

WEST HANNEY PARISH MEETING

**Held on Tuesday 26th February 2019
At St James Church at 7.30pm**

PRESENT: Cllrs Chris Surman, Kay Sayers, Eddie Wilkinson, Graham Garner and Barbara Martin (Clerk)

ATTENDEES: B Haines, V Carter, J Stagg and D Corps

APOLOGIES: Trevor Brettell

91/18 Declarations of Interest

None

92/18 Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of last meeting held on 15th January were signed as a true record.

93/18 Matters Arising

Graham said that Sovereign Vale Housing gave their new tenants a welcome pack, and he thought that they may make a donation toward the Welcome to Hanney Pack that Jim Stagg is looking into reinstating. Jim said that he would look into this and then come back to the council to see if we are happy with the look of the new pack, before he sends it to the printers.

The amount requested for the 2019/20 Precept payment was £6750. This was missed from the previous minutes dated 15/01/2019.

94/18 Chairman's Announcements

Chris said he attended the Hanney Parochial Charities AGM on Monday 11th February. After presentation of accounts by clerk John Gunn a discussion followed as investments had dropped over past year resulting in a 7% drop in returns, and now stood at below £100,000. It was decided to look at alternative funds to see if better returns could be generated.

The decision was made to make two donations, one to Emily Carey, to help her fund the cost of a Mac Book for her studies. The second which was not requested, was to the Austin family to help with the cost of travel and accommodation whilst their daughter receives specialist cancer treatment in London.

It was also decided to unofficially change the name of the charity to "The Hanney and Lyford Trust" as it was felt that the word charity was stopping people from

applying for help.

Regarding the claim for a lease payment for the sub-station on Headings Pond and for Wayleave payments for the Poles situated there and along our newly registered land at School Road, he has put pressure on Scottish & Southern Energy, and has found a more senior person who has promised to progress the claim.

He has now received new portable 'Road Closed' and 'Flood' Signs from Oxfordshire County Council, for use when we have to close the Denchworth Road, but as there are six, some will go to the Flood Group's new storage facility, when it is up and running.

The Hanney Scout Group has been relaunched this evening with an inaugural meeting of the Beaver Scouts in the School. He thinks that both Parish Councils should offer some monetary support to this new group, which we can discuss briefly later.

He asked Barbara to order copies of the latest electoral Roll from the Vale, but you would not believe the frustration we have had. They demanded £15 per copy up front and still took weeks to send them. When they finally arrived, they were edited versions which of course do not include the names and addresses of residents who have asked for anonymity. He knew that as a Parish Council we were entitled to have full copies for analysis purposes so sought Matthew Barber's assistance. Matthew confirmed that fact so hopefully we shall soon have an up to date copy. The very latest version is in the process of being updated and should be available from 5th March.

He has been trying to get up to date information on the footpath problem from the new Neil Walker development to the School. After a long discussion with Ken Dijksman, Neil Walker's agent in transpired that OCC are now happy to accept the planned path within the field, but they want a much more substantial footpath from the existing footpath exit on to School Road just past Hanney Spice. They are saying it should be 2 meters wide to easily accommodate a wheelchair user, and there should be a retaining wall of natural stone to blend in with the village surroundings. Further they are saying lights should be installed on the section of the footpath from the new development to the highway. He has told Ken Dijksman the he is sure that as a Parish Council we would not want lighting, nor does he see the need for a 2-meter-wide footpath. He suggested the Mr Dijksman sets up a meeting with the footpath officer on site and a couple of us will attend and show him some of the narrow footpaths within our village.

95/18 Financial Report

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

96/18 Speed Signs

After a short discussion it was decided to get a confirmed quote for 2 signs, with the option of getting a third at a later date. Also to have the three poles erected that will take the signs.

97/18 2019 Elections

Both Chris and Kay confirmed that they were standing down from the Council at the next election. Barbara was asked to send the link to the information Pack to all interested parties.

98/18 Neighbourhood Plan

Graham reported that we would not be able to hold our referendum with the local elections on 2nd May 2019, and that the earliest possible date would probably be November 2019.

East Hanney are also working on their Neighbourhood Plan, but they are leasing directly with the Vale and not using a consultant.

99/18 Planning

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

P18/V2047/FUL – Deans Farm – still ongoing

P19/V0087/HH - 3 Rectory Farm Close – No objections

P19/V0399/FUL – Hyde Farm Road – No objections

100/18 Town & Parish Council Survey

The survey was discussed as it was filled in and then passed to Barbara for her to fill in the online copy and send in.

101/18 Trees to be Planted

Kay reported that Paul had submitted his plans to the people who are responsible for administering the fund left for planting the tree, and was still awaiting a response, so it was decided to wait until the next meeting to discuss this.

102/18 Date of next meeting

Tuesday 16th April 2019 – Regular Meeting 7.30pm at St James Church

Tuesday 7th May 2019 – Regular Meeting 7.30pm at St James Church

Signed **Chairman**

Date