

WEST HANNEY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON: Tuesday 16th January 2018 in St James Church at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Cllrs. C. Surman (Chairman), Kay Sayers (Cllr. & Clerk), Trevor Brettell, Eddie Wilkinson & Graham Garner

ATTENDEES: A. Wilkinson, J. Stagg, J. Peacock, C. Green. J. White, W Falkenau.

APOLOGIES: None

1/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

2/18 MINUTES OF LAST MEETINGS

Minutes of last meeting accepted and signed.

3/18 MATTERS ARISING

None.

4/18 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our previous Parish Clerk has now resigned her position. Kay has spent considerable time putting the correspondence and meeting minutes back in order which the parish councillors were very grateful for and thanked her very much.

There is a significant problem of mud on the main road through West Hanney which has been communicated to M. Barber to see if he could get it rectified. So far this has not happened and so the Council is considering setting up a working party to do it. We have also requested help in getting a 30 mph slow down speed sign also without any success yet.

5/18 CLERK'S REPORT

It should be noted that our financial reports are required to be included on our web-site with our minutes.

OCC are looking for sites for mineral extraction and waste disposal.

A number of Invoices were lost by the previous clerk and Kay has managed to get replacements and make the appropriate payments.

The precept paperwork has now been received and will be processed.

6/18 FINANCIAL REPORT - Kay

We have £11578 in our current account. The report is attached.

We have the precept forms to be completed which includes our request for any increase for the next financial year. It was agreed that we should request an increase to the precept equal to the rate of inflation. An increase of 3% will be requested. This will increase the precept to £6595. **CS signed off the appropriate paperwork.**

7/18 PARISH CLERK VACANCY

We have a vacancy for Parish Council Clerk, which Kay is currently filling as a temporary measure. It has been suggested that we could engage the current EHPC Clerk to supply these services to us. This was debated and agreed that we did not want to pursue this offer. The option of asking an existing Parish Clerk from another village will be considered if we are unable to find a volunteer to do the work.

Chris Surman took an action to follow up with other Parish Councils to see if they know of an existing clerk that would support us.

8/18 PLANNING

P17/V1368/FUL – 35 Dwellings off school road

The evidence that the entrance from this proposed development onto Winter Lane is safe is in dispute by the council and a number of residents and we need to reinforce this with Mr Wellbeloved of OCC by submitting additional photographic and documentary evidence. There is a dispute over the speed survey which appears to have been done when there were 'slow, mud on road signs erected' which would skew the results and give a false impression of the actual vehicle speeds. There is also concern of the angle of the photographic evidence which does not adequately show the splays onto the road. The date for submission has been extended to 19th January 2018. **Action Eddie Wilkinson.** Ideally we would like M. Barber's support in making sure that this application goes to committee so that there can be a full discussion.

We also want to make sure that the proposed footpath along the perimeter to the school is completed even if the planning is refused for this larger development.

P17/V2430/HH - & Elderberry Close – Permission Granted. No further comments.

P17/V2640/HH Lamb Cottage – Permission Granted. No further comments

P17/V3407/PAR – Agricultural Building off The Meads.

There is a plan to convert a recently erected agricultural building to a residence for the owner of the farm to live in. This comes under permitted development and as such the Parish Council is only informed and cannot object on planning grounds. Not all residents that will be affected

by this have been informed of this plan, this refers to the two householders in the Meads that have a shared drive.

56 Houses at Townsend. This application was refused some time ago and so far there has been no request for an appeal of the decision.

9/18 PARISH LAND OUTSIDE CHURCH

There is an area of gravelled land outside the Church that needs attention as it is worn. It was agreed to ask Jason to give us a price for rectifying this. **Action Kay**

10/18 CHERRY ORCHARD DRIVEWAYS NUMBERS 3 & 4

Two letters have been received requesting that they encroach on up to 8 inches either side onto Parish land to widen their driveways. On the basis that this would remain Parish land the council had no objection. **Action Chris to inform the residents**

11/18 COMMUNITY WOODLAND

A Kissing gate has been ordered and will be delivered shortly. A small working party will be required to install it. **Action Paul Sayers (Chairman of Woodland Committee)**

A grant has been applied for from The Michaelmas Fayre to pay for a new picnic table.

Additional wood chips have been spread out on the walkways.

12/18 Neighbourhood Plan

Graham and Eddie have made very good progress in completing the West Hanney Community plan and have also made some adjustments to make it more concise. We will be ready to send our draft to the Vale in February which is slightly ahead of the East Hanney plan. We will aim to get the two villages' plans back in synchronisation so that we can have a single referendum date. The referendum gives the members of the Parish an opportunity to cast their vote on whether they want to accept the plan.

13/18 DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

27th February 2018 and 24th April 2018

Signed

(Chairman West Hanney Parish Council)

Date