

WEST HANNEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING

HELD ON: Tues. 03/11/2015 in St James Church at 7.30pm

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

Attendees: Mrs. B Haines, Mr. C Rice, Mrs. J Hazard & Mrs. E Woodhouse

70/15 APOLOGIES

None

71/15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

72/15 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Minutes of 22/09/2015 agreed & signed.

73/15 MATTERS ARISING

KS still to contact Mike Vickars regarding the cutting of the grass outside of The Old Forge.

74/15 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Has had meetings with Glen Chapman (Sweetcroft), James Smith (The Old Dower House), Alison Trowell (The Old Vicarage) & Bryn Davies (Lamb Cottage) regarding development of the old orchard.

CS & KS had attended a reception on 23/10/15 held by Grove PC.

The PC's solicitors have advised it that land in The Meads cannot be registered in its name. This is to be investigated further.

As Government is making more cutbacks, OCC require Parishes to do more maintenance.

Mark Sacco has died following a long illness. The PC expressed sympathy to partner & family.

75/15 CLERK'S REPORT

Gallows Ham – A letter has been sent to the current occupier stating that as he has not use the land for 2 years and it has been neglected, his tenancy agreement would not be renewed.

A request for 2nd half of year rent has been sent to HYFC.

Mrs. Keane from Marela House has stripped the ivy off her wall and dumped it on The Green belonging to WH. She phoned the Vale and asked for it to be taken away & was told she had been fly tipping & it wasn't their responsibility. I met with Mrs. Keane & Colin Marshall (Vale Environment Warden) to discuss the way forward. Mrs. Keane is to ask if it could be taken away and used for the village bonfire. If not WH will have to arrange disposal.

76/15 PLANNING

P15/V2291/FUL Land off Church Farm. The proposed drainage of surface water from the site was discussed. It was suggested that the existing pipes in School Rd were too small to accommodate the proposed pipes planned for the new development. Also the ditches were not adequate as they did not discharge into pipes/water courses. This could mean that the houses adjoining the development are flooded after heavy rain.

AP CS to contact Glen Chapman and arrange a meeting with him & C. Rice.

P15/V2366/FUL Land off Rectory Farm Close. Bellway have asked to modify the boundary fencing to the north & west of the development. PC has no objections.

P15/V2478/FUL Botney Meadows. Developer has asked that, due to changes in law, the building was no longer required to achieve level 4 of the Code for sustainable homes and that condition should be dropped. PC has no objections.

77/15 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

The defibrillator has finally been received. It is to be attached to the garage of The Plough.

78/15 FINANCIAL REPORT

See attached report for 23/09/2015 to 02/11/2015

79/15 SCHOOL EXPANSION

It is intended to add extra classrooms to the school on the current playing field. OCC has contacted the PC regarding the use of the playing fields by the school. This would affect its use by HYFC. It was decided that a meeting should be held with EHPC to discuss in more detail.

AP KS to contact EH & arrange meeting.

80/15 CHURCH FARM/THE ORCHARD UPDATE

See para. 76/15.

Mrs. Woodhouse why the PC considered the orchard to be best for development. It was explained that the PC cannot stop development and if we strongly opposed the building of 5 houses the land may have been sold on and many more could have been proposed.

81/15 THE COMMUNITY WOODLAND

New gates have been delivered. These will make the woodland accessible to wheelchair users.

The Management report has not yet been received.

Sleepers will be obtained to upgrade footpath access from Cow Lane & to span drainage ditches. The stile at the bottom of the woodland is to be replaced & paid for by OCC.

Next volunteer day to be 21/11/15.

82/15 SPEED WATCH INITIATIVE

There has been 3 volunteers to co-ordinate the village volunteers. The kit has been purchased and is being tested. A rota for use is to be produced and training given.

83/15 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

GG attended a meeting in Didcot relating to housing & necessary facilities. WH have been working with EH on facilities but because of the housing developments planned for EH its PC have been fighting these and the neighbourhood plan has taken a back seat. EH is waiting to see the outcome of the planning applications.

WH to continue looking at parcels of land that might be suitable for development to comply with the 30 years projected needs. With only 5 cllrs. only a limited amount of work can be achieved.

84/15 COMMUNITY WEBSITE

A WH website was discussed. As it would be costly to set up it was decided to wait until the Hanney website was back on line and use that.

85/15 DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

15/12/15 & 02/02/16

Signed

(Chairman West Hanney Parish Council)

Date

