

WEST HENDRED PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Thursday 9th July 2009

Present:

Jonathan Barton (Chairman)
Amanda Axel-Berg (Parish Councillor) Catherine Johnson (PSCO)
Robert Clayton (Parish Councillor)
Julian Taylor (Parish Councillor)
Robert Williamson (Parish Councillor)
Julia Evans (Clerk)

1. Apologies

Terry Fraser sent his apologies.

2. Minutes

- The minutes of the ordinary meeting and the Annual Parish meeting, both held on 21st May 2009 were reviewed and approved.

3. Declaration of Interests

RC declared an interest in Planning Application ref. 14514/4

4. Playing Field Report

No report available. Clerk not aware of any issues at present.

5. County Councillor's Report.

This was not available.

6. District Councillors' Report.

This was not available.

7. Police Report

This item was brought forward and was heard before item 4. PCSO Catherine Johnson reported that there had only been one problem; a caravan on a farm had been set on fire. There was nothing else to report. Catherine Johnson left after giving her report.

8. Matters Arising

- Outstanding OCC Highways items
 - Blocked Road Drains at Church View. This was cleaned out, but needs to be checked. Item to be kept open.
 - Footpath repairs at Brewer's Lane have been put in for assessment.
 - Road Cleaning on Ginge Road past the Church (from Church View up to Goldbury Cottages). Clerk has written to the Vale but it still hasn't been done.
 - Ditch cleaning in The Greenway. IB to contact OCC Highways drainage. **Action: IB**
- Speed Monitor on The Greenway. Results have been circulated. JT has started to analyse the data. On the face of it the situation doesn't look too bad. JT to continue with analysis and report at next meeting. **Action: JT**
- Speed Limit on A417 – Clerk has written to Cllr Hudspeth requesting a vehicle activated sign. OCC are now proposing to make the new speed limit permanent. **CLOSED**
- Dog Waste Bins. WHPC will need to purchase bin(s) at a cost of around £100 each. Installation is c. £90 per bin. Emptying is £3.05 per week, per bin but there is vat and admin charge on top of this. The quarterly charge for one bin would be £50.16. The location of the bin would need to be agreed with the waste management officer & he will have final say where it is to be located. The meeting debated this at length. The conclusion was that a single bin would not resolve the dog fouling problem, but more than one bin would be too expensive. The meeting resolved that the installation of dog waste bins is not viable.

9. Planning Applications

- WHE/20826/1 – demolition of existing garage. Erection of triple garage with accommodation over at 1 Yew Tree Cottages. The meeting discussed this at length. It was agreed to object to the application on the grounds of overlooking and scale of building. Clerk to ask for an extension to the deadline to allow for the response to be properly formulated. Clerk to email JB for agreement prior to sending response. **Action: Clerk**
- WHE/14514/4 – alterations to dwelling including erection of new porch at Northbrook Barn, Mill Farm. WHPC responded with no objections.

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10. Finance

Detailed financial information is available on request from the Parish Clerk.

11. Miscellaneous Correspondence

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