

West Hanney Parish Council

Annual Meeting of the Parish Council Held on Tuesday 07th May 2019 At 7.30pm at St James Church

PRESENT: Cllrs Chris Surman (Chairman), Eddie Wilkinson, Graham Garner, David Corps and Barbara Martin (Clerk)

APOLOGIES: Trevor Brettell

ATTENDEES: M Trowell, A Trowell, P Packham, C Rice, J Hazard, B Haines, J Stagg, M Allen, A Wilkinson, and K Sayers.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN:

Graham Garner was proposed by Chris Surman and Seconded by David Corps and was duly elected unanimously to serve as Chairman. With the election of Graham Garner, Chris Surman, having fulfilled his duties as retiring Chairman, stood down.

01/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None

02/19 MINUTES OF LAST ANNUAL MEETING:

Minutes of last Annual meeting accepted and signed as a true record. Also signed as a true record were the minutes of the last regular meeting held on the 16th April 2019.

03/19 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF LAST REGULAR MEETING:

As last regular meeting did not have a quorum these were ratified by those who were in attendance on the 16th April 2019.

04/19 CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The new Chairman stated that he had two items to talk about, the first being a notification from VWHDC, which stated that they were going to complete a Deep Clean of the village between 17th and 19th July 2019. They asked the parish council to provide them with any areas that they would like them to specifically clean. The chairman asked Jim Stagg to put this in the next addition of The Hanney News, and also those residents attending the meeting to let him know if they had any specific areas that required a deep clean, so that the council could let VWHDC know before the 17th July.

The second item was the vacancy on the parish council for a councillor. The chairman welcomed Mr Peter Packham to the meeting who has expressed an interest in becoming a councillor. The chairman also stated that the parish council would advertise the vacancy around the village and also asked for it to be put in the next addition of The Hanney News. Once this has been done and if we receive any more applications for the vacancy then the council would speak to all those who expressed an interest and decide who they think would be most suitable to becoming a councillor.

Finally, the chairman thanked the two ex-councillors, Chris Surman and Kay Sayers, who had stood down at the election for their outstanding service to the parish, which had been 28 years between them.

05/19 OALC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

The Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils has contacted the Parish Council, to ask if any of our councillors would be prepared to volunteer for their Executive Committee. After a short discussion it was decided that at the moment, we were not in a position to do this.

06/19 ABINGDON RESERVOIR

Eddie Wilkinson informed the meeting that he had filed an objection to the reservoir on behalf of the council, and that GARD had also filed an objection. The chairman stated that he thought there would possibly be two public enquiries, but that they were awaiting news from the secretary of state to the validity of this.

07/19 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The chairman gave a brief description of how the neighbourhood plan worked and what would happen once it was adopted. The chairman also stated that the initial response from the residents of West Hanney about the setting up of the plan had been very high. The chairman went on to say that it had taken a long time to reach their present position. The plan is about to be submitted to the Vale for comments, which will need to be addressed before final approval of the Vale, at which time a consultation period with the residents should take place. It is hoped that all this should be done by later this year. Once the plan has been approved and adopted then the parish should receive funds from any developments that are started for infrastructure improvements etc.

08/19 PLANNING:

P18/V1498/FUL – Path along side School Road - ongoing

P18/V0047/FUL – Deans Farm – Granted 30/4/19

P19/V0707/HH - The Old Vicarage Church Street – ongoing

09/19 FLOOD GROUP STORAGE HUT

A short discussion was held as to whether the Parish Council should be able to insure the hut. It was decided that the Flood Group should insure the hut themselves, and that we would consider giving them a donation towards this cost. Also, it was suggested that someone should talk to Paul Aram, as he has a similar building for the Youth Football Club, which he has to insure.

10/19 BANK ACCOUNT:

A short discussion was held about the possibility of changing our Bank Account to an account that we can send and receive BACS payments from and also have our own cheque book.

As the clerk was seeing Guy Langton in two days' time so that he could show her what type of account East Hanney Parish Council had, it was decided to await the outcome of this meeting.

Dates of Next Meetings -

18/06/19 Regular WHPC Meeting -7.30pm

29/07/19 Regular WHPC Meeting - 7.30pm

SIGNED CHAIRMAN

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