

WEST HANNEY REGULAR PARISH MEETING

Held on Tuesday 1st June 2021

at The Olde Hanney Room HWMH at 7.30pm

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

Attendees: Allen Talmage, Bernetta Haines, Nick Aspinall and Jim Stagg

15/21 - Apologies – Cllrs E Wilkinson, T Brettell and Mr. M Allen

16/21 - Declarations of Interest - None

17/21 - Minutes of Last Meeting

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

18/21 – Matters Arising from Minutes of Last Meeting - None

19/21 – Chairman’s Announcements

The Chairman reported that he had meet with Mike Sinclair, Clerk of Works for BT Openreach, to discuss the installation of the Ultra-Fast Broadband where it crosses WHPC owned land. The Chairman signed permission to dig and/or wayleaves where conduits carrying the existing lines underground had collapsed. The Chairman was unable to give a date for completion of the project but BT Openreach are progressing the project rapidly to comply with the terms and conditions of the voucher scheme.

20/21 – Financial Report

The Clerk presented the Income & Expenditure Account for period 06/04/2021 - 31/05/2021. This was approved by the Councilors present.

Guy Langton, the previous Clerk of EHPC is no longer available to complete our internal audit. Our Parish Clerk is continuing to make enquiries to find someone able and willing to complete our internal audit.

21/21 – Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Garner gave the meeting an update on the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan that is with Andrew Ashcroft, Independent Examiner.

The Independent Examiner has sent a note with his initial comments on the submitted Plan which are very favourable. He has also raised a number of points for clarification to which Cllrs Garner and Wilkinson collated our response and replied to the Independent Examiner via VWHDC.

Cllr Garner said that we are now waiting for the final report from the Independent Examiner. We will then be in a position to make any final amendments to the plan in consultation with VWHDC and hold a referendum.

Cllr Garner suggested the Parish Council consider holding a small reception as a thank you to those people who produced the Character Assessment of West Hanney in the Plan which has been highly praised by both the Independent Examiner and VWHDC

22/21 - Planning

P20/V1147/FUL – Wicks House North Green

Mr Nick Aspinall, owner of Wicks House and applicant, appraised the meeting of his new plans to build two houses instead of one in the paddock/garden of Wicks House.

Mr Aspinall stated that he had produced provisional plans for this new application and passed copies around the meeting so that those present could see what he was speaking about.

Mr Aspinall stated that both houses would be of the same size as the previous application, and would both include car ports and a storeroom. He indicated that although he had moved the original house to the south in order to accommodate the second house, the second house would not overshadow adjacent properties.

Both houses will initially be occupied by members of the Aspinall family.

Mr Aspinall also stated that he would be including an office above each car port and storeroom so that he could relocate his business office and run his business from this site.

On being asked about the removal of the trees along the northern boundary and other trees on the plot, Mr Aspinall stated that the previous owner had planted quite a number of trees at the property. In order to open up the plot Mr Aspinall stated that he had removed somewhere in the region of 70 trees, and that this had been done to save the remaining trees. He denied he had felled the trees and cleared the site in preparation for construction of the 2 houses.

The Chairman told Mr Aspinall that the council were very disappointed by the loss of so many trees and drew the applicant's attention to the phrase in his Planning Design and Access Statement dated May 2020 that, "no trees will be lost as a result of this development and the visual impact beyond the site will be minimal".

After concluding his presentation Mr Aspinall left the meeting.

New Planning Application No for Wicks House – P21/V1420/FUL

P21/1095/FUL – 15 Houses off of School Road in Meadow Way – variation of approved plans

Cllr Packham commented that there was nothing in the variation that significantly changed the original plans. It was noted that the footpaths towards St James Primary School and south to School Road were omitted from the amended plans. Cllr Wilkinson has contacted the Planning Officer, Adrian Butler, with our concerns about the footpaths, access and the maintenance of the public open spaces.

P21/V1103/HH - Garford House St James Way – Application for carport and loft conversion.

No objections, but not to be used as residential accommodation.

P21/V1141/FUL – Glamping Site Nr Highfield Barn Hyde Road

No objections. Site will be in use April – September and well screened and includes separate area for parking. Borders high flood risk zone.

Deans Farm – Bat protection order on Bats roosting in the loft of the Farmhouse and Barn

Cllr Packham said this seems to be in order but will keep an eye on the development as it progresses.

The Old Orchard West Hanney – Update on enforcement action still ongoing.

Cllr Packham reported that the conservation officer had visited but looked at the wrong area. The Chairman met with Leigh Travers, Flood Risk and Drainage Engineer, South Oxfordshire and VWHDC on 30/4/21 to review the problems with surface water draining from this site. Leigh Travers met with Lee Chapman (Developer) on 19/05/21 who acknowledged all the issues and agreed clearance of the watercourse to ensure water is able to flow downstream freely, removal of the stone culvert and installation headwalls either end of the 600mm HDPE pipe. Leigh Travers is in contact with the enforcement officer, Zoe Spring.

Removal of the electric distribution board is waiting for SSE. The untidy land between the footpath and Church Farm Meadow still needs tidying. Fencing is required on the boundary with the West Hanney BOAT.

23/21 - Drainage in Church Street

Mr Allen Talmage who lives in Sunrise Cottage Church Street West Hanney asked about drainage in Church Street outside his property. Mr Talmage stated that the drains along the edge of Church

street close to his property are full of mud and that when it rains like it did earlier in May he had problems accessing and leaving his property. Mr Talmage stated that his neighbour had taken a photograph of the flooded area, and that he would get this neighbour to email a copy to the Parish Clerk so that we have photographic evidence to pass on to highways when requesting them to come and clear the drains and gullies.

24/21 – Public Art in Development

With two councillors absent, it was decided to defer this item until the next meeting.

25/21 – Nigel Eady Community Woodland and Church Farm Meadow

The Chairman reported that the trees planted earlier in the year were growing well and looked quite healthy, and that the meadow was currently full of buttercups. The Chairman is continuing to investigate seeding the meadow with wild flowers.

26/21 – Speed Indicator Devices

Cllr Garner stated that he was getting good at turning around these signs. Cllr Garner stated that he would look at the data recorded when the SIDs were positioned in each direction.

27/21 - OCC Footpath No 23 along southern edge of West Hanney Playing Field and Allotments

As this footpath is maintained by OCC it was decided that if anyone had any problems with this footpath, they should be directed to contact OCC directly.

28/21 - Guardian of the Community Defibrillator at The Plough, West Hanney

Cllr Corps said that he would liaise with Dr Katie Barber about handing over the guardianship of the defibrillator sited on Church Street, opposite The Plough. It was resolved that WHPC would take responsibility for the defibrillator going forward. Cllr Corps will also speak to EHPC about refunding Dr Katie Barber money spent on replacing batteries and pads for the 2 community defibrillators – WHPC were willing to share these costs with EHPC.

29/21 – Frequency of cutting of the West Hanney Playing Field

After a short discussion about the frequency of cutting the West Hanney playing field, it was resolved that we would stick with our fortnightly cuts, but would agree to an additional cut for the Hanney Youth Football Club Tournament. It was resolved that if HYFC required the field to be cut more frequently this could be done but at the expense of HYFC.

30/21 – East Hanney Public Facilities Proposal 2021

The Chairman had sent our constructive comments and recommendations to the EHPC Chairman and Parish Clerk, but to date had not received any acknowledgement.

31/21 – Projects to enhance to community and environment of West Hanney

Jim Stagg confirmed that the damaged village gates approaching West Hanney from the north had been replaced together with the 30mph speed limit sign.

It was also discussed as to whether the area south of the Tennis Courts on West Hanney Playing Field could be used for overflow car parking on a more permanent basis. Cllr Packham agreed to survey this area to see how many car parking spaces could be accommodated and report back to the next meeting.

Other projects will be discussed at the next meeting.

An extraordinary meeting may be required to discuss the AGAR (Annual Governance and Accountability Return) and sign it before submission.

Date of Next Meeting - Tuesday 3rd August 2021 – The Old Hanney Room HWMH at 7.30pm
Tuesday 5th October 2021 – The Old Hanney Room HWMH at 7.30pm

Signed **Chairman**

Date