

## **WEST HANNEY PARISH COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF MEETING**

**HELD ON:** Tues. 16<sup>th</sup> September 2014 in St James Church at 7.30pm

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

**Attendees:** Mrs. V Haines, Cllr Matthew Barber

#### **47/14 APOLOGIES**

None

#### **48/14 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

Minutes of 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2014 agreed & signed.

#### **49/14 MATTERS ARISING**

Broadband update. GG attended a meeting on 2/9/14 with the project team. It was stated that the update was always planned to be completed by Dec. 2014.

The current project team was not aware that a demand survey had been conducted & was surprised it was even done.

Openreach was putting the system in.

#### **50/14 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

MB thanked the PC for applying to have the Plough made a village asset. This would give the village time to see if it was viable to be bought by a village consortium.

A meeting re railway bridge on the A338 to be held on 2/10. Closure of road to be kept to a minimum. The railway bridge at Steventon we be close for several months but not at the same time.

Updated Vale plans are to be published internally this week and a final consultation will be held in November.

#### **51/14 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

CS has not yet managed to put up the keep off the grass signs in N. Green & Church Street. It was decided to ask local builder Mark Heyes to undertake the task.

Roy Williams is home from hospital & CS is to visit to retrieve old minute books & records of parish land.

The only village pub is up for sale & GG has been appointed vice-chair of The Plough committee. He was invited to give an update on the situation. GG stated that the committee thought it sensible to have a survey done to see if it was a viable proposition. This would cost approx. £120. WHPC agreed to pay up to £150 for this to be done but would expect the money back if a buyout went ahead.

## **52/14 PARISH CLERK'S REPORT**

Letters requesting tennis club rent & allotment rent had been sent out. Most of the monies now received.

Lionel Cousins was nominated for a community award. He received notice of success on his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Spoke to S Cakebread about grass in front of his cottage. He is to ask the man who cuts it for him to do the edges.

## **53/14 PLANNING**

P14/V1190/FUL RFC – Permission Granted

P14/V1148/HH Loaders Cottage – Permission Granted

P14/V1331/HH 4 Cherry Orchard – Permission Granted

P14/V1935/FUL Botney Meadows – PC has no objections

## **54/14 FINANCIAL REPORT**

See attached report for period 23/07/2014 to 16/09/2014

The external auditors BDO have concluded the audit of the accounts for y/e March 2014. No matters came to their attention which required the issuing of a separate additional issues arising report.

## **55/14 COMMUNITY WOODLAND**

GG reported that a New Homes Bonus Grant for £3415 had been applied for. This grant will only fund 60% of the £5530 needed. However as a part of the expenditure is to give a teacher from St James Primary School Forest School Training, the school is willing to provide a further £1800.

Projected expenditure:

£2,800 Forest School Training

£1,200 Woodland Management Plan

£500 Tools

£470 Signage

£500 Wheelchair accessible gates with radar padlocks & keys

£160 Safety equipment

Date of first working group 18/10/14

Group to have a stand at the Michaelmas Fayre to attract more volunteers.

Stewart Scott EHPC is looking into the possibility of upgrading the first section of Cow Lane as a part of the Hanney to Grove cycle path. This would help in ensuring all year round access for wheelchairs.

#### **56/14 BMX TRACK**

It is proposed that a track could be built on rough ground next to the school. After a discussion the PC thought that if the youth of the village could design & take responsibility for it, the idea was viable. It was noted that no lighting is available.

#### **57/14 DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS**

4/11/2014 & 16/12/2014

Signed .....

(Chairman of West Hanney Parish Council)

Date .....

