

WEST HANNEY VIRTUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Tuesday 15th December 2020

At 7.30pm

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

ATTENDEES: J Stagg, S Geddes, J Granderson and H Cavendish

APOLOGIES: Cllr Peter Packham

90/20 Declaration of Interest

None

91/20 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.

92/20 Matters Arising from Minutes of Meeting Held on 3rd November 2020

1. **Bus Shelter.** The Bus Shelter by the village green was erected with funds from OCC, WHPC and 1 other, and need to be looked after. The shelter is the responsibility of the Parish Council and as such the council will look to refurbish the shelter in the coming spring.
2. The Hanney Winter Festival has taken place and the festival committee has thanked WHPC for their help in supplying flyers to advertise the said festival.
3. The Parish Council Chairman David Corps laid a wreath to remember the fallen at St James the Great Church on Sunday 8th November, on behalf of WHPC.

93/20 Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman had no announcements to make at this time.

94/20 Financial Report

The Financial Report was accepted as published.

95/20 Precept 2021-22

The Parish Council had a discussion about the 2021-22 Precept, and decided to apply for the same amount as for 2020-21 £12,000 plus 2% increment, making a total of £12,240. The clerk is to complete necessary paper works and forward to relevant council department.

96/20 Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Garner reported that he and Cllr Wilkinson held a meeting with Tom from the CFO about changes to the Final Draft of the Neighbourhood Plan, that are required, to get the plan passed by VWHDC and the Inspector. Cllr Garner proposed that removing the map and defining the built up area in words would be more acceptable. The consultant also stated that a Consultation Submission Statement needed to be produced. Graham Garner and Eddie Wilkinson are to meet to discuss the Final documents. Once approved by the CFO consultant, the documents and submission statement will be shared with the councillors for them to read and note if any errors need changing, and then vote on whether to send to VWHDC at next Parish Council Meeting. If approved quickly by the Vale it could mean that they can hold their six week consultation and the Parish may be able to hold their referendum on 5th May 2021, the same day as other elections.

97/20 Planning

P19/V2480/HH - Retrospective change of use of Garage – Work to the garage should be finished by 6th March 2021. The installation of the Swallow Loft has now started and the Bird Boxes should be installed on the north side of the garage shortly.

Enforcement Action to ensure compliance with Biodiversity mitigation measures for the Church Farm Development – As Cllr P Packham was absent this was shelved until next meeting.

P16/V0637/FUL - The Orchard – Work has been started to remove the hardstanding from the field. Also, the developers have to remove everything that is none agricultural from the field and remove and replace the temporary roadway with top soil. Zoe Spring of planning enforcement has stated that they have to follow up with Agent and visit site again.

P20/V1147/FUL – Wick House – Tree Felling Update. A large quantity of Field Maples were felled on 26th & 27th November 2020 at Wick House, and the parish council held a discussion with various parishioners who have been affected by this matter. The Parish Council contacted the planning enforcement officer and Tree officer to inform them of the felling of the trees and to state that the parish council believed this was a breach of planning. Unfortunately, both officials stated that there was nothing they could do about the tree felling, as there was no breach of planning, because the actual work covered by the planning had not yet commenced. The meeting also discussed the need to encourage more residents to put protection orders on trees in the village to stop this happening again. Cllr D Corps is to put a letter in Hanney News about the trees in the village, and how to go about protecting them. Helen Cavendish stated that she had spoken to the home owner and he had intimated that it was a possibility that a change to the current planning was imminent. The council decided that they need to find out what the process would be if further planning was applied for, and that it would go before a full planning committee, and not be treated as an amendment to the existing planning. It was also stated that we as a Parish Council had no objections to the original planning application, but that we would not take the same approach if further houses on the same plot were applied for.

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.

P20/V3113/0 – Land West of Grove – After a short discussion about this large development on the western edge of Grove, it was decided that the parish council should write to planning stating that: - 1. There should be no access to Denchworth Road from this site, as it is dangerous. 2. There should be traffic lights placed on the railway bridge, as the narrowness of Denchworth Road and the Railway Bridge would cause considerable problems. It was decided that Cllr Eddie Wilkinson would write the letter.

98/20 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.

99/20 Nigel Eady Community Woodland and Church Farm Meadow

The chairman reported that there was not much to say, only that there was drainage now in the Woodland and that there would be 3 working parties on Saturday 12th December 2020.

Fencing of the northern boundary of the Church Farm Meadow with stock proof fencing – dependent on the outcome of the grant application to TOE to establish a wildflower meadow.

100/20 Car Parking at St James the Great

The Chairman reported that Cllr Peter Packham had worked hard to obtain the quotes for upgrading the parking at St James the Great Church, and asked the councillors if they were happy to accept the quote from All Seasons Grass, this was accepted unanimously. Clerk to inform Cllr Packham that the meeting decided that the work to improve parking at St James the Great Church was to go ahead, so could he please contact All Seasons Grass to arrange commencement of the work.

101/20 Noise disturbance from low flying helicopters over and around West Hanney

Cllr D Corps had placed an item in the Hanney News asking for resident to inform us of any disturbances caused by low flying Helicopters over West Hanney. So far, no responses had been received from West Hanney. One response had been received from Charney Bassett say that the respondent had written to the MoD directly.

102/20 Christmas Morning Service on Church Green

The Chairman stated that he had received the Risk Assessment and he was happy with this; therefore, the rest of the council were happy for this service to go ahead.

103/20 Openreach promotion of the Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme for the Hanneys.

Cllr Graham Garner had been involved with the scheme and stated that something could be put on the Hanneys website about residents pledging their vouchers. This needs to be done ASAP.

104/20 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 Highways contact Hannah about getting roads swept. Cllr Garner to forward contact details to the Clerk.

Repairs and maintenance of the village gates. Still no response from Highways

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

Rock Salt Container for wall by Old Vicarage – Look at possibility of buying salt container so we can remove salt from Chris Surman’s garage.

105/20 Ongoing Items

Query with highways re Old Forge – New fence which blocks footpath. Get land registry map showing where boundary is. Still to be completed

Contact Chris Surman to see if he has any documents re the Village gates. Clerk contacted Chris Surman but he had no documents. Cllr D Corps to check the documents he received from Cllr Garner.

Contact highways to see if they will replace 30mph sign on Winter Lane. Highways contacted re replacement of 30MPH sign in Winter Lane

Councillors to consider going to bi-monthly meetings – Council discussed and agreed to go to bi-monthly meeting starting on the first Tuesday in February. This will free up extra time for joint meetings with EHPC.

106/20 Date of Next Meetings

Tuesday 2nd February 2021 – 7.30pm Virtual Zoom Meeting – Hosted by the Chairman.

Signed Chairman

Date