

WEST HANNEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING

HELD ON: Tues. 22nd July 2014 in St James Church at 7.30pm

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

Attendees: Mrs. V Haines, Mrs. S Surman & Mrs. J Gascoigne.

36/14 APOLOGIES

Cllr. Trevor Brettell & Cllr. Matthew Barber.

37/14 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Minutes of 20th May 2014 agreed & signed.

38/14 WOODLAND

Members of both East & West Hanney attended. They were interested in helping with the future management of the Community woodland and forming a steering group.

G.G. attended a meeting run by The Vale regarding grants available on 15/7. He gave the meeting feedback on what may be available to help with the woodland.

It was suggested by P Crème that if the Woodland became a trust grants may be more forthcoming.

Des. Thomas has volunteered to keep cutting the rides & Alan Cotterell has stated his willingness to cut back some of the hedges.

A reporter from the Wantage Herald attended the handover ceremony but nothing was published. G.G. suggested that photos taken at the time could be used to produce a display at the Hanney Fayre.

Sharon Wilkinson is a point of contact for the school.

Gerald Chaffey suggested that Dudley Iles, who has done so much for the woodland in the past, should be a temporary chairman for the group to take the project forward. Interested parties were asked to open a discussion amongst themselves to take the thing forward.

The PC continued with its meeting.

39/14 MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING

Broadband update. The cabinets are in but will not be enabled until the end of the year. The Hanneys have slipped down the list of when villages are to go live. G.G. is to send a letter expressing disappointment & fury at the treatment of the two villages. Villages with less need have been connected before us. Copies to ED Vaisey & Matthew Barber.

G.G. gave feedback on the Town & Country Forum attended on 17/6/2014.

The consultation on the Vale's Local Plan received 2.5 thousand replies. It is to be reviewed and an update will be produced in Oct.

S106 monies to be called community infrastructure fund. Developers are to be encouraged to consult with PCs and District over necessary infrastructure needed for new developments. If a new development is more than 10% of the existing housing stock consultancy is mandatory. A new community infrastructure project manager has been appointed.

Flooding – a multifunctional response group has been set up which appears to be working well.

Snow Clearance – farmers can be contacted by PC to clear **non gritted** roads but OCC highways must be keep informed.

Social Media. It is expected that this will be used more & more by PCs to inform parishioners of activities within the villages. A draft policy for use has been produced.

40/14 PARISH CLERK'S REPORT

Was advised by A. Arboricultural Officer that there was a dead elm tree on Gallows Ham close to the road. Asked Ian Green if he could take it down. This has been done.

Had a call from the new owner of 2 The Old Workshop that his grass hadn't been cut. Advised him that in a small village the owner of a property usually maintains the area around his house.

Attended a meeting with the neighbourhood police on 17/7/14. Advised them of the Michaelmas fayre date. Condition of insurance if road is to be closed.

Voiced the concern of residents re speeding in Winter Lane & Main St.

These areas will be added to their list of sites to check

Discovered that when there are road restrictions through temporary traffic lights etc., any problem with cars parked & blocking way is a matter for OCC highways as police have no legal powers!

41/14 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

C.S. reported that people with clip boards have been seen on 1st field on right out of the village towards Denchworth. More housing? This is flood plain and road alongside is closed due to flooding regularly in the winter. Access may be possible via the Meads but the access is not registered to anyone according to Land Registry. PC to register it?

42/14 PLANNING

P14/V1167/DIS RFC

P14/V1190/FUL RFC – Permission Granted

P14/V1233/DIS RFC

P14/V1148/HH Loaders Cottage – Permission Granted

P14/V1331/HH 4 Cherry Orchard

P14/V1407/DIS Botney Meadows

43/14 FINANCIAL REPORT

See attached report for period 21/05/2014 to 22/07/2014

44/2014 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

See attached

45/14 CHURCH PATH

The path has now been completed & the PC has been asked for a donation of £250 towards the cost. It was decided to send £500 to cover church path & a donation towards the upkeep of the church as the PC uses it for its meetings.

The path is now uneven due to the recent heavy rain washing away some of the finer material & exposing the large stones.

46/14 DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

16/9/2014 & 4/11/2014

Signed

(Chairman of West Hanney Parish Council)

Date