

WEST HANNEY REGULAR PARISH MEETING
Held on Tuesday 3rd August 2021
at The Olde Hanney Room HWMH at 7.30pm

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

Attendees: M Allen, B Haines, N Aspinall, J Stagg, D May, A Trowell,
N Wilson, A Wilkinson, H Cavendish, and K Geddes

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to the Regular Meeting of West Hanney Parish Council and explained the procedure to follow in case of a fire alarm. He also asked if anyone had been in contact or had symptoms of Covid 19 for those people to leave the meeting, and that if preferred people could wear a mask'

32/21 - Apologies – Cllr G Garner and A Talmage

33/21 - Declarations of Interest – None

34/21 – Public Participation

The Chairman stated that members of the public would have three minutes to address the meeting.

Mr N Aspinall read a statement to the meeting stating the following: -

Mr Aspinall stated that he had been a resident of West Hanney for the previous 33years, and that he had a severely disabled son. He explained his reasons for making the statement and expressed his opinion on the proposed Neighbourhood Plan. Mr Aspinall went on to explain that he had no intention to move his business to West Hanney but would be running the business from his home office, as he does now. In his view the Parish Council are not doing enough to help with local needs, the elderly or disabled., and asked them to reconsider their objections to his application to build two houses at his property.

On finishing his statement and answering a few questions Mr Aspinall left the meeting.

The Chairman explained the process of preparing and circulating of the draft minutes of the meeting held on 1st June 2021.

Mr N Wilson asked the Council what was happening with the roads around West Hanney Green, to which the Chairman explained that there was an item on the agenda to cover this.

Mr D May a Governor of St James Primary School, explained about the problem with parking on School Road. He reported that the school had been in touch with OCC Highways and their response. A public consultation into possible parking restrictions on School Road would cost approx. £5-6K. Mr May enquired whether WHPC would consider contributing towards this cost together with EHPC. He stated that St James

Primary School does not have funds that could be used for this purpose. He also raised the issue of the footpath from HWMH to St James Primary School and what could be done to improve it. Mr May also informed the meeting that the school did not qualify for a Road Crossing Guard.

The Chairman responded stating WHPC will add this to the agenda of the next meeting, and that a review of parking in both villages was needed, and asked Mr May if the number of cars involved at the start and finish of school could be supplied.

35/21 - Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 13/07/2021

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

36/21 – Matters Arising from Minutes of Last Meetings held on 01/06/21 & 13/07/21

Mr A Talmage sent his thanks to WHPC for helping to get the flooding in Church Street resolved.

There were no matters arising from the extraordinary meeting.

37/21 – Chairman’s Announcements

The Chairman stated that he had trimmed back the vegetation that was obscuring the Speed Indicator Device (SID) in Winter Land with the landowner’s permission and that with the help of Cllr Garner this and the other SIDs had been rotated to face in the opposite direction.

The Chairman told the meeting that he had attended the AGM of Hanney Parochial Charity on Monday 5th July, and that Dulcie Parfoot was happy and willing to continue as our WHPC nominated trustee for a further term of 4 years.

The Chairman reported that he had emailed Neil Walker regarding a construction company sign that had appeared in his field on School Road, close to St James School. Mr Walker kindly contacted the construction company, and it transpired that they are the construction company working to replace Ploughley Bridge.

The Chairman reported that Risk Assessments had been received from St James the Great, pertaining to the holding of occasional services on Church Green. The risk assessments had been circulated to councillors who had no adverse comments to make.

Finally, the Chairman reported that recently the water tap had been left running on the West Hanney allotments gardens. Allotment holders have been contacted and requested to ensure that the tap is turned off after use.

38/21 – Financial Report

The Clerk presented the Income & Expenditure Account for period 01/06/2021 - 02/08/2021.

This was approved by the Councillors present.

Councillors wished to record their thanks to Kay Sayers for performing the internal audit for the AGAR.

39/21 – Risk Register

The Risk Register needs to be reviewed and updated. The Chairman took the current risk register to review and bring proposed updates to next meeting.

40/21 – Neighbourhood Plan

WHPC need to inform residents of the Referendum being held on 2nd September 2021. The Chairman will arrange for a notice to be published in the September edition of the Hanney News which will be delivered to households at the end of August.

Cllr Wilkinson asked if we could do something about advertising the referendum to voters by mid-August.

Cllrs Garner & Wilkinson were thanked for all their time and efforts bringing our Neighbourhood Plan to Referendum

41/21 – Planning and Planning Enforcement

P21/1095/FUL – 15 Houses off School Road in Meadow Way – No change.

Helen Cavendish asked if the Council had heard of any possible further development of the field behind the 15 houses. The Council said no and the field is part of the Hanney Gap referred to in our Neighbourhood Plan.

P21/V1420/FUL – Wicks House – Decision awaited from Planning

P21/V1415/HH Coralea School Road – permission has been granted for a single storey rear extension.

P21/V1141/FUL – Glamping Site Nr Highfield Barn, Hyde Road – Decision awaited from Planning

P21/V2022/FUL – Barns south of Priors Court – Demolition of Barns and Erection of Single Dwelling with Access, Parking, Gardens and Landscaping.

Councillors have considered the application and have no objections.

P21/V1620/FUL - Deans Farm – Bat protection order on Bats roosting in the loft of the Farmhouse and Barn – No change

P16/V0637/FUL - The Old Orchard West Hanney – Update on enforcement action still ongoing.

Some work to tidy the main field has been done over the past two months. Work to clear the watercourse to enable water to flow downstream freely is progressing, the HDPE pipe has been lowered and head walls installed, and the stone culvert has been removed.

The electricity distribution board and the Heras fencing have been removed.

There is still some remedial work to tidy the strip of land to the north of Church Farm Meadow, and install the field gate and fence along the West Hanney BOAT

Cllr Corps will continue to monitor the site and enforcement action.

42/21 – Public Art in Development

S106 funding from the Meadow Way Development will be allocated to Public Art in Development. Councillors agreed to discuss this matter informally outside of the meeting and bring some proposals to the next meeting.

43/21 – Nigel Eady Community Woodland and Church Farm Meadow

The meadow has been cut for hay and the haybales have been removed by Alan Cottrell at no cost to WHPC.

Wenda Reynolds trees continue to look healthy – thanks to Paul Sayers for continuing to water these trees.

It has been confirmed that WHPC are now responsible for the Orchard Mitigation Scheme to the west of Church Farm Meadow. Many of the trees and shrubs from the original planting have failed to become established.

To mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022 the Queen's Green Canopy is encouraging the planting of trees. The Orchard Mitigation Scheme would provide an opportunity to plant an orchard, that in time would restore an orchard habitat that was lost with the Old Orchard development and help to increase biodiversity, and potentially provide a seasonal source of fruit for the community to enjoy.

There would be an ongoing maintenance requirement that hopefully our community woodland volunteers would be happy to undertake.

Councillors agreed to investigate this further; survey what has survived and is worth keeping – Cllrs Packham and Corps will liaise with Paul Sayers.

Investigate the cost of; bare or container rooted fruit trees, rabbit, deer and rodent defences, ground preparation and ongoing maintenance.

To report back to the next meeting of WHPC.

44/21 – Maintenance of Verges, Greens, Hedges, Ditches and Footpaths in West Hanney.

The grass on the north side of the church wall is not currently being cut under our contract with White Horse Horticulture.

Mr Allen asked about the verge on Main Street opposite North Green and who was responsible for maintaining it. He was told OCC Highways are responsible for this verge, not WHPC.

Residents have been reminded in the Hanney News of their responsibility to keep ditches that boarder their property cleared (riparian rights). People also need to be aware of their responsibility to keep hedges trimmed so that they do not impair the use of footpaths. Cllr Brettell reported that the hedges in Church Street had been trimmed so that the footpaths were now clear.

WHPC have been notified of a problem with an uneven surface of the footpath on School Road opposite the Hanney Spice Restaurant. Tree roots from a willow tree from one of the properties have raised a section of the footpath and the surface is very uneven. OCC Highways have informed WHPC they are not responsible for maintaining this section of the footpath.

If WHPC are responsible for maintaining this footpath, a quote to have this section of the path repaired will be required. In the longer term, a public right of way needs to be established for this footpath.

45/21 – East Hanney Public Facilities Proposal 2021

No response was received to our initial comments on this proposal.

Cllr Packham produced an outline plan for additional car parking spaces on the West Hanney playing field, south of the tennis courts. This item is to be added to the agenda of our next meeting.

46/21 – Roads Crossing the West Hanney Green and Parking

The potholes and road surface of the roads across West Hanney Green around the buttercross are getting worse. OCC Highways claim they are not responsible for maintaining these roads, despite having maintained them in the past. It appears that an application needs to be made to apply for a variation to the Highway Record Map providing evidence of use as a public highway by mechanised vehicles and why these roads should be adopted and maintained at public expense. Witness statements and photographs would be very helpful, and confirmation when the Oxford Bus Company ceased its two hourly service to West Hanney.

The Chairman said Dave Bratley has been actively trying to get something done and has been in contact with our district councillor, county council and our MP. Cllr Corps will share details of these letters etc with councillors so they can formulate a plan for the next meeting.

The Chairman reported a concern about the regular use of the layby on West Hanney Green for residential parking. Since the ownership of these roads is uncertain and no parking restrictions are in place, it was felt there was little action WHPC could take.

47/21 – Hanney Michaelmas Fayre 2021

The Chairman has applied for a Temporary Road Closure for the Michaelmas Fayre to be held on Saturday 25th September. Risk Assessments have been supplied to VWHDC.

48/21 – Projects to enhance the community and environment of West Hanney

Gully cleaning has been completed by OCC Highways outside Sunrise Cottage Church Street.

The Council resolved to purchase a green salt bin, to be located on West Hanney Green in the northeast corner of the rear garden wall of the Old Vicarage and the perimeter wall of St James Way. Salt is for use on the highway and public footpaths

Gigabit Voucher Scheme. Cabling work by Openreach has been completed in West Hanney except for the replacement of the telegraph pole outside the Old Forge. Once it has been signed off as Ready for Service, residents can contract with a broadband supplier of their choice to upgrade to Full Fibre if they so desire.

The Big Jubilee Lunch to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee is planned for Sunday 5th June 2022. Cllrs agreed West Hanney should participate in the Big Jubilee Lunch. Location to be decided, Cllr Wilkinson to approach Paul Aram, EHPC to see if they have any plans and whether they wish to hold a combined event.

**Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 5th October 2021 – The Olde Hanney Room
HWMH at 7.30pm**

December meeting to be discussed at October meeting.

Signed Chairman

Date