

## **WEST HANNEY PARISH COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF MEETING**

**HELD ON:** Tues. 15/12/2015 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

#### **86/15 APOLOGIES**

Cllr M Barber

#### **87/15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Eddie Wilkinson – Planning application P15/V2655/HH

#### **88/15 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

Minutes of 03/11/2015 agreed & signed.

#### **89/15 MATTERS ARISING**

Gallows Ham has been re-let wef 01/12/15.

Ivy on North Green has been removed by Ian Green – cost £52

Mr. Vicars has been contacted re Parish land outside his property. He would like PC to take back the upkeep.

School expansion. OCC would like to take over some of the playing fields, KS & CS plus 3 members of EHPC met with a representative of OCC. PC not prepared to have the area fenced off. Field not suitable to winter use & OCC were not prepared to pay for the provision for an all weather pitch.

During the meeting EH advised WHPC that S106 money had been negotiated for the addition of 2 extra tennis courts without any consultation with WHPC.

#### **90/15 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

GG has been contacted by M Allen re safety fencing around the Church Farm development. This has been blown down several times in the recent high winds. Sweetcroft has been contacted & have tied it down. This is a matter for health & safety & not a PC matter. Residents have complained about the road closures next to the development, proper access roads have now been constructed so this should no longer be necessary.

There have been problems with water pressure in the village. Thames Water have been contacted & are monitoring.

#### **91/15 CLERK'S REPORT**

Received a letter from the Lord-Lieutenant of Oxfordshire reminding PC that in June 2016 there will be a national celebration of the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. It wasn't thought that WHPC would be marking the occasion but would support any local initiative.

C. Kelland (The Meads) has complained about a 'dumped' car and the state of the gutters. Car has been removed & CS has already advertised in the Hanney News for volunteers to help clearing gutters with no response.

#### **92/15 PLANNING**

P15/V2291/FUL Land off Church Farm - Ongoing

P15/V2366/FUL Land off RFC – Ongoing

P15/V2478/FUL Botney Meadows – Permission Granted

P15/V2655/HH Jubilee Cottage – the PC raised no objections

P15/V2543/FUL Priors Court – The PC raised no objections

#### **93/15 FINANCIAL REPORT**

See attached report for 04/11/2015 to 15/12/2015

#### **94/15 PRECEPT**

After discussion it was decided to increase it by £450, this is mainly due to the fact that OCC are cutting services and the PC will have to do more general upkeep of the village.

#### **95/15 HANNEY WEBSITE**

It was decided that all PC meeting minutes should be available via the website. **AP KS to contact Angie Miller to see if it is possible for PC to put these on ourselves.**

#### **96/15 WATER METER**

The water meter does not seem to be recording water used. PC to check meter and then inform TW if this is the case.

#### **97/15 CHURCH FARM/ THE ORCHARD UPDATE**

The PC still needs to establish what The Vale means by a sustainable village. **AP CS to contact M Barber for definition.**

#### **98/15 COMMUNITY WOODLAND UPDATE**

Grant return form has been submitted on line.

Gates & stiles to be finished off. Maintenance of ditches to be carried out.

Meeting authorized the purchase of Stihl tools to help with the general upkeep of the Woodland.

#### **99/15 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE**

GG attended a meeting with EH. EH had put the plan on hold because of the work involved in objecting to the development of 400 houses in their parish.

Single steering group to be chaired by Stewart Scott. With subcommittees for various facilities. EW to work with Paul Arram.

However since that meeting the Chairman of EHPC has decided that it would be better for each PC to do a plan separately. **AP CS to contact Stewart Scott to find out why the change of mind. It is not viable for WH to do a plan on its own.**

#### **100/15 DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS**

02/02/16 & 22/03/16

Signed .....

(Chairman West Hanney Parish Council)

Date .....