

WEST HENDRED PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of West Hendred Parish held on Thursday 12 March 2026 at 7.30pm At West Hendred Village Hall

Present: Cllr Dave Clayton (Chair), Cllr Hugo Axel-Berg, Cllr Matthew Evans, Cllr Claire Pill,

Clerk/Finance Officer: Julia Evans

District Councillor:

County Councillor: Cllr Jane Hanna

Members of the Public:

		Action:
18/26	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllr Lloyd and District Cllr James.	
19/26	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None	
20/26	MINUTES OF LAST MEETING The minutes of the meetings held on 22 January 2026 were approved and signed. Proposed Cllr Pill, Seconded Cllr Axel-Berg. RESOLVED.	
21/26	MATTERS ARISING a) Trees on The Greenway. The tree survey had been completed. No work was required to the tree that a resident had complained about. The Parish Council agreed that it would action the work if the resident would pay for it. Clerk to write to the resident. Clerk to write to Bidwells about the tree work required in the Playing Field.	Clerk
22/26	PUBLIC OPEN FORUM No public present,	
23/26	UPDATE ON CROSSING ON A417 Work was due to start on 16 th March and would last for 10 weeks.	
24/26	COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT The Parish Council was asked for views on the proposed traffic management during the crossing construction. It was to be manned from 7am to 8pm. The length of time for the construction was questioned. Options for LGR were outlined. It would be necessary to ensure the villages were enabled. The level of local social services was questioned. It was felt that this would not change. Funding was questioned. It was felt that counties would not be relevant in the new organisation. Cllr Hanna asked for views from the village on access to health care. She asked that the Council sends out a communication to the village. Work is progressing on the Community Hospital in Wantage and it should be open next summer. It was noted that improvements were required to GP services, but GP practises were having problems with recruitment. Cllr Hanna was thanked for attending.	Clerk/SL
25/26	DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT A written report was circulated.	

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26/26	PLAYING FIELD The wobbly post had been fixed. There were no issues reported on the latest inspection.	
27/26	UPDATE ON PROPOSED RESERVOIR Sllr Axel-Berg had attended an update meeting. The slides from the meeting had been circulated. The Statutory Consultation had finished and cost comparisons were being evaluated. A contractor was to be appointed in 2027. Discussions were taking place with landowners about environmental aspects. Lorry routes were still being considered. Work was unlikely to start until 2029/30. The pipeline to Southern Water was a separate project and the route was not currently known. A new page was to be added to the website where the slides and future communications would be posted. Cllr Axel-Berg volunteered to be the parish representative.	Clerk
28/26	PLANNING MATTERS None.	
29/26	CONSULTATIONS a) Local Government Reorganisation. It was agreed to support the two councils option. Proposed Cllr Clayton, Seconded Cllr Axel-Berg. RESOLVED. Cllr Clayton to develop the response for the Clerk to submit.	DC
30/26	FINANCE a) Payements. The payments made since the last meeting were all agreed. Proposed Cllr Clayton, Seconded Axel-Berg. RESOLVED. b) Request for grant from HEG. It was agreed not to award a grant at this time. c) Approval of funds to go into EMR at year end. The proposal was approved. Proposed Cllr Axel-Berg, Seconded Cllr Clayton. RESOLVED. d) Changes required as a result of Assertion 10. The main changed was to the Council's domain name and website. Clerk and Cllr Axel-Berg to research options.	Clerk/HAB
31/26	ANNUAL REVIEWS The following were reviewed and adopted: a) Standing Orders b) Financial Regulations c) Risk Assessment Proposed Cllr Clayton, Seconded Cllr Axel-Berg. RESOLVED.	
32/26	ANNUAL PARISH MEETING It was agreed that the the Annual Council meeting would be held first, at 6.30pm, followed by the ordinary council meeting and then the Annual Parish Meeting. It was suggested that residents could come and speak to Cllr Hanna about access to health services. Clerk to check Cllr Hanna's availability.	Clerk
33/26	CORRESPONDENCE Appointment of Grass Cutting contractors: It was agreed that Mr Rance would be appointed to cut the furlong and Mr Tarrant would be appointed to cut the Playing Field. Proposed Cllr Clayton, Seconded Cllr Axel-Berg. RESOLVED.	
34/26	NEWSLETTER ITEMS a) Reservoir update b) Consultation on accessing Health Care	

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35/26	AOB (for information only) a) Playing field and defibrillator inspections: Cllr Clayton – April/Cllr Lloyd - May.	
36/26	DATE OF NEXT MEETING Thursday 14 th May 2026 at 6.30pm	

The meeting closed at 20.50

Signed

Dated

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