

WEST HANNEY REGULAR PARISH MEETING
Held on Tuesday 3rd January 2023
at The Olde Hanney Room HWMH

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

Attendees: M Flynn, S Browning, Cllr D Green (EHPC), H Wilkinson, J Stagg, C Brown,
A Humphrie, S Cakebread, P Aram (HYFC), M Haynes and M Allen

91/22 - Apologies – Cllr E Wilkinson

92/22 - Declarations of Interest

Cllr D Corps, Tennis Club Chairman and Allotment holder

93/22 - Public Participation

A few members of the public spoke about the new dog signs that have been put up around the playing fields. The points raised were about dogs having to be on leads and the picking up of dog poo. Cllr Corps explained that both EHPC and WHPC had agreed that these signs were needed to remind owners to keep dogs under control whilst crossing the playing areas of both East & West Hanney playing fields. By doing this it would reduce the instances of uncontrolled dog waste on the playing surfaces, as well as reducing the instances of people being bitten by uncontrolled dogs. Cllr Corps went on to explain what can happen when dog waste is not collected.

With regards to areas where dogs can be let off the lead it was explained that parts of Kings Leases EH would be open to owners letting their dogs off leads, as well as the Meadow and Woodland in WH. Cllr P Aram then explained the reasons why EHPC decided to put up the signs.

It was also stated that the general public would also need to know how this would be policed

94/22 - Minutes of Last Meeting

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

95/22 – Matters Arising from Minutes of Last Meeting

The chairman Cllr D Corps has contacted the Church Warden about the untidy state of the churchyard, and he has arranged for this to be rectified.

The chairman confirmed that all councillors have completed Oxfordshire Code of Conduct training and signed declarations of interest.

The chairman reported the uneven footpath on Church Street, opposite St James church, on Fix My Street and this has now been repaired by OCC Highways.

The tiling slabs on the footpath sloping towards School Road have been inspected are stable and are not in any danger of falling across the path.

96/22 – Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman reported that he had on 9th November visited the Severn Trent Green Power Food Waste Facility near Wallingford that converts our food waste into energy through Anaerobic Digestion – dates for future waste facility tours have been notified to councillors.

Cathy McClelland, Hanney GARD Publicity, contacted the chairman on 15th November after the GARD Banner was removed from West Hanney Green. A notice was attached to the replacement banner stating that WHPC agreed to the location and display of the banner – please do not remove this GARD banner. It was agreed that Gard would remove the banner on Saturday 10th December 2022 after their public meeting at HWMH on Friday 9th December 2022.

Cllr D Corps spoke Steve McKechnie who is the guardian of the community defibrillator at HWMH and he will check whether it requires a software update, and he will arrange for this to be done if required.

Rebecca Lawson, Friends of St James PTA contacted the chairman about holding a Party in the Park in July. He needs to check that this does not conflict with HYFC tournament and the travelling fair.

The chairman thanked Ewan Siret, Senior Bridge Technician, OCC Highways for repairing the damage to the Botney Bridge Guardrail and repointing the parapet masonry.

On the 3rd December 2022 Paul Sayers and the chairman, showed Joanne McBrien of Tiny Wildings around our community woodland, she was interested in finding a permanent site for her nature-based playground and forest school. The inaccessible location and lack of secure storage proved to be a problem for her.

Mollie Day, 89, widow of Tony, a parish councillor for many, many years, died on 22nd December 2022.

David Treble Parker died recently – he owned the area of enclosed land on North Green,

97/22 – Financial Report

The clerk presented the Income and Expenditure account for the period 1st November 2022 to 2nd January 2023. This was approved by the Councillors present.

98/22 – Increase in Parish Rents for 2023

It has been some considerable time since land rents have been increased for Vicar's Piece, Gallows Ham, the allotments, the tennis courts and the playing field used by HYFC, HYFC storage hut and Hanney emergency hut and other commercial users of the playing field – it has already been agreed that the rent for the travelling fair will increase from £180 to £200 in 2023.

Water supply to the allotments is included in the rent, and the water usage in 2022 was approx. 35m³ or approx. £50. There are 9 plots currently in use, including 3 half-size plots, 3 plots are vacant. Current charges are £5 for a half-size plot and £10 for a full plot. Potential income approx. £100 per annum

Hanney Tennis Club pays an annual rent of £100, just under 50 members live in West Hanney, just over 50 members live in East Hanney and just over 10 members live outside the Hanneys.

The HYFC pays £130 per annum which includes £10 ground rent for their storage hut.

99/22 – 2023-2024 Precept

The clerk presented the councillor's with her provisional budget and proposed increase of 5% or 10% in the precept. After a discussion it was decided to increase the precept to £14500 which is approx. 7.7%. The precept form was duly signed and returned to the clerk for processing.

100/22 – Planning and Planning Enforcement

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

Cllr Packham reported that Bio-Diversity measures were in hand and that drilling of the road surface for drainage was to be done asap. He asked if the council could decide where they wished the unwanted kissing gate placed. Cllr Packham has a meeting with Lagan Homes during the next week.

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 was unable to attend the meeting so there was no report

P22/V2171/S73 – Wicks House application to vary condition 2 (approved plans) on application P22/V1069/FUL

Application under consideration

P22/V2335/LB – Rose Cottage Church Street – demolition of conservatory and single storey lean-to extension, to make way for rear two storey extension and replacement garage.

Application Under consideration

P22/V1054/SCR – EIA Screening for a proposed Anaerobic Digestion Facility at Bradfield Grove with a digestate lagoon in the Parish of West Hanney.

The Chairman attended a presentation to Parish Councils by Acorn Bioenergy on 10th November 2022, and a further closed meeting with 4 representatives from Acorn Bioenergy, Ron Batstone Grove Parish and District Councillor, Mark Bradfield Letcombe Brook Project Manager, Dr Colin Lloyd and Barry Gouch, Tom Bradshaw and Cllr Peter Packham WHPC on 14th December 2022, to question the operational details of the proposed AD facility.- specifically transportation of the feedstock, digestate and gases – biomethane and carbon dioxide, areas required for production of feedstock, and potential adverse environmental impacts – noise, odour and pollution.

A planning application has been submitted but is not on the VWHDC planning website yet. It will require careful consideration and a detailed response. This is an industrial scale waste disposal facility in a rural location, that will have a major impact on our community.

P22/V2599/SCR – Solar Photovoltaic Farm at Manor Farm

Discussed concerns of Denchworth PC and additional meeting with residents of Denchworth.

Developers need to complete Environmental Statement

WH residents can make their own objections.

The chairman attended the public consultation by Renewable Connections at Denchworth Village Hall on 24th November 2022 and subsequently met with Richard Starkey, Chairman of Denchworth Parish Meeting on 2nd December to discuss his concerns. He subsequently attended a Parish Meeting on 5th December to hear the concerns of approx. 30 Denchworth residents. A proposed meeting with Joel Gandhi, Development Manager of Renewable Connections on 21st of December 2022 was postponed after VWHDC EIA Screening decided this to be an EI development and an Environmental Statement (E5) was required for its potential adverse impact on heritage and adverse visual impact on landscape. Renewable Connections expect specialist consultants and surveys for this E5 to take approx. 2 months to complete.

101/22 – Parking and Road Safety on School Road outside St James Primary School.

Update of implementation of parking restrictions is awaited from Mike Horton. The implementation of the 20mph limit for the first trench of villages has reached the letter S ; West Hanney and East Hanney should be in the next month or so.

102/22 – Ownership and Maintenance of the Unrecorded Roads crossing West Hanney Green

The chairman was delighted to see the road surface being repaired on 30th November 2022; it should make our case to have these roads added to the list of roads maintainable at public expense somewhat easier.

103/22 = Nigel Eady Community Woodland, Church Farm Meadow and the New Orchard

Working parties have resumed in the woodland on the last Saturday of each month at 9am.

The next phase of our community orchard was completed with the planting of 8 apple and 4 pear

trees on 20th November 2022. These trees were donated by Helen Cavendish in memory of her husband Adam.

Thanks to our Clerk Barbara for donating a wheeled trolley for use in the community woodland and by the Hanney Flood Group. The trolley has been refurbished and will be very useful transporting tools to remote areas.

104/22 - Maintenance of Verges, Greens, Hedges, Ditches and Footpaths in West Hanney

The requirement for dog owners to keep their dogs on a lead whilst on our playing field was resolved (agreed) at our July meeting this is together with EHPC. The signs have now been erected.

The chairman was approached by a resident of North Green re the untidy state of the privately owned enclosed piece of land. Residents of North Green have been consulted to assess their views. With the passing of David Treble Parker, there may be a window of opportunity with his heirs to see the matter resolved.

On 17th December 2022 a small working party from Hanney Flood Group cleared the ditch running alongside the footpath near Lamb Cottage. The ditch, together with the other surface drains and ditches, coped well with the recent rain.

105/22 – Maintenance of Trees

The chairman inspected the large Beech tree growing on North Green on 22nd November. It is protected being in West Hanney Conservation Area, it appears healthy and in no danger of falling.

106/22 – Public Art in Development

Cllr Packham has tried to contact the arts officer but has received no reply, he will try again and report to next meeting in March.


107/22 - Projects to Enhance the Community and Environment of West Hanney

No change at present.

108/22 – Coronation of King Charles

Cllr Corps to look into doing something similar to the late queen Jubilee celebrations.

Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 7th March 2023 – Regular Meeting 7.30pm

Signed  Chairman

Date 24/01/23