

WEST HANNEY REGULAR PARISH MEETING
Held on Tuesday 1st March 2022
at The Olde Hanney Room HWMH at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Cllrs D Corps (Chairman), G Garner, T Brettell, P Packham
and B Martin (Parish Clerk)

Attendees: J Stagg, A Wilkinson, K Geddes, M Wilson and County Cllr J Ash

72/21 - Apologies – Cllr E Wilkinson

73/21 - Declarations of Interest

Item 14 - D Corps, Allotment Holder, Item 8 -T Brettell, Planning Application P21/V3205/FUL
Item 6 – G Garner, HWMH Chairman

74/21 - Public Participation

None

County Councillor Juliette Ash was welcomed by the Chairman, she introduced herself to the Parish Council and those attending and gave a report of her activities as our County Councillor and enquired about the current top 3 priorities of the Parish Council

75/21 - Minutes of Last Meeting

Minutes of the Last Meeting were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman

76/21 – Matters Arising from Minutes of Last Meeting

There were no matters arising not otherwise on the agenda for this meeting

77/21 – Chairman’s Announcements

The Chairman informed the meeting that he had applied for a temporary road closure of Church Street for the Hanney Spring Show, to be held in West Hanney on Saturday 4th June 2022, which will form part of the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

The Chairman stated that he had replied to Leigh Travers via the Hanney Flood Group about surface water connections into the public surface water sewer in West Hanney.

The Chairman reported that he had emailed Mark Francis of Oxfordshire Highways Dept about the damage to the signpost at the junction of The Meads and Main Street and mentioned the Village Gate on the Denchworth Road is still awaiting repair. The Parish Council expressed their gratitude to the community minded residents who re-erected the signpost and have arranged for the broken sign to be repaired.

The Chairman reported that a meeting of the Group Against Reservoir Development (GARD) had been held at the Hanney War Memorial Hall on Monday 21st February. Cllr Garner had attended this meeting that was convened to consider the response to the Thames Water consultation that includes a plan for a mega-reservoir on the land between East Hanney and Steventon, to meet the projected future increased demand for water in the south east of England and provide drought resilience to the water supply. Cllr Garner explained that a group of concerned residents had decided to deliver a flyer to all residents of East Hanney and West Hanney, explaining the pros and cons of the reservoir and providing details of how to complete the online survey if they wish to respond to the consultation, copied to GARD.

County Cllr Ash mentioned that residents could also email her and Mr. D Johnson MP, giving their views on the proposed Reservoir.

Cllr Garner asked if the Parish Council would be prepared to contribute towards the cost of having the flyers printed. The Parish Council resolved to contribute to the cost of the printing in conjunction with East Hanney Parish Council.

78/21 – Financial Report

The Clerk presented the Income & Expenditure Account for period 03/01/2022 - 28/02/2022.

This was approved by the Councillors present.

The Clerk asked about the payment of the invoices for the Community Websites. It was resolved that we would share a proportion of the cost with East Hanney Parish Council and Hanney War Memorial Hall.

It was agreed that when all invoices had been received, the Clerk would invoice East Hanney Parish Council and HWMH appropriately, and West Hanney Parish Council would pay all the invoices and EHPC and HWMH could then reimburse West Hanney Parish Council.

79/21 – Planning and Planning Enforcement

P21/1095/FUL – Land off School Road – Erection of 15 dwellings and associated works

Cllr Packham reported that he had a discussion with Lagan Homes and was told that the road surface would be permeable and that they would hopefully start work on the footpath on the west side of the site in April. The current plan is for the kissing gate to be moved to the northern end of the footpath.

Councillors were asked to consider where the kissing gate could be placed if it did not fit in this location

P21/V3205/FUL – Wicks House – Erection of 2 life-time homes with garages

Application under consideration

P21/V1620/FUL – Deans Farm – Refurbish farmhouse, convert and extend existing barn as a single dwelling, and erect 7 new dwellings – Bat protection order on bats roosting in the loft of the farmhouse and barn

Cllr Wilkinson has established contact with the developer Hills Homes

P21/V3152/HH – 13 The Croft – House extension with double garage

Application under consideration

P21/V2407/HH – 10 Elderberry Close – First floor extension and single storey rear extension

Application under consideration

P22/0397/FUL – Denchworth Manor – Demolition of existing ancillary building and proposed new dwelling

Application under consideration

P20/V2257/FUL & P21/V1141/FUL – Unauthorised parking on Land owned by Cottrell

The commercial vehicles have been moved and none remain in the Parish of West Hanney.

80/21 – Nigel Eady Community Woodland and Church Farm Meadow and the New Orchard

Winter working parties continue in the Community Woodland organised and led by Paul Sayers – it was great to see 3 Councillors on the last working party.

The Chairman has received a number of confidential enquiries about installing further memorial benches in the Community Woodland, and in the New Orchard, including an offer to finance the planting of some further fruit trees. The Community Woodland has several sites where memorial benches could be accommodated and likewise the New Orchard could accommodate a bench looking towards Church Farm Meadow. He has discussed this with Paul Sayers, and he has no

objections provided suitable sites can be found and the benches are made of a sustainably sourced timber. Paul Sayers has also suggested Notice Boards or Interpretation Panels/Boards could also be accommodated with a memorial plaque.

81/21 Maintenance of Verges, Greens, Hedges, Ditches and Footpaths in West Hanney

The Parish Council does not accept that it is responsible for the maintenance of the pavements and footpaths in West Hanney that have previously been maintained by OCC Highways. A further quote to repair the footpath on School Road will be required if the Parish Council is to undertake its repair.

82/21 – Roads crossing West Hanney Green

Cllrs Brettell and Corps met with Bob Rendell, Managing Director of Sweetcroft on 1st February 2022 to inspect the state of the roads crossing West Hanney Green, Bob Rendell indicated that he might be prepared to commission the repair and resurfacing of parts of these roads that are in a poor state of repair. He is planning to ask his road surfacing contractor to quote for the work.

Unrelated and unconnected to this remedial work on the roads, Bob Rendell gave Cllr Corps a copy of a feasibility study Site Plan for a phase 3 development of the land adjacent to the Church Farm Phase 2 development. This site plan has been circulated to councillors for their information only at this stage.

83/21 – Parking on School Road outside St James School

No change

84/21 – 20's Plenty Campaign

Application submitted and under consideration. Would avoid confusion if East Hanney and West Hanney changed their speed limits at the same time.

85/21 – Water Supply to the Allotment Gardens

The Chairman is continuing to monitor the water meter that meters the water supplied to West Hanney Allotments Gardens and to Hanney Tennis Club to better understand the water usage. The Chairman has spoken to a plumber about the feasibility of installing a push button tap on the allotments to avoid the risk of the tap being left running. This would be possible, but we would need the Parish Council to source a suitable tap.

86/21 – Maintenance of Trees

The trees along the edge of West Hanney Playing Field were inspected and remedial work undertaken by Ringrose in Autumn 2020. They withstood Storm Eunice with only small branches coming down. 2 Trees at the corner of the Causeway were extensively pruned and we need to see how they respond, but we may need to consider replacing them in due course.

87/21 – OALC Membership and CFO Membership

Both memberships were discussed and it was resolved to renew both memberships.

88/21 – Risk Register

Still a work in progress – this is rather more complex if we have responsibility for footpaths and road maintenance – D Corps to bring an update to the next meeting.

89/21 – Public Art in Development

Cllr P Packham to enquire when Lagan Homes might make their S106 contributions for their development off School Road

90/21 – Projects to Enhance the Community and Environment of West Hanney

Big Jubilee Lunch – 5th June 2022 – Cllrs Corps, Garner and Wilkinson joined a virtual working party with Hillary Cakebread Hall and Rosie Reed on 17th February 2022 to help coordinate the various events over the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Holiday 2nd – 5th June 2022. Events planned including; bell ringing – if the clappers can be repaired in time, a Hanney Spring Show instead of the Michaelmas Fayre on the Saturday 4th June to be held in West Hanney, a Hanney Big Jubilee Lunch on Sunday 5th June to be held on the playing field to the north of HWMH, with a Bouncy Castle for the children and duck races on the Letcombe brook. Also, a service of Thanksgiving – time and location to be confirmed. The next virtual working party meeting is on Thursday 3rd March 2022. The meeting discussed a request for funding for the events of the Platinum Jubilee Weekend and it was resolved to donate £250.

Replacement of Carol Singers Bench overlooking the Buttercross – could be replaced with a Jubilee bench.

91/21 – Fun Fair – Dates for this year’s Fun Fair

Fun Fair Dates agreed as 15th – 29th May 2022 on West Hanney Playing Field

92/21 – Playing Field Maintenance

Agreed to start cutting West Hanney Playing Field from beginning of April.

Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 3rd May 2022 at Hanney War Memorial Hall
Tuesday 5th July 2022 at Hanney War Memorial Hall

Signed **Chairman**

Date