

WEST HENDRED PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Thursday 21st May 2009

Present:

Jonathan Barton (Chairman)

Amanda Axel-Berg (Parish Councillor)

Robert Clayton (Parish Councillor)

Julian Taylor (Parish Councillor)

Julia Evans (Clerk)

Iain Brown (County Councillor)

1. Apologies

Julian Taylor and Terry Fraser sent their apologies.

2. Minutes

- The minutes of the meeting held on 12th March 2009 were reviewed and approved.

3. Declaration of Interests

None declared.

4. Playing Field Report

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

5. County Councillor's Report.

This was given at the Annual Parish meeting.

6. District Councillors' Report.

This was given at the Annual Parish meeting.

7. Police Report

This report was not available.

8. Matters Arising

- Outstanding OCC Highways items
 - Blocked Road Drains at Church View. This has been cleaned out, although WHPC has not checked it yet.
 - Footpath repairs at Brewer's Lane. These need to be extended up to Luke House. This has been put in for assessment.
 - Potholes in The Millham. None found. Item closed.
 - Road cleaning on Ginge Road, from Church View up to Goldbury Cottages. This still hasn't been done. Clerk to contact VWHDC. **Action: Clerk**
 - Gully cleaning in the Greenway. Mandy Bell says ditch is not OCC highways responsibility. IB informed the meeting that OCC highways claim rights over a ditch up to 3 feet from a road edge. If the ditch starts within this then OCC highways has responsibility. IB to contact Highways Drainage. **Action: IB**
 - Metal grille on The Greenway is standing proud of the road and needs to be put back flush with the road surface. This has been done. Item closed.
- Speed Monitor on The Greenway. Results have been circulated. Clerk to send electronic copy to JT. **Action: Clerk**
- Speed Limit on A417 – IB suggests writing to Cllr Ian Hudspeth. Thank him for the new limit & suggest it could do with a Vehicle Activated Sign going eastward. State that we realise it's expensive but is necessary because of the danger to children crossing at the bus stop. **Action: Clerk**
- Dog Waste Bins. Carried forward to the next meeting. Clerk to contact VWHDC for costs.
- Community Emergency Plans – This was discussed. The meeting resolved that due to a good community spirit in West Hendred a formal emergency plan was not required.
- Telephone Box outside the Village Hall. Following a request from the Village Hall Committee an item was put in the local newsletter asking for objections to the removal of this telephone box. None have been received. The meeting resolved to ask for the telephone box to be removed. Clerk to contact BT and liaise with Village Hall committee.

9. Planning Applications

- WHE/6919/5 - Erection of an outbuilding and ancillary works at Manor Farm House. This has been approved by WHDC.
- WHE/681586 – Single storey porch and two storey extension at Bramley Tree, Manor Lane. This has been approved by VWHDC.

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- WHE/20826-LB – additional plans for demolition of internal walls at 1 Yew Tree Cottages – WHPC has responded with no objections.
- WHE/1892/15 – Replacement of 1 and 2 Stable Cottages (recently destroyed by fire) – WHPC responded with no objections.
- Appeals against enforcement notices at Greensands, East Hendred. A public enquiry was reconvened on 21st April. As at 10th May no decision had been reached.

10. Finance

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

11. Miscellaneous Correspondence

- Requests for donations were received from:
 - 1861 (Wantage) Squadron Air Training Corps
 - Home Start Southern Oxfordshire.The meeting resolved not to donate to these groups.
- A request was received from North Berks Football League to mark their Centenary. They suggest a number of ways this might be done. As a number of local clubs have played in the league over the years the meeting agreed to send a letter to arrive in the week prior to the celebratory dinner on 9th October. **Action: Clerk**

12. Notice Board. The clerk reported that the notice board could not be opened and asked whether this could be looked into. The meeting agreed to this. The clerk also noted that it needs treating with wood preservative. AAB offered her husband's help with this. **Action: AAB**

13. Grass Cutting. The clerk reported that no invoices were received during the last year although the work had been done. RC to chase. **Action: RC**

14. West Hendred website. Clerk reported that a website was needed in order to publicly display the information required under the model publication scheme (raised in January 2009). The meeting agreed that West Hendred should have a website. AAB suggested that her son could look into this. The meeting agreed. **Action: AAB**

15. Village Hall Grant. The meeting asked the Clerk to look into details on the Village Hall grant.

Action: Clerk

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Thursday 9th July at 7.30 in Village Hall.
The meeting closed at 9.15pm.