

WEST HANNEY REGULAR PARISH MEETING

**Held on Tuesday 4th July 2023
at The Olde Hanney Room HWMH**

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

Attendees: J Stagg, A Wilkinson, M Haynes and M Allen

23/23 - Apologies – None

24/23 - Declarations of Interest – None

25/23 - Public Participation

Mr. A Wilkinson asked about the faulty tap in the churchyard, and asked if anyone knew when it would be repaired. The Chairman replied that the Church Warden had been in contact with both Thames Water and Castle Water about repairing the stop cock to enable the tap to be repaired.

Mr. J Stagg raised the issue of parking outside the church, specifically the sign reserving parking for the Vicar. The Chairman stated that the Parish Council had no objection to the sign or to the vicar parking in the place reserved for him.

The Party in the Park to be held on 15th July, organised by St James Primary School PTA, had requested permission to use the West Hanney playing field for parking but for no other activities. The Chairman had agreed to their request for parking.

26/23 - Minutes of Last Meeting

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

27/23 – Matters Arising from Minutes of Last Meeting

There were no matters arising.

28/23 – Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman stated that he attended an event organised by Community Action Oxfordshire for Nature Recovery on 1st July.

The Chairman has spoken to Marcus Simmons about setting up a Land App map and commission a Tree Opportunity Report for our parish. The Land App map provides special information layers including information about flood plans, land ownership and land use that will assist us with any future nature recovery projects. There is no cost other than a possible £35 fee for accessing Thames Valley Environmental Record Reports. Councillors were happy to support this initiative.

The Chairman stated that he attended a presentation by Thames Water to East Hanney Parish Council on the 3rd July regarding plans for a Clay Compaction Trial on land to the south of the Hanney Steventon Road to provide information on the characteristics of Kimmeridge Clay which will be used to construct the bunds of the proposed South East Strategic Reservoir Option (SESRO). Thames Water reported they had received over 1500 responses to the draft WRMP 2024 consultation and plan to publish their response to this consultation by the end of August 2023.

29/23 – Councillor Roles

The Chairman discussed various roles councillors might be interested in taking on.

The Chairman agreed to inform Mr. J Stagg when the roles are agreed so a list can be published in the August edition of the Hanney News.

30/23 – Financial Report

The Clerk presented the Income and Expenditure account for the period 16th May 2023 to 3rd July 2023. This was approved by the council.

Councillors were asked if they were happy to receive any CIL payments from VWHDC in the future - this was resolved.

The Clerk was asked if the Section 106 and CIL payments received by the council could be shown separately on the current account balance sheet.

Clerk to contact EHPC re amount paid by HYFC for use of their playing field.

31/23 - Planning and Planning Enforcement

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

Cllr Packham reported that the top surface of the footpath to St James Primary School had been finished, but that the guard rails still needed to be installed at end of this footpath and footpath number 5. The boundary treatments and landscaping still need to be completed. Cllrs Packham and Farrag to liaise with developers.

P21/V1620/FUL – Denes Farm – Refurbish Farmhouse, convert and extend existing barn as a single dwelling and erect 7 new dwellings – Cllr Packham reported bat boxes still need to be installed.

P23/V0706/FUL – Deans Farm – Demolition of existing barn. Erection of new 3-bedroom dwelling and associated works in place of demolished barn.

Application under consideration

P23/V0985/DIS – Wicks House application to vary condition 3 (Materials) 4 (Tree Protection) 5&6 (Drainage of Surface and Foul Water on application P22/V1147/FUL (Approved Plans)

Application fully discharged 2nd June 2023. Council to ensure Tree Protection and Tree Mitigation measures are implemented.

P22/V2599/SCR – EIA Screening Opinion for a proposed Solar Photovoltaic Farm at Manor Farm, east of Dench worth, in the Parish of West Hanney

The Chairman understands the Environmental Statements have been completed.

P22/V2955/FUL – The construction and operation of an anaerobic digestion facility, ancillary infrastructure, and an improved access road from the A338 with offsite digestate lagoon located on land at Grove Farm, off Cow Lane, West Hanney Grove

Application withdrawn prior to determination on 30th May 2023

P23/V0458/HH – Rose Cottage, Church Street – demolition of outbuilding and replacement garage (amended by plans received 20th April 2023)

Planning permission granted 19th June 2023

P23/V0020/HH – Shaunton, Main Street – Extension to the existing building

Planning permission granted 25th May 2023

P23/V0126/FUL – Ploughley Farm – Residential occupation of a static caravan

Application under consideration

P23/V0181/HH – Farthings, Winter Lane – Rear Extension

Application under consideration

P23/V0495/HH – Jubilee Cottage – Garage extension and minor internal changes

Planning permission granted 16th June 2023

Planning Enforcement

P20/V0057/FUL Planning Officer has confirmed this planning application has lapsed.

32/23 – 20mph speed limit throughout West Hanney

The Chairman thanked Cllr Garner for adjusting the speed indicator devices (SID's) to register the new speed limit. Cllr Garner reported that it was too soon to check the data collected by the SID's since the introduction of the 20mph speed limit and this data would be downloaded and analysed after 3 months. The SID in Winter Lane has developed a minor fault with its LED display, Cllr Garner to contact the manufacturer about possible repair or replacement of the SID should this be necessary.

It had been suggested by Chris Surman that the West Hanney Community Speedwatch Group be restarted. The Chairman had contacted Dickon Green, Community Speedwatch Co-ordinator for Wantage - East Hanney, about restarting the West Hanney Community Speedwatch Group. Dickon was extremely supportive and felt it would support the new 20mph speed limit. Chris Surman had also received a response from Matthew Barber, Police and Crime Commissioner, with an offer to fund a starter kit including a hand-held speed gun. Councillors agreed to support the restarting of the West Hanney Community Speedwatch Group.

33/23 - Parking restrictions along School Road

The consultation for parking restrictions on School Road, West Hanney and The Causeway, East Hanney has closed and the proposal has now been approved by Oxfordshire County Council. It is hoped the parking restrictions and yellow lines will be in place for the start of the new school year.

34/23 - Nigel Eady Community Woodland, Church Farm Meadow, and the New Orchard

Cllr Corps reported that he was watering the fruit trees when required.

35/23 – Maintenance of Verges, Greens, Hedges, Ditches and Footpaths in West Hanney

Elevated footpath on Church Street reported to OCC by Cllr Packham is due to be repaired on 15th September.

36/23 – Ownership and Maintenance of the Unrecorded Roads crossing West Hanney Green

The roads crossing West Hanney Green are currently in a good state repair. This may be an opportune time to apply to have these roads added to the list of roads maintained at public expense.

37/23 – Public Art in Development

Cllr Packham reported that some of the residents of Meadow Way had suggested possible public art for this new development. It was suggested that the VWHDC Arts Officer comes and speaks to them. Cllr Packham said he would also attend this meeting. Cllr Corps said that he thought the council should have a say on what is placed on the public open space as it will be funded by the Section 106 contribution received by the council.

38/23 - Projects to Enhance the Community and Environment of West Hanney

Replacement of the 'Carol Singers' bench overlooking the Buttercross – Cllr Packham to investigate this.

Cllr Corps suggesting the possibility of reinstating some of the ponds in and around West Hanney to support nature recovery and biodiversity. West Hanney previously had 6 or 7 ponds, the majority have been filled in including one at the north end of North Green and one at Headings Pond. A feasibility study would be needed to determine whether restoring ponds in these locations would be possible. The issue of the untidy privately owned land at North Green also needs to be addressed and residents consulted as to what they think of the current situation and what they would like to happen.

Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 5th September 2023 – Regular Meeting to be held in the
Olde Hanney Room HWMH at 7.30pm

Signed Chairman

Date