

WEST HANNEY VIRTUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held on Tuesday 2nd February 2021
At 7.30pm

PRESENT: Cllrs David Corps (Chairman), Graham Garner, Eddie Wilkinson, Trevor Brettell, Peter Packham and Barbara Martin (Parish Clerk)

ATTENDEES: K Geddes and M Allen

APOLOGIES: J Stagg

107/20 Declaration of Interest

None

108/20 Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were approved and the Chairman agreed to sign the minutes of the last meeting as a true copy.

109/20 Matters Arising from Minutes of Meeting Held on 15th December 2020

1. **Low Flying Helicopters.** The Chairman stated that he had received nothing from residents with regards to noise from low flying helicopters, but that Charney Bassett had registered a complaint with the MOD. It was decided that we would take no further action at the moment.
2. Gigabit Broadband – Cllr Garner to forward government email about this to the councillors.

110/20 Chairman's Announcements

1. Guy Langton, Parish Clerk EHPC and his partner Myfanwy Jones are moving away from East Hanney. The Chairman recorded the thanks of WHPC to Guy for his knowledgeable and helpful advice he has provided to WHPC and also our thanks to Myfanwy for her contribution to the Hanney War Memorial Hall and the wider Hanney Community. Guy and Myfanwy will both be missed and we wish them well as they settle into their new community.
2. EHPC are meeting this evening to discuss the proposed development of the East Hanney playing fields and Kings Leases Meadow. These proposals potentially will impact on the access to West Hanney playing fields.
3. Cllr Green EHPC emailed to say that he is looking to upgrade the school crossing signs on School Road. This work was to be have been funded by EHPC, but Cllr Green has now secured funding from OCC Highways and from our County Councillor, Anda Fitzgerald-O'Connor, to fund the project in full. The upgrade will involve LED beacon signs with lights set to flash at the school start and finish times.
4. Helicopter activity – no reports have been received of any particularly upsetting helicopter activity. The Chairman has been in email contact with the Parish Clerk of Charney Bassett Parish Council who had complained to the MOD about the nuisance caused by low flying helicopters.
5. Hanney Covid-19 community response committee continues to meet fortnightly and their team of volunteers helps the vulnerable across the Hanneys. Funding from grants was received at the start of the pandemic and subsequently. There is a balance of £300 remaining, the main cost is approx. £30 per month for the phone contract.
6. The Chairman contacted Gordon Kelman about recent damage to the parapet on the Botney Bridge crossing the Childrey Brook – Gordon has forwarded the report to the bridge department and Ewan Siret, senior bridge technician has acknowledged this. The Chairman updated Gordon on the recent road surface flooding at the western end of Church Street and reported the work OCC Highways had

completed on the surface water drains from Church Street and School Road to Winter Lane had been effective.

7. Dave Bratley has raised a complaint with OCC about the state of the roads around the Buttercross and the need for the road surface to be repaired

111/20 Financial Report

The Financial Report was accepted as published.

112/20 Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Garner reported that he and Cllr Wilkinson had made the corrections as advised by Tom from CFO. Appendix B had been removed, and everything had been converted to PDFs and added to the Parish Councils Website.

A letter to join the submission of the Plan to the Vale of White Horse District Council, will be in the clerks' name, and written by consultant Tom, showing links to the Website and files. This will be emailed along with the plan, to the Neighbourhood Plan Team on Wednesday 3rd February.

Cllr Garner shared a link to the Neighbourhood Plan Page with the councillors.

Cllr Garner has updated the text, and placed a link at the bottom of the page to the Documents, so that the Neighbourhood Plan Team can get easy access to what we are submitting. Cllr Garner has had a conversation with the Neighbourhood Plan Team about what we will be submitting, and if there is anything that will need changing before we submit. The Vales consultation has been extended by one week, but Cllr Garner was very encouraged to hear that as soon as the Vale starts their consultation, they will look at appointing an examiner. If this is done quickly there is an outside chance that we could hold our referendum on 5th May 2021. The Neighbourhood Plan Team informed Cllr Garner that the Submission and Condition Statements are what they usually have problems with.

Cllr Garner asked the meeting if they were happy to submit the Neighbourhood Plan, to which a unanimous vote of yes was recorded.

113/20 Planning

P19/V2480/HH - Retrospective change of use of Garage – No bird boxes installed yet. Cllr Peter Packham is to go back to the Compliance Officer and ask when he proposes to make his visit

Enforcement Action to ensure compliance with Biodiversity mitigation measures for the Church Farm Development –Cllr Packham said that he had received nothing from the Compliance Officer as yet. He will keep the council updated.

P16/V0637/FUL - The Orchard – Still a lot of work to be done. The hard standing has now been removed and new topsoil has been laid, although this is of an inferior quality to the top soil that was removed. The overhead electricity cables have been buried and a footpath has been put in, although the gate from this footpath to the community woodland has been bolted and a sign says no public access. Some drainage work has been done, but the ditch running to School Road still needs to be cleared of obstructions including several dead trees and reprofiled. The untidy strip of land north of Church Farm Meadow still needs attention to remove miscellaneous building materials. The electrical distribution board and Heras fencing needs to be removed and the eastern boundary with the West Hanney BOAT no 2 needs to be gated and fenced.

P20/V1147/FUL – Wick House – Tree Felling Update

Mrs K Geddes gave an update on their Stage 1 complaint, they are not satisfied with the response they have received and plan to escalate their complaint to Stage 2. They have contacted David Johnson MP who is awaiting a reply from his query to the District Council Planning Dept.

Cllr Corps stated that he was not happy with the response from the District Councils Planning Dept to the complaint made by WHPC. The loose wording of the planning consent remains a major concern, but

unfortunately there is little protection for trees deemed not to warrant a TPO in advance of the development commencing.

It was decided that the Parish Council would not escalate their complaint to Stage 2. They also asked Mrs Geddes to keep them updated with the progress with their stage 2 complaint. The clerk is to keep the following people advised if a further planning application or amendment is applied for; H Cavendish, S Geddes and J Granderson.

Cllr Garner proposed that the Parish Council have a volunteer, to survey proposed building sites in future, so that the council know what trees are on the site and then try to get a tree protection order on the trees. This may help to identify trees that could be considered for a TPO and help protect the trees from being felled. Cllrs Packham and Brettell to look at the plans and trees for Deans Farm development. The council also recommended that K Geddes request TPO's on the remaining trees on their boundary with Wick House.

P20/V3113/0 – Land West of Grove – Cllr Wilkinson informed the meeting that he had replied to this Planning application with respect to Cow Lane, Denchworth Road and the narrow bridge. It was also noted that any resurfacing of the restricted byway Cow Lane track should also be suitable for horses.

P20/V3349/HH – Replacement windows and doors at Marela House – no comments or objections.

P20/0060/FUL – Temporary parking of commercial vehicles at the site of the new Farmstead, south of West Hanney over Christmas – all vehicles have now been removed.

114/20 Public Art in Developments

WHPC is potentially eligible to receive £4,500 S106 grant from the Meadow Way development for use on Public Art. Cllr Packham is to start a dialogue with Abby Brown the Arts Officer. Cllr Packham said there would be two ways to approach this. Firstly, is this money to be used specifically in West Hanney, or can it be used in conjunction with East Hanney. Cllr Packham is to have a dialogue with East Hanney Parish Council, to see what they have in mind for the use of their Public Arts grants. It was also confirmed that no grant is likely to be available until the development at Meadow Way is completed. The Councillors were asked to consider where a work of art could be installed and what form it should take.

115/20 West Hanney BOAT No 2 – Definitive Map Modification Order

Update on the inquiry to define the width of the West Hanney Boat No 2 deferred to next meeting.

116/20 Nigel Eady Community Woodland and Church Farm Meadow

The chairman reported that there was nothing to report re Church Farm Meadow. With regards to the Woodland the chairman reported that C & P Manville had been working on the eastern boundary of the woodland, clearing the rides that had become overgrown and using the brushwood that had been cut to reinforce the boundary with Cow Lane track. Paul Sayers has checked and cleaned all the nesting boxes in the community woodland ready for the bird nesting season and replaced some bird boxes. The trees bought with the bequest from Wenda Reynolds are waiting for more favourable weather to be planted along the northern edge of Church Farm Meadow. The council would like to formally acknowledge the work done by Paul Sayers and Des who cuts the rides. The clerk is to write a letter to both after getting contact details for Des from Paul Sayers.

117/20 Car Parking at St James the Great

Cllr Packham reported that the work on the car parking area outside St James the Great Church would start on February 10th 2021. Cllr Packham to take photos and keep council up to date with progress. Permission has been received for The Plough car park to be used whilst this work is taking place.

118/20 Hanney Annual Litter Pick

Due to Covid restrictions it is not possible to hold the Hanney Annual Litter Pick at the time. VWHDC are not able to support community litter picks either. Cllr Cornish EHPC in conjunction with Bob Wilson will put an article in the Hanney News encouraging walkers to pick up any litter they see on their walks around the Hannays if it is safe for them to do so, and place any litter collected in their grey bins when they return home. A working party will clear some of the road edges near Headings Pond.

119/20 Projects to enhance the community and environment of West Hanney

Various projects were discussed the main ones as follows:

Road Sweeping and Gully Cleaning – Clerk to contact OCC Hannah Wood about getting roads swept.

Repairs and maintenance of the village gates. Still no response from Highways. Both sets of village gates are in need of repair and refurbishment. EHPC have wood effect Plastic Gates.

Depth Gauge on Denchworth Road needs the depth of water painting on the east side of the post.

Replacement for the Carol Singers Bench overlooking the Buttercross. – To be discussed at next meeting

Rock Salt Container for wall by Old Vicarage – Ongoing

Path Signs – Directional signs in new developments etc.

106/20 Date of Next Meetings

Tuesday 6th April 2021 – 7.30pm Virtual Zoom Meeting – Hosted by the Chairman.

Signed **Chairman**

Date