

WEST HENDRED PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of West Hendred Parish held on Thursday 19th September 2024 at 7.30pm At West Hendred Village Hall

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

Clerk/Finance Officer: Julia Evans

District Councillor: Cllr Sarah James

County Councillor:

**Members of the
Public:**

		Action:
85/24	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllr Clayton.	
86/24	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None.	
87/24	MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS The minutes of the meetings held on 11 th July 2024 were reviewed and approved. Proposed Cllr Pill, Seconded Cllr Evans. RESOLVED. The minutes were signed.	
88/24	OPEN FORUM Nothing.	
89/24	MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES a) Noticeboard Maintenance – Clerk to check if the work had been completed/. b) SID Poles and unit – carried forward	Clerk Clerk
90/24	UPDATE ON PROPOSED CROSSING ON A417 AND VARIOUS SPEED REDUCTION MEASURES Details had been sent from Oxfordshire County Council. Cllr Lloyd to circulate.	SL
91/24	DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT A written report had been circulated. At the meeting Cllr James reported: a) Joint Local Plan. The Council had voted to move this to Regulation 19 consultation. After this the plan will go to an inspector. b) Reservoir. The Water Resource Management Plan had been approved by Government. The Vale had written in protest. Cllr James expressed concerns about the emergency discharge plans. Cllr Lloyd to ask the village whether a GARD banner should be displayed. There was an open consultation on the EIA scoping for the reservoir. Southern Water has opened a consultation on their management plan which includes a pipeline running from the proposed reservoir due south over the North Wessex downs. c) HUG2 grant – this was available for heating upgrades, especially for those not on mains gas. Cllr James to send details. d) Parking Fine Scams – The Vale was warning about scam	SL SJ

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	<p>parking fine texts. The Vale would never send texts about parking fines.</p> <p>Cllr James was asked about ARAP schemes. She had no news other than what was happening at Shrivenham. It was noted that refugee children were being bussed in to The Hendreds school.</p> <p>Cllr James was thanked for attending.</p>	
92/24	<p>COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT No report.</p>	
93/24	<p>PLAYING FIELD</p> <p>a) Playground Inspection. (Cllr Clayton for August/ Cllr Lloyd for September). The September inspection had not yet been completed. Cllr Axel-Berg had cut back the bush by the gate.</p> <p>b) Review of RoSPA report. All the high risk items had been addressed.</p> <p>c) Agility Trail. Cllr Evans had circulated details of three quotes. There were questions on longevity and guarantee from the preferred supplier. The quote from Proludic was approved subject to the inclusion of metal shoes and the confirmation of the guarantee on the wood, a breakdown of the prelim costs. The supplier was to be informed that the old agility trail had already been removed. Proposed Cllr Axel-Berg, Seconded Cllr Pill. Cllr Evans that thanked for his work on this.</p> <p>d) Village tidiness. Clerk to inform the contractor that The Furlong was to be cut in March, May, July and September.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ME</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Clerk</p>
94/24	<p>PLANNING MATTERS</p> <p>a) Proposal for development at Ardington. There was nothing to report.</p> <p>b) New applications. None.</p>	
95/24	<p>WINTER SALT REQUIREMENTS Clerk to request 6 small bags to be stored at Sparsholt Court.</p>	Clerk
	FINANCIAL MATTERS	
96/24	<p>Ratification of August payments. The payments totalling £599.50 were ratified. Proposed Cllr Lloyd, Seconded Cllr Pill. RESOLVED.</p>	
97/24	<p>Approval of September Payments The payments totalling £691.10 were approved. Proposed Cllr Lloyd. Seconded Cllr Pill. RESOLVED.</p>	
98/24	<p>APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITOR Lightatouch was appointed, Proposed Cllr Axel-Berg, Seconded Cllr Lloyd. RESOLVED.</p>	
99/24	<p>REVIEW OF FINANCIAL REGULATIONS The new financial regulations were reviewed and adopted. Proposed Cllr Axel-Berg, Seconded Cllr Pill. RESOLVED.</p>	
100/24	<p>OALC SUBSCRIPTION INCREASE The consultation was considered. There was no comment.</p>	
101/24	<p>MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>a) SESRO (Reservoir) EIA Scoping Consultation – closes 25th September. The Parish Council had no comment.</p> <p>b) Vale Deep Cleanse/ Footpath from Brewer’s Cottage to the Church to be requested.</p>	Clerk
102/24	<p>NEWSLETTER ITEMS</p> <p>a) GARD Banner</p> <p>b) HUG2 grant</p> <p>c) Parking fines scam</p> <p>d) Update on crossing</p>	
103/24	<p>AOB (for information only)</p> <p>a) Playing Field & Defibrillator inspections: Cllr Evans – October.</p>	

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	Cllr Pill – November. b) Some trees on The Greenway look almost dead. Clerk to check tree survey. c) Dog Poo signs, Cllr Pill to get some printed and installed. d) Bus Shelter Refurbishment	Clerk CP HAB
104/24	DATE OF NEXT MEETING Thursday 7 th November 2024 in the Village Hall.	

The meeting closed at 21.00

Signed

Dated