

WEST HANNEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING

HELD ON: Tues. 16/12/2014 in St James Church at 7.30pm

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

Attendees: Mrs. B Haines

71/14 APOLOGIES Cllr Matthew Barber

72/14 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Minutes of 14th November 2014 agreed & signed.

73/14 MATTERS ARISING

None

74/14 PARISH CLERKS REPORT

Attended a meeting with EHPC re the 200 houses proposed for EH in the Vale Local Plan. This is undesirable and WHPC will submit a report to the Vale opposing the development.

Attended a recent Neighbourhood Action Group meeting. The police stated that they would be holding ½ day courses on how to use community speed kits. It is envisaged that 2 people would monitor the speed of motorists & anyone exceeding the limit would be reported to the police. Warning letters would be issued. Police would monitor situation & if necessary do their own checks & issue penalties. The speed guns would have to be purchased by PCs. It was suggested that several PCs could club together.

Longworth are trialing the scheme. **KS to report on results of trial.**

75/14 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT'S

Contracts for the purchase of Church Farm & surrounding land have been signed. Purchasers Sweetcroft Homes Ltd.

It is understood that Neil Walker could be looking to develop land north of the village. Access to be through The Meads.

76/14 PLANNING

P14/V1935/FUL – Botney Meadows –Permission Granted

P14/V1139/HH & P14V1140/LB – Rectory Barn – Permission Granted

P14/V2396/HH – The White House - Permission Granted

P14 V2658/FUL – Farmhouse, Priors Court, discussed at meeting – no objections

77/14 FINANCIAL REPORT

See attached report for the period 17/9/14 to 04/11/14

It was decided to give a donation to the Village Hall to help with maintenance. An initial £500 was proposed with more if possible later in the financial year.

78/14 PRECEPT

After a brief discussion it was decided to increase it by £200 to £4,950 per annum.

79/14 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

None

80/14 ROY WILLIAMS

The PC wished to extend its sympathy to Roy's widow Mair. Roy died recently and was a Councillor for 37 years being Chairman for 34 of them.

81/14 THE HANNEY'S WEBSITE

The domain name is registered to Mark Sacco. He has been seriously ill & it was not possible to discuss with him the transfer to the PCs. He is a little better & GG will approach him so that the PCs can take over ownership.

82/14 COMMUNITY WOODLAND

A grant for £3,315 has been approved and when the money is received tools etc can be purchased.

83/14 THE PLOUGH

GG reported on recent developments. Initially £178,000 was pledged, this is not enough to buy the pub without a mortgage. If a private Ltd company was formed more people were willing to invest. This has been done and a bank account has been set up. The Hanney Community Association has been formed to facilitate share issuing. This assoc. will also spearhead other projects.

It was thought that this association could be in conflict with the role of the PCs. It was suggested that a member of each PC be on the management committee to report back to their PC.

84/14 NEW COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE

This was briefly discussed. **KS to ask M Barber to give a short presentation on the subject at the next PC meeting.**

85/14 DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

20/1/2015 & 3/3/2015

Signed

(Chairman of West Hanney Parish Council)

Date