 2026/27 precept. It was agreed to keep it the same at £10,820 although it was noted that it may need to increase slightly next year. Proposed Cllr Axel-Berg, Seconded Cllr Clayton. RESOLVED. e) Request for grant from Downs Golden Age. £175 was approved. Proposed Cllr Axel-Berg, Seconded Cllr Clayton. RESOLVED. f) Request for grant from Citizens Advice Oxfordshire. No award. 	
96/25	CORRESPONDENCE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Request for tree pruning on The Greenway. Clerk to ask Andrew McClean to look at all the trees on the Greenway and advise on the work required to prolong their life. Clerk to inform the resident. b) Report of tree damage on The Greenway. The report was reviewed. 	Clerk
97/25	NEWSLETTER ITEMS Update on the crossing if available.	SL
98/25	AOB (for information only) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Playing field inspections: Cllr Evans – January/Cllr Pill February. 	
99/25	DATE OF NEXT MEETING Thursday 22 nd January 2026.	

The meeting closed at 21.10

Signed

Dated