

WEST HANNEY VIRTUAL PARISH MEETING

Held on Tuesday 22nd September 2020

At 7.30pm

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

ATTENDEES: J Stagg and M Allen

APOLOGIES: None

58/20 Declaration of Interest None

59/20 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.

60/20 Matters Arising from Minutes of Meeting Held on 11th August 2020

1. The Clerk reported that she had found paperwork for the wayleaves for the electricity polls in the Community Woodland and in School road, which she will pass to the chairman for him to look at.
2. Michaelmas Fayre: Difficulty complying with the Covid 19 restrictions led to the Michaelmas Fayre being cancelled for 2020. Several events will still go ahead ie: the potato challenge and the face mask design competition.
3. The Chairman reported that he had checked the waste bin attached to the bus shelter on Church Street, and it had been emptied and a new blue bag placed into the bin for rubbish. It was decided that as we do not know who emptied the bin then the council will keep an eye on it for now, to see whether it is emptied again and by whom. It was suggested that it would cost too much to contract a rubbish collection company to empty this small bin.

61/20 Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman stated that he continues to attend the fortnightly Covid 19 Community Response Committee meetings. The chairman also stated that he was also attending the Hanney Bonfire Party Working Party meetings. Both are virtual Zoom meetings. The Chairman then reported that a number of West Hanney Residents had cleared the ditches in front of their properties, but that further work still needed to be done.

62/20 Financial Report

The Financial Report was accepted as published.

Having received the second part of the Annual Precept, and two years VAT refunds, the council's finances are in a good state, especially as there is now no need to pay for the replacement fencing along the east side of the Community Woodland. Other

projects that could now be considered include improving the car parking outside St James the Great, and road sweeping and gully clearing once the leaves have fallen.

Dave Bratley has informed the Chairman that he will be writing to the OCC Highways about the unadopted road to the south of the Buttercross. The chairman is to ask for evidence from residents re the usage of this road for presenting to OCC Highways. If OCC Highways agree to adopt this road then it is believed they will be responsible for repairing and maintaining all of the roads around the Buttercross.

Cllr Corps asked the councillors to think about worthwhile projects that WHPC could consider in order to spend some of its funds for the benefit of parishioners.

63/20 Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Garner reported that Community First Oxfordshire (CFO) do not believe our proposed Neighbourhood Plan, in its present form, will be acceptable to VWHDC. Cllrs Garner and Wilkinson are meeting with CFO at the end of September, to learn what CFO recommend is amended. Any amendments made to the proposed Neighbourhood Plan will need to be resolved by WHPC before the final version is submitted to VWHDC.

64/20 Planning

P19/V2480/HH - Retrospective change of use of Garage – Cllr Packham stated that plans have been submitted to meet the biodiversity mitigation measures for a swallow loft on the west side and a bird box on the north side of the garage conversion.

With regards to the Sweetcroft development Cllr Packham has lodged a further complaint with the Planning Enforcement Officer at VWHDC. No mitigation measures appear to have been implemented across the entire development as specified in the conditions attached to the planning consent.

P16/V0637/FUL - The Orchard –Cllr Corps reported that he had received an email from Zoe Spring, the Planning Enforcement Officer, stating that the agent for the developers is unable to proceed with tidying the untidy land until the DMMO inquiry into the width of West Hanney BOAT No 2 is determined. Zoe Spring is to make enquiries with OCC as to how this may influence any remedial action to tidy this land

P20/V1147/FUL – Wick House – Permission Granted 24/09/2020

65/20 Updating WHPC Website

Cllr Garner informed the meeting that as of 22nd September 2020 we need to have an accessible site. Cllr Garner stated that he had received 3 reports (totalling 39 pages) from the website manager, setting out what we think we need to do to make the content of the website complaint. The council will have to make future documents accessible, and retrospectively from 2018. Cllr Brettell suggested that we start with making our documents compliant going forwards and past documents as and when

we are able. Cllr Garner also informed the council that the website could not be used from 28th – 30th September when the structure of the website was to be made compliant.

66/20 Joint Meeting with EHPC

The Chairman is to contact Guy Langton, Parish Clerk EHPC confirming that all of our councillors are able to make a joint meeting on Tuesday 20th October 2020.

67/20 West Hanney BOAT No 2 – 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 stated that an Inspector was going to make a visit to the site and then make his decision. WHPC await his decision.

68/20 Church Farm Meadow

The Chairman said he was still working on the proposal to enhance the biodiversity in Church Farm Meadow by seeding with wildflowers. Once the proposal has been finalised it will be presented to WHPC for their resolution to submit the proposal to the Trust for Oxfordshire's Environment (TOE) to seek a grant for funding. The seasonal grazing down of the meadow in the autumn by sheep would help the wildflower meadow to become self-sustaining. This would require the northern boundary of the meadow to be fenced.

69/20 Michaelmas Fayre

Due to difficulties safely complying with the Covid 19 restrictions on public gatherings, the Michaelmas Fayre has been cancelled this year. The Michaelmas Fayre committee have withdrawn their request for assistance with funding.

70/20 Hanney Bonfire Party

The Chairman informed the meeting that the Covid-19 restrictions on public gatherings have also resulted in the Hanney Bonfire Party being postponed. Instead the working party have proposed a 'Hanney Winter Festival - Walking Tour of Lights', to take place over the weekend of the 20th & 21st November. St James school are doing a project on Diwali and this will help promote cultural diversity in the Hanneys. WHPC and EHPC have been asked to fund the cost of printing flyers and the provision of battery powered tea lights for primary school children. The rough cost of producing flyers is approx. £50 per 1000. The councillors are to let the next meeting know if they are willing to pay for the flyers.

71/20 Renumeration of the Parish Clerk

The Chairman had asked the Parish Clerk to keep a log of the hours she had worked on WHPC business during the months of July and August to see if the remuneration she was paid was an adequate reflection of this work. The total time worked came to 40 hrs and 50 minutes and included extra time spent completing the AGAR, VAT claim and the audit during this period.

The Chairman asked the councillors if they wanted to come back to the next meeting to discuss this matter, or to discuss it now. It was decided that the Chairman would communicate with councillors, and the Chairman would discuss further with the Parish Clerk and bring a proposal to the next meeting. Cllr Garner expressed his thanks to the Parish Clerk for all the work she has put in, which was endorsed by all those present.

72/20 Review of Parking at HWMH

The request from Hanney Youth Football Club (HYFC) to use the West Hanney Playing Field for overflow car parking was discussed. This request was made due to the lack of parking spaces available in and around HWMH at weekends, compounded by Covid-19 restrictions leading to an increase in the number of vehicles bringing children for football training with HYFC and the resumption of football matches, especially when multiple home matches are held at the same time of the day. The Chairman stated that he had reservations about HYFC and others using the West Hanney Playing Field for car parking during the winter months. It was resolved that due to the HWMH being used as a flu clinic on Saturday 10th October, HYFC could use the West Hanney Playing Field on this day, providing access and car parking is supervised by stewards, but on any other occasion car parking on this ground over the winter months will need to be approved in advance by WHPC.

The Chairman will send an email to Paul Aram, Chairman HYFC, following the meeting stating our position over the use of the West Hanney Playing Field for car parking and suggest that fixtures are reviewed to ensure they are evenly spaced over the weekend, other car parking options are explored, the HYFC risk assessment sent to members and visiting teams is modified to indicate that car parking at HWHM is limited and for HYFC to the use of traffic cones to avoid dangerous parking on corners.

The Chairman said that he would also circulate the Covid 19 risk assessment that he had received from HYFC for the Covid-secure use of the West Hanney Playing Field for youth football training and matches.

Car Parking in the Hanneys was suggested as a topic of mutual interest to discuss at the joint meeting with EHPC.

73/20 Date of Next Meetings

Tuesday 3rd November 2020 – 7.30pm Virtual Meeting – Hosted by the Chairman.
Tuesday 19th January 2021 – 7.30pm Virtual Meeting – Hosted by the Chairman.

Signed Chairman

Date