

WEST HENDRED PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of West Hendred Parish held on Thursday 14 May 2026 at 7.10pm At West Hendred Village Hall

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

Clerk/Finance Officer: Julia Evans

District Councillor: Cllr Sarah James

County Councillor: Cllr Jane Hanna

Members of the Public:

		Action:
49/26	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE None	
50/26	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None	
51/26	MINUTES OF LAST MEETING The minutes of the meetings held on 12 March 2026 were approved and signed. Proposed Cllr Clayton, Seconded Cllr Axel-Berg. RESOLVED.	
52/26	MATTERS ARISING a) Trees on The Greenway. No response from Corpus Christi. Clerk to chase.	Clerk
53/26	PUBLIC OPEN FORUM No public present,	
54/26	UPDATE ON CROSSING ON A417 Cllr Hanna had met with the contractors carrying out the installation. Traffic issues had been caused by people skipping the lights. It was felt that it general traffic had been well managed. The lack of sight lines on the southern side of the A417, to the east of the works was raised as an issue. Cllr Axel-Berg to report on Fix My Street.	HAB
55/26	COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT There was a push for health care in the community. Government funding was tied to getting people out of hospital and making them more independent at home. Wantage Hospital would be completed this year. It will mean fewer people will need to drive to Oxford for health care. A report of General Practise was due soon. Cllr Hanna was thanked for attending.	
56/26	DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT A written report was circulated. At the meeting it was reported that a holding objection had been submitted for the Mather House application in East Hendred. There was no information on the formation of a Strategic Authority yet. An explanation of LGR was given, but decisions were not expected until later in the year. The Vale's planning software had been changed. Cllr James was thanked for attending.	
57/26	PLAYING FIELD No issues reported.	
58/26	UPDATE ON PROPOSED RESERVOIR Cllr Axel-Berg had attended an update meeting. Comments from the	

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	consultation were to be published in the summer. Cllr James noted that there was a lot of information that would be required by the planning inspectorate that had not yet been consulted on. She expected details for the southern water link to be available soon.	
59/26	PLANNING MATTERS a) P26/V1119/HH – College Farm House – conversion of workshop within existing timber framed garage to an office and playroom – response due by 21 st May. No objections.	
60/26	CONSULTATIONS None.	
61/26	FINANCE a) Payments. The payments made since the last meeting were all agreed. Proposed Cllr Clayton, Seconded Cllr Lloyd. RESOLVED. b) The Finance report was received and noted. c) Proposals for a new website were considered. Cllr Evans to investigate options. d) Request for grant from West Hendred PCC. Their costs had increased significantly and the amount requested was more than had been budgeted. It was agreed that a sum of £350 could be made available but reassurances were required that there had been due diligence.	ME Clerk
62/26	CORRESPONDENCE None.	
63/26	NEWSLETTER ITEMS a) Health information from the latest Health newsletter.	
64/26	AOB (for information only) a) Playing field and defibrillator inspections: Cllr Pill – June/Cllr Axe-Berg - July.	
65/26	DATE OF NEXT MEETING Thursday 23 rd July 2026 at 7.30pm	

The meeting closed at 20.17

Signed

Dated