

WEST HANNEY PARISH MEETING
Held on Tuesday 21st January 2020
At St James Church at 7.30pm

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

ATTENDEES: A Wilkinson, J Stagg, B Haines

APOLOGIES: Cllr Trevor Brettell

68/19 Minutes of Last Meeting

The Chairman signed the minutes of last meeting as a true copy.

69/19 Matters Arising

1. Speed Signs: - The chairman reported that we are still waiting for the Thames Valley Police to check our Speed Signs, but that we have been approached by at least 4 other parish councils re our speed signs.
2. Church Parking: - Peter Packham reported that he had received a quote for the work needed to be done of £4884. The Chairman stated that we still needed to speak to the church wardens. Alan Wilkinson asked if we would consider asking East Hanney Parish Council if they would give a donation towards the costs.
3. Trees Maintenance: - The Chairman asked the Clerk to check with Ringrose to see if the quote was still valid or was plus 10%, and if so to ask for the work to be done. The Chairman also asked the Clerk to place a notice on the notice board about East Hanney Parish Council Planting trees at Kings Leases on 14th March 2020.

70/19 Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman reported that he been approached by OCC Highways to find a superuser to identify potholes in our area, and notifying Fix My Street when he does. The meeting had a short discussion and decided to ask Dickon Green if he was prepared to be West Hanneys superuser as well as East Hanneys.

The Chairman also said that he had been informed by the contractors repairing the drainage in Church Street, that when they moved the bench to the south of the Village Green it disintegrated, so he asked the meeting if we wanted to replace it. It was decided to leave things as they are for the moment.

The Chairman stated that up to this month Denchworth road had been flood free for 4 years, but that it had been closed twice in January. Approximately 7 vehicles had been caught in the floods. Graham Young who lives at Botley Meadow has agreed to look after the spare road closure signs, so that we have signs at both sides of the flood. The Chairman also said that someone had taken a film of the flood from a drone, which can be watched on U Tube. Also, the cost of raising the level of the road surface to avoid it flooding was last quoted at ¼ Million.

71/19 Financial Report

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

72/19 Precept

After a discussion it was decided at David Corp's suggestion that the council go for a £12,000 precept this year, which would cost approximately £40 per household. This was agreed by the council

73/19 Wayleaves

The Chairman explained what wayleaves are and how they are paid, and went on to explain that the council had been chasing a payment for the electricity Sub Station positioned at Headings Pond, for about 2 years. He has now received an agreement from Southern Electric and Scottish Power, which they have asked the council to accept for £145 per annum on a 99year lease. After a short discussion it was decided that the clerk would contact Zoe Green who sent the agreement, and ask if we could add an annual cost of living increase to the payment value.

74/19 Neighbourhood Plan

The consultation period finished on 20th December 2019, and the council received formal thanks from both the Vale and OCC for extending the finishing date. We received 10 responses from residents which included a query on a boundary which we had agreed to redraw. We also received 12 statutory responses, 5 of which had no comment. An awful lot of statutory responses not received, about 50. Graham Garaner and Eddie Wilkinson will try to meet with the Vale in the next 10 days, to go through their responses. The Vale do not like the village boundary or the map of Hanney Gap. It was agreed to put in a second map with the northern boundary showing. OCC like the plan with a very positive response. It is hoped that we can at least preserve the Hanney Gap.

75/19 Planning

P18/V1498/FUL - Path along side School Road – New planning application received with the Footpath on the north side of School Road now in the field with a 1metre gap to the fence on top of the bank. The footpath near Hanney Spice is to stay the width it is at present, with a railing at the end near the road, to stop people walking straight into the road. Object to plans as received, as they do not show safety features on how path etc. links in to existing paths etc. Want complete footpath plan with safety issues addressed. Eddie Wilkinson to respond with queries.

The Old Orchard – Mike Bignell Senior Enforcement Officer no longer works for Planning. David Corps has spoken to Emma at planning, and she allocated Mary Woods as the new enforcement office for the Old Orchard.

David Corps has a series of problems with Sweetcroft (Beaumont) over both parts 1 & 2 regarding things that should have been done, that have not been done.
Peter Packham to check on the ECO Measures.

76/19 Drainage Repair Work

The Chairman explained how and when the flooding of Church Street came about. The stone culvert has been replaced with reinforced plastic pipe. The contractors are now trying to clear all the blockages, but have hit a big blockage at St James Way. The entrance to St James Way has to be dug up, which means there will be no access whilst this is being done. At the same time as St James way is being done the contractors will also clear the blockage outside Lamb Cottage. The Chairman also stated that the ditch on the righthand side of Winter Lane at the Junction with School Road, has the large pipe half silted up, and Jim Stagg said the ditch outside his property in Winter Lane also has a silting problem. The Chairman said that the cost of sorting this out is considerable, so asked if the council might like to make a contribution towards a skip to help clear these ditches, as they are essential to stopping Winter Lane from flooding. There then followed a further discussion about all the ditches in West Hanney.

77/19 Roles & Responsibilities

This was deferred until after the Chairman returns from his holiday

67/19 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 3rd March 2020 – Regular Meeting 7.30pm at St James Church
Tuesday 14th April 2020 – Regular Meeting 7.30pm at St James Church

Signed Chairman

Date