

WEST HANNEY PARISH MEETING
Held on Tuesday 3rd September 2019
At St James Church at 7.30pm

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

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

APOLOGIES:

None

34/19 Declarations of Interest

Cllr D Corps Partial interest with School Road.

35/19 Minutes of Last Meeting

The council agreed that the Chairman would sign the minutes of last meeting once minor corrections had been made.

36/19 Matters Arising

1. Community Woodland: - Paul Sayers reported that he had received four quotes for replacing the fence to the east of the woodland from three companies. Paul Sayers went on to explain the quotes and after some discussion the council decided to go with the quote from Starvacre Fencing of North Denchworth. Paul Sayers also pointed out that there might be an additional charge for splitting the cost over two financial years. Paul Sayers went on to say that the replacement Picnic Table had been placed in the woodland. The chairman thanked Paul Sayers for all the work he has done in the regards to the community woodland.

2. Weeds: - The chairman reported that he still had to speak to Ian & Dicken Green about engaging them to spray the footpaths near the church with industrial weed killer.

3. Tidy Up 8th September: - The chairman reported that he had advertised the tidy up of footpaths in the village on the 8th September, and that he had received response from some resident who were available to help. Trevor Brettell stated that he had already made a start on the footpath from Main Street to The Meads.

4. Curtilage in Church Street: - The chairman reported that he had already helped one resident in Church Street with this and asked the council to approve the removal of the waste by Ian & Dicken Green. This was approved.

5. Footpath south of School Road: - The chairman thanked David Corps and Dene Stringfellow for cleaning up this footpath. Paul Sayers reported that the Flood Group would also be doing some work in this area.

6. Speed Signs: - We have received the invoice for the Speed Signs and the chairman reported that he had asked the manufacturers how and when the signs are calibrated. They are looking into this for us. They also reported that the signs are correct, but the

council are to ask PC Goodenough to arrange a meeting with the local speed watch group to see if their speed guns match our signs.

37/19 Chairman's Announcements

The chairman reported that Dene Stringfellow is working on a new village map, and that he has not sourced any funding for this. The chairman asked if the council was amenable to giving some funding if required. The chairman said he would meet with Dene Stringfellow and come back to the council with results of this meeting.

The chairman reported that we have been asked to hold a joint meeting with East Hanney Parish Council. Peter Packham said that he would attend when this meeting was arranged.

The Chairman ask the council if they wanted to continue with speed watch in the village, it was decided that we do not wish to.

Following the finalization of the Flood Group Hut insurance arrangements the chairman asked the clerk to send an invoice to the Flood Group for ground rent of £10. Paul Sayers to supply the e-mail address for the Flood Group Treasurer.

The Chairman asked if anyone would like to be the council's rep to the NAG. Trevor Brettell said he was willing to do this.

The chairman had received a communication from Dene Stringfellow reference the Oxfordshire Cross Country League, asking if they could use our playing fields as one of their venues for 2019-20 season. After some discussion it was decided that we could not agree to the fields being used as the possibility of approximately 500 cars was far too many for our roads and parking spaces.

The chairman received an e-mail from the new OCC Highways Officer/Inspector for our area asking if we would like to have a meeting so she could meet us, he is going to contact her and arrange a meeting, so that he can show her the things we are waiting for the Highways department to repair.

Finally, the chairman asked the councillors present to have a think about the Roles and Responsibilities of the council and to come to the next meeting with a list of things they are prepared to take on.

38/19 Financial Report

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

The Clerk reported that all forms etc. had been sent to Unity Trust Bank. The deposit cheques for both accounts would be sent as soon as possible. Then it will just be a case of waiting to see what further information they might require.

39/19 Essential Tree Maintenance

The clerk asked Ringrose Tree Services to have a look at the trees border the footpath between the Memorial Hall and School, and the hall carpark and tennis courts. Their report came back stating that nine trees need attention at a cost of approximately £900. Ringrose also recommended that the council also have a full survey of the trees at a cost of approximately £300. The chairman recommended that the council agree with this, but that we also get further quotes, and that we extend the quotes to include all the trees that are the council's responsibility.

40/19 Neighbourhood Plan

Eddie Wilkinson reported that all the information we have for the neighbourhood plan will be collated and passed on to Community First Oxfordshire, for them to make into a Final Draft Plan.

Once this is done, then we can pass the plan on to the Vale for approval.

41/19 Planning

P18/V1498/FUL - Path along side School Road – Planning Case Officer is coming on 4th September to see the site. All councillors except the chairman are meeting him.

P19/V1499/FUL – 4 Dwellings south of Priors Court - Ongoing

42/19 Updating Website and Notices

Councillor Peter Packham asked about the updating of the council's website and notice board. The chairman replied that he had just finished the update of the website and the Parish Council Notice Board was once again accessible, as he had replaced the broken lock.

43/19 Review of NHT Survey

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

44/19 Signage Outside St James Church.

Peter Packham asked about putting No Parking signs outside the church. It was decided that the council would look at the parking outside the church before the next meeting, and discuss this at the next meeting.

45/19 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 15th October 2019 – Regular Meeting 7.30pm at St James Church

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Signed Chairman

Date