

## **WEST HANNEY VIRTUAL PARISH MEETING**

**Held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2020**

**At 7.30pm**

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

**ATTENDEES:** J Stagg

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr Trevor Brettell

**43/20 Declaration of Interest** None

### **44/20 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.

The Clerk was asked to circulate the Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

### **45/20 Matters Arising from Minutes of Meeting Held on 19th May 2020**

1. The Clerk has not received any correspondence from SSE re Wayleaves, so will contact them again to ask for a full list, although Kay Sayers said that details of the wayleaves should be found in the previous year's invoices, especially the wayleave for the Community Woodland.
2. Request to move the WHPC allotment fence on The Causeway: The Chairman sent an e-mail to Cllr Richard Strange EHPC with the response from WHPC but received no reply. The matter is considered closed.
3. Michaelmas Fayre: It was announced that the Michaelmas Fayre plans to go ahead. The chairman has applied for the temporary road closure notice. Due to Covid-19 restrictions the Michaelmas Fayre will be much reduced from previous years. The council discussed this and Cllr Garner was not happy with the gathering of possibly more than thirty people in one place. It was stated that the organisers of the Michaelmas Fayre will need to have stewards to ensure people social distance at least 2m apart. It was also stated that the event committee needs to check Covid regulations for outdoor events and complete a Covid-19 risk assessment. The Chairman will email the organisers of the Michaelmas Fayre for their Covid-19 risk assessments and forward to support the application for the temporary road closure.
4. Surface Water Drainage: The excavation of the surface drain at Lamb Cottage has been completed. It was discovered there was a chamber under the Tarmac on the driveway. The surface drains to and from this chamber are clear, but the high flow of water entering this chamber had caused the water to rise up to the surface.
5. It was decided to review whether a rubbish bin is required on the side of the Bus Shelter on Church Street, West Hanney. It is believed it was placed there when there was a bus service to West Hanney, to receive used bus tickets and reduce litter.

It no longer gets emptied and a separate waste contract may be required if WHPC wish to retain the litter bin and have it emptied regularly.

#### **46/20 Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman stated that he and Cllr Garner had been invited to attend two virtual meetings of the EHPC Environmental and Leisure Committee. At this meeting East Hanney Parish Cllrs reviewed and discussed major plans for the redevelopment of the East Hanney playing fields. These plans propose that a multi-use games area (MUGA) is constructed on the East Hanney adult football pitch and a sports pavilion and community hub are constructed on the field. The proposed site of the sports pavilion and community hub obstruct the access track to the West Hanney Parish Council playing fields. The Cllr Corps stated that these proposals as they stand would not be acceptable to WHPC. The proposals also include a new improved children's play area, and a community shop with a coffee shop overlooking this play area, the space occupied by the existing community shop could then potentially be used as an office for East Hanney Parish Council.

Cllr Corps, Cllr Wilkinson and Cllr Packham attended the first of five BBOWT Wild Parishes webinars; Local Planning with Biodiversity and Wildlife in Mind. They reported that it was an informative webinar, with the remaining four webinars promising to be more practical. The next webinar is titled; Road Verges and Meadow Management.

The Chairman wrote in the August edition of the Hanney News of the need for landowners, who have a ditch running along a boundary of their property, to keep the ditch clear of silt, vegetation and other obstructions to reduce the risk of flooding in West Hanney.

The Chairman continues to attend fortnightly virtual meetings of the Hanney Covid19 Emergency Response Committee and virtual meetings of the Hanney Bonfire Party Working Party.

The Chairman attended a virtual course on Chairmanship Skills run by OALC and found this course helpful and informative.

#### **47/20 Financial Report**

The Financial Report was accepted as published.

WHPC also resolved for the AGAR to be submitted, which the Parish Clerk will forward to Moore Stephens once the Chairman has signed them.

#### **48/20 Neighbourhood Plan**

Cllr Garner shared the latest plan with the council, which included the feedback from the Chairman and Tom McCulloch. Cllr Garner said that he had put a new project into the plan campaigning for public transport and parking. As traffic, transport and parking are all part of community infrastructure, WHPC were happy to include this in the plan. Cllr Garner also went on to discuss housing needs, which are already justified. So, he will add another project to the plan which is the ongoing review of housing needs. As the last Community Infrastructure Review was in 2016 it is possible WHPC are told a more up to date review is required. Cllr Garner believes WHPC can justify the survey in 2016 as still being relevant today.

Cllr Garner had already sent a copy of the plan to all councillors to read, he asked if they were happy with the plan to include the above amendments, and the amendments recommended by VWHDC. Cllr Garner was asked to review the numbering of maps and the village boundary map in the Plan. Cllr Garner stated that he would look at the numbering and references to the maps and redo as necessary. He also stated that all new developments had been removed from the village boundary map as per the advice from our consultant. Cllr Garner told the meeting that there are already 1000 Neighbourhood plans approved, and we need to get our plan approved. WHPC resolved to send the Proposed Neighbourhood Plan to the VWHDC as soon as the above amendments had been made.

#### **49/20 Planning**

P18/V1498/FUL – Variation of Condition 3 – to ensure safe and accessible footpaths to and from this development on land to the north of School Road – Following the decision by the VWHDC Planning Committee to grant permission for this development to proceed. WHPC resolved to ensure that the only access to this building site is from School Road and not from Winter Lane and to ensure the developer adheres to all the planning conditions attached to this Planning Permission.

P19/V2480/HH - Retrospective change of use of Garage – No change – Cllr Packham still awaiting drawings of the changes to the garage.

P16/V0637/FUL - The Orchard – No Change – Cllr Corps has sent an email to Zoe Spring the Enforcement Officer allocated to this case for an update, but has received no response, so he has copied our District Councillor Matthew Barber for his assistance in this enforcement action.

#### **50/20 Updating WHPC Website**

Cllr Garner has received missing financial statements from the clerk and has now acquired all the copies of the Minutes of Meetings. He is waiting for the provider of our website to access its compliance with the new accessibility criteria before uploading these to the WHPC website. WHPC resolved to pay the fee for this work to be done.

#### **51/20 Joint Meeting with EHPC**

The Chairman is to contact Guy Langton, Parish Clerk EHPC about their intentions for a September meeting of both parish councils and a mutually agreed agenda.

#### **52/20 West Hanney BOAT No2 – Definitive Map Modification Order**

The Chairman updated the meeting on the DMMO and the enquiry to establish the width of the West Hanney BOAT No 2. It was noted that OCC appear to have drawn the western boundary of the BOAT several meters to the west of the existing boundary of the field now owned by Beaumont Developments Ltd. Cllr Garner suggested that WHPC should not accept the DMMO as submitted by OCC. It was resolved that WHPC in their submission would state that if the boundary on the west

was redrawn to coincide with the field boundary, WHPC would accept the DMMO. Cllr Garner said he would attach the maps he had obtained to the documents he was sending to OCC. Cllr Garner said that the council need to ask OCC to adhere to the field boundary, as the physical boundaries on the west side had not moved in over 100 years. There may be a difference in the track and verge widths but the actual width should just be the width of the track. The Chairman said he would endeavour to obtain a user evidence statement to support our case from a resident who had lived in the Hanneys for all of his life and had used the BOAT since he was a child in the early 1950's and subsequently. Cllr Garner agreed to submit our case to the enquiry, WHPC resolved this action.

### **53/20 Update on Nigel Eady Community Woodland and Church Farm Meadow**

Cllr Packham and Cllr Corps met up with Paul Sayers and Mark Bradfield, Letcombe Brook Project Manager at Church Farm Meadow on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July to discuss a project to increase biodiversity in the meadow by introducing wildflowers and by increasing nectar to encourage bumblebees and other insects. This project would support the aspiration in our Proposed Neighbourhood Plan for Church Farm Meadow.

Cllr Packham, Cllr Corps and Paul Sayers went on to review the state of the fencing on the east side of the Nigel Eady Community Woodland and its boundary with the Cow Lane Track. The proposal to erect a new fence inside this boundary was discussed. In view of the consideration amount of work required to remove scrub and other vegetation, that in itself forms a natural boundary, it was decided that it would be more cost effective and have less of an environmental impact to keep the existing fence, and reinforce it in areas where this fence is deficient. It was resolved that this refencing is no longer a priority for WHPC.

Subsequently the Chairman has been working on an application for funding from the Trust for Oxfordshire's Environment (TOE) for Church Farm Meadow and this has involved establishing contact with our local farmers, seeking their advice on how best to proceed and requesting quotes for the work involved. There is an unfenced boundary to the north between Church Farm Meadow and the land owned by Beaumont Developments Ltd. This boundary would benefit from being fenced to allow sheep to graze in the meadow at certain times of the year which would improve the sustainability of the wildflower meadow. The meadow continues to be cut annually for hay by Alan Cottrell, the Chairman has thanked Alan Cottrell for cutting, bailing and removing the hay from the meadow once again this year, at no cost to WHPC. WHPC resolved that the Chairman could proceed with this application to TOE for funding.

### **54/20 Application for Tree Planting Funding**

Cllr Packham found some information of funding for Tree Planting. WHPC already has received a bequest for some trees to be planted, the information was forwarded to EHPC who plan to replant the tree whips that died on the Kings Leases in the very dry Spring, later this year.

### **55/20 Hanney Bonfire Party**

The Chairman attended the first virtual meeting of the EHPC Environmental and Leisure Committee which considered a request for a Hanney Bonfire Party to celebrate cultural diversity in the Hanneys. The Chairman has subsequently attended several virtual meetings of a working party to help progress and promote this event. The working party decided the bonfire will be situated on Kings Leases and not on the West Hanney playing field as it was for the Jubilee Beacon. There will not be a firework display. Any request for financial assistance for this event will need to be brought to the next meeting of WHPC for their consideration.

### **56/20 Other Business**

The Chairman asked the clerk to check the following:

Check with Democratic Services, VWHDC about the cost of Neighbourhood Plan referendum.

Chase OCC Highways Re: Repairs to the Village Gate at the entrance to West Hanney on Winter Lane.

Check with SSE Re: Wayleaves

Newbury Street and Church Street GP Practices on Mably Way have contacted the Hanney War Memorial Hall to ask if the hall could be used as a venue for administering seasonal influenza immunisations in September & October to residents of both parishes. This has been agreed.

### **57/20 Date of Next Meetings**

Tuesday 22nd September 2020 – 7.30pm Virtual Meeting – Hosted by the Chairman.

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2020 – 7.30pm Virtual Meeting – Hosted by the Chairman

**Signed .....** Chairman

**Date .....**