

WEST HANNEY PARISH MEETING

**Held on Tuesday 18th June 2019
At St James Church at 7.30pm**

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

ATTENDEES: B Haines, P Sayers, A Wilkinson and J Stagg

APOLOGIES: Peter Packham

11/19 Declarations of Interest

None

12/19 Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of last meeting held on 7th May 2019 were signed as a true record.

13/19 Matters Arising

As the council has received no requests to have the County Council Deep Clean their particular area of West Hanney when they come between 17th and 19th July, the chairman has asked Jim Stagg to put a notice in the Hanney News about the Deep Clean and asking resident to contact the council if they require a Deep Clean in their area.

Also, the chairman reported that Peter Packham has accepted the vacant position of Councillor on the Parish Council.

14/19 Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman stated that he had two items to report to the meeting.

No 1 Several complaints had been received by the council from residents about the accessibility to the footpath on the north side of Church Street. The chairman said that he had asked Jim Stagg to put a notice in the July addition of the Hanney news, asking residents of the north side of Church Street, to clear the overgrown vegetation back to the property line. The chairman also stated that he had added to this notice, that if residents would need help in cutting back this overgrowth, then if they contacted the Parish Council someone from the council would go along to help them. The Chairman also stated that he would be asking Ian & Dicken Green for a quote for clearing all the overgrowth along the north side of Church Street. If any resident refuses to clear back this overgrowth then they will be given the possible option of having this work done for them at a cost. Alan Wilkinson also asked if this applied to the footpath from Church Street to Main Street, to which the answer was yes.

Because of this matter the item later on the agenda about parking on the footpath in

Church Street has been put on hold until the footpath has been cleared back to its original width,

No 2 The chairman read a letter that had been received from Colin Rice about safe crossing of Winter Lane when exiting the footpath from the Meads. After a short discussion as to the condition of the verge at the side of the footpath exit, and the ownership of the verge, it was decided that the chairman will speak to the owner, and also write to Colin Rice with the outcome of this, and other possible measures that could be put into place to make this a safer place to cross the road. The chairman has had the verge cut and requested OCC Highways Dept to supply Pedestrian Warning Signs.

The Chairman finished his announcements by telling Jim Stagg that the quality of the new Hanney Guide that he had produced was very much appreciated, and thanked Jim for all his efforts in producing this booklet. The Chairman also asked if the Guide was also going to be available on the Web, to which Jim Stagg replied yes.

15/19 Financial Report

The Accounts were presented by the clerk and approved by the council.

16/19 Community Woodland Funding.

Paul Sayers chairman of the Community Woodland committee addressed the meeting about an incident of motorbikes in the woodland and the disrepair of the fence along Cow lane, where it is thought that the motorbikes entered the woodland from. He also said that the picnic table positioned where the school take pupils for lessons would need replacing. After a short discussion about these matters and the costs of repair and replacement, the chairman proposed that as the Parish Council had made a commitment to the upkeep of the community woodland that all costs should be approved by the council. It was agreed by the council that a new picnic table would be purchased and that the fence along Cow Lane would be replaced. A new picnic table will be purchased and quotes for replacing the fence were to be sought. Paul Sayers also stated that Des Thomas who cuts the rides in the woodland would probably not be in a position to continue with this in a few years time, and asked the council to think about getting quotes for the cutting of the rides and the Community Meadow in the future.

Finally, the bench in commemoration of Lionel Cousins would be placed in the woodland on Friday 21st June, and the meeting expressed their thanks to Mark Hayes for turning the motorbike's away from the woodland.

17/19 St James School

The chairman read a letter from St James School requesting help in funding their Wraparound Care program, which is responsible for the breakfast club and after school clubs. The need for the request was that their present provider had cancelled

their contract early and the school was having to fund this themselves. After a short discussion it was decided that the Parish Council would be prepared to pay a part of the requested funds, as the school had also made the same request to East Hanney Parish Council and the Parochial Trust. The Clerk is to write to the school saying that we will donate £300 towards their costs.

18/19 Neighbourhood Plan

Councillor Eddie Wilkinson gave the meeting an update as to where we are with the Neighbourhood Plan, and stated that he had a meeting with the Vale on 24th July so would have some feedback for next meeting. It is hoped that we will be in a position to think about taking the plan to the residents of West Hanney in the autumn.

19/19 Planning

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

P19/V0707/HH – The Old Vicarage Church Street – Ongoing

P19/V1242/HH - 1 Winter Lane – No Objections

P19/V1406/HH - 3 Walnut Close – Ongoing

Eddie Wilkinson is to contact the planning dept re the rubbish that is still in the Sweetcroft field in the first week in July.

20/19 Flood Group Storage Hut

The new storage hut which has been built behind the Tennis Courts has been added to East Hanney's Assets so that they can add it to their Insurance. The contents of the hut have been insured by the Flood Group. West Hanney Parish Council propose to charge The Flood Group an Annual Rent of £10, as the hut is in their play field.

David Corp was asked by the chairman if he was prepared to be our representative on the emergency committee, to which he agreed.

The meeting agreed to consider increasing the annual donation they make to the flood group to cover the insurance costs for the storage hut contents.

21/19 Bank Account

The clerk was asked to get details of the Unity Bank for the next meeting.

22/19 Date of next meeting

Monday 29th July 2019 – Regular Meeting 7.30pm at St James Church

Tuesday 3rd September 2019 – Regular Meeting 7.30pm at St James Church

Signed **Chairman**

Date