

WEST HANNEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING

HELD ON: Tues. 18th March 2014 in St James Church at 7.30pm

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

Attendees: Cllr. Matthew Barber, P. Blustin, W. Falkenau, S. Geraghty, D. Iles & S. Wilkinson

13/14 APOLOGIES

None

14/14 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Minutes of 28th Jan. 2014 agreed & signed

15/14 COMMUNITY WOODLAND

The Chairman proposed that the Woodlands should be accepted by the PC and maintained for the village. After a vote the PC resolved to take over the Woodland.

The documents for transfer of the land to the Parish Council from the estate of the late Nigel Eady have been received from Land Registry. These are to be checked for accuracy.

A committee will be set up to manage the Woodland and will have to report back to the PC. Dudley Iles stated that any plans will have to be long term (20 years +) and would have to include routine maintenance. He has a contact (David Rees ex Woodland Trust) who could be of help.

AP. KS to set up first meeting of Management Committee when legal matters completed.

Grants are to be investigated. Matthew Barber suggested that The Vale has a Capital Grants Scheme which although closed for this financial year would be worth pursuing next year.

AP. GG to pursue.

The village school has an Environment Club and wish to become involved with the management and use the Woodland as a teaching aid.

16/14 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

M. Barber gave a brief presentation on the Draft Local Plan. The smaller sites identified for development will be delivered first.

A group has been set up and suggests that a Garden City between E. Hanney & Steventon could be an alternative to the numerous small developments. This not feasible as the housing will not be delivered quickly enough.

There was a general discussion on the proposed East Hanney site.

17/14 PLANNING

P14/V0042/HH. Lamb Cottage School Rd. Permission granted 24/2/14

P14/V0034/RM. Land off Rectory Farm Close – No decision

P14/V0283/FUL Botney Meadows – No decision

18/14 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Complaints have been received over parking on the grass verge by the dog bin in Church St. The verge is being eroded. This is County Council Land.

A complaint has been received about cart horses being grazed on the village green. The green is being damaged by hooves.

A notice is being put in the Hanney News asking for both practices to stop.

The PC's solicitor has asked whether it wants full searches to be done on the land on which the woodland stands. **AP. CS to ask for cost. It may be cheaper to take out an insurance.**

19/14 CLERK'S REPORT

HANNEY NEWS

Contacted Chris French and asked further details as to why the PC was being invoiced. Hanney News now has more pages and consequently the cost of production has gone up. The advertising rates had not been put up and he hoped that within a couple of years the paper would be back in profit. He considered that the PC's contribution was a donation. He was told that it would be a one off donation as the PC would hopefully have the Woodland to finance next year and would not be in a position to give donations.

PLAYING FIELDS

Informed EHPC that the only people using WHPC's playing fields is HYFC and they have already got an agreement, it was not considered necessary at present to update it.

DEMENTIA AWARENESS

E-mailed Hazel Abraham and have received no reply. Noticed that notices for meetings have been displayed in the bus shelter.

HANNEY WEBSITE

Advised EHPC that payment to maintain website likely to be £100 per year. Awaiting formal reply.

LOCAL PLAN

I attended a meeting on 4/3/14 re the new Local Plan. Representing The Vale were M. Barber, Mike Murray, Adrian Duffield, Mark Williams & Derek MacKenzie.

The main point was 20,560 houses needed in the Vale by 2031. Giving an increase in population of approx. 40%

The meeting was not convinced that the infrastructure would be put in place to cope with this increase in population.

20/14 FINANCIAL REPORT

See attached

21/14 VICARS PIECE

At present not being used by current tenant. **AP CS to contact Des Thomas.**

22/14 DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

06/05/14 Annual Parish Meeting & 20/05/14 Annual Council Meeting

Signed -----

(Chairman West Hanney Parish Council)

Date -----

