

WEST HANNEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON: Tues. 20th May 2014 in St James Church at 7.30pm

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

Attendees: Mrs V Haines

23/14 APOLOGIES

None

24/14 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

EW proposed that Chris Surman continued as Chairman. GG seconded the proposal. CS indicated that he was willing to continue. All Cllrs. voted for CS to be Chairman.

25/14 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Minutes of 18th March 2014 agreed & signed. Minutes of Annual Council meeting 7/5/2013 agreed & signed.

26/14 PARISH CLERK'S REPORT

Annual Accounts have been completed and internal audit carried out on 29/4/14.

Vat Return submitted.

GG & CS booked on to Town & Country Forum on 17/6/14

Houses on Old Workshop land being sold. Letter from solicitors asking if PC was still willing to allow access to properties over Parish Land. Replied in the affirmative.

27/14 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chancel Liability. Legal searches undertaken during the transfer of ownership of the Community Woodland discovered that the land may be liable for a chancel charge. P.Karney Treasurer of the PCC had informed the PC that when West Hanney House was sold to a Mr. Jackson in 1887 the Church Commissioners agreed to take on the liability of the repair of the Chancel of St James the Great, West Hanney. This was confirmed by the Church Commissioners in Feb. 2013. Their letter stated that 'The Commissioners have sole chancel repair liability and stand ready to fund all eligible repairs'. It was decided that it was not necessary to take out insurance.

28/14 PLANNING

P14/V0034/RM. Land off Rectory Farm Close – Permission Granted

P14/V0283/FUL Botney Meadows – Permission Granted

P14/V0483/HH 8 School Rd – Permission Granted
P14/V0496/HH Cherry Orchard House – Permission Granted
P14/V0546/HH 2 Winter Lane – Permission Granted

Discussed the need to retain hard copies of plans. To be retained until building completed.

29/14 FINANCE

See attached report for the period 19/3/14 to 20/5/14.

Annual Accounts for the y/e 31/3/14 submitted to the Council and were approved and duly signed by the Chairman.

Annual government statement 2013/14 signed by Chairman.

30/14 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

None

31/14 COMMUNITY WOODLAND

The final bill for the costs of transferring the Woodland has been received from our Solicitors. The amount is £817.40 less £300 paid on account.

An official handing over ceremony is to be arranged. CS has approached Mrs Snewin (head mistress of St James Primary School) so that children can be involved.

After the ceremony a meeting is to be arranged for all interested people to form a management committee.

GG reported that he had looked into grants and all Government based ones have been closed. Forestry Commission offers a Woodland Planning Grant. The Vale may be able to help (Community Grants). There is also the possibility of pairing up with a timber company who will fell the timber.

32/14 NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

It was decided that no donation would be given to it.

33/14 NORTH GREEN

Following the query from solicitors re right of access over Parish Land a general discussion revealed that there was a need for a detailed map of the land owned by WHPC to be drawn up.

AP CS to contact Roy Williams to seek help.

Residents of N. Green have complained about the state of the land owned by Treble-Parker in the centre of the Green. Cllr. Matthew Barber to be contacted about compulsory purchase by The Vale.

This posed the question who would maintain the green in the proposed Rectory Farm Close development. This to be pursued after development started.

34/14 HANNEY PRE-SCHOOL

EH & WH have been approached to formally recognize the contribution of 2 retiring members of the pre-school. It was suggested by GG that the PCs could award a 'Hanneys Communities Champion Award' certificate. **AP CS to contact Bob Spencer to see if this would be acceptable to EH.**

35/14 DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

22/7/14 & 16/9/14

Signed -----

(Chairman West Hanney Parish Council)

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