

WEST HENDRED PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of West Hendred Parish held on Thursday 22nd January 2026 at 7.30pm At West Hendred Village Hall

Present: Cllr Hugo Axel-Berg (Chair), Cllr Claire Pill, Cllr Matthew Evans, Cllr Sarah Lloyd

Clerk/Finance Officer: Julia Evans

District Councillor: Cllr Sarah James

County Councillor: Cllr Jane Hanna

Members of the Public: Duncan Sherman, Hendred Sports Club

		Action:
1/26	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllr Clayton	
2/26	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Cllr Evans for agenda item 11a.	
3/26	MINUTES OF LAST MEETING The minutes of the meetings held on 27 th November 2025 were approved and signed. Proposed Cllr Evans, Seconded Cllr Clayton. RESOLVED.	
4/26	MATTERS ARISING a) Noticeboard repair. Complete. b) Trees on The Greenway. The contractor had been instructed. He was waiting for dryer weather to complete the survey.	Closed
5/26	PUBLIC OPEN FORUM No public present,	
6/26	PRESENTATION BY HENDRED SPORTS CLUB Plans for the redevelopment of the pavilion were presented. The current facility was not fit for purpose. The plan involved the demolition of the old building and the construction of a new, larger building which would comply with current standards. The current fundraising effort is to secure funds for the planning application. Most of the money has been secured with only £15k still to be raised. The aim was to obtain planning permission in 2026. It was suggested that members of the Village Hall committee could give advice on fundraising for the construction phase. Cllr Lloyd to introduce Mr Sherman to members of the committee. Mr Sherman was thanked for attending.	SL
07/26	UPDATE ON CROSSING ON A417 Cllr Hanna was chasing for an update but nothing had been received to date.	
08/26	COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT County Councillors had been working on a response to the SESRO consultation. A number of major issues were causing concern, especially the statements about community benefits. New services would be coming to Wantage Community Hospital from the John Radcliffe Hospital. This would make them more accessible for local residents. Cllr Hanna was thanked for attending.	
09/26	DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT	

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	<p>A written report was circulated. At the meeting it was reported that the main issue had been the SESRO consultation. It was noted that the wording for the community facilities was 'could' rather than 'will'. Commitment to these facilities was required. A new Chief Executive had been appointed at the Vale. Conversation were taking place regarding the recommencement of the Joint Local Plan examination.</p> <p>Cllr James was thanked for attending.</p>	
10/26	<p>PLAYING FIELD</p> <p>The inside hedges were awaiting a cut. The playground inspection had been circulated. A loose pole on the new equipment needed to be looked at. Broken fencing needed repair.</p>	Clerk/ME
11/26	<p>PLANNING MATTERS</p> <p>a) P26/V0022/HH – Greenway Cottage, The Greenway. First-floor extension above current double garage to provide master bedroom with en-suite and dressing area, including formation of gabled dormer windows to front and rear, front extension of garage in line with existing porch, partial garage conversion to create WC, snug and utility rooms, rebuilding of front canopy, single-storey rear extension to create dining/garden room with sedum roof and bi-folding doors, replacement windows and external redecoration, installation of rooflights, and associated internal reconfiguration. Response due by 6th February. Cllr Evans abstained from the discussion. It was agreed that a site visit was required and a response would be agreed by email. Proposed Cllr Axel-Berg, Seconded Cllr Pill. RESOLVED.</p> <p>b) P26/V0118/T28 – Near Hill Farm, Ginge Road. Installation of 1 x 9m Light Wooden Pole. No date given for response. No comment.</p>	HAB
12/26	<p>CONSULTATIONS</p> <p>a) Statutory SESRO consultation – closed on 13th January. The PC response had been submitted. It was felt that the Parish Council should be independent and not join forces with other parishes in submitting a response. Concern was expressed over the A417 since a significant amount of construction traffic would use that route. There was no information available about the proposed pipeline to Southern Water.</p>	
13/26	<p>FINANCE</p> <p>a) Payments. The payments made since the last meeting were all agreed. Proposed Cllr Axel-Berg, Seconded Cllr Pill. RESOLVED.</p>	
14/26	<p>CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>None.</p>	
15/26	<p>NEWSLETTER ITEMS</p> <p>None.</p>	
16/26	<p>AOB (for information only)</p> <p>a) Playing field and defibrillator inspections: Cllr Evans –</p>	

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	January/Cllr Pill February.	
17/26	DATE OF NEXT MEETING Thursday 12 th March 2026	

The meeting closed at 20.45

Signed

Dated

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