

## WEST HENDRED PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of meeting held on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2011

<b>Present:</b>	Julian Taylor (Chairman)	Beryl Maile
	Amanda Axel-Berg (Parish Councillor)	Charles Pappenheim (from 8pm)
	Robert Clayton (Parish Councillor)	Robert Williamson
	Richard Evans (Parish Councillor) from 7.45pm	
	Sarah Lloyd (Parish Councillor) from 7.40pm	
	Julia Evans (Clerk)	
	Bill Jones (District Councillor)	

<b>1.</b>	<b>Apologies</b>	
	Catherine Johnson sent her apologies. Richard Evans sent a message to say he would arrive late.	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Minutes</b>	
	This item was heard after item 8 – the Village Plan report. All subsequent items were heard in the usual order. The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 8 <sup>th</sup> September 2011 were reviewed and approved subject to the correction of a typo in item 8. The Chairman declared that a closed session would be held at the end of the meeting to discuss closed items from the last meeting.	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Declaration of Interests</b>	
	None declared.	
<b>4.</b>	<b>Playing Field Report</b>	<b>Action:</b>
	This was not available.	
<b>5.</b>	<b>Police Report</b>	<b>Action:</b>
	PCSO Johnson reported via the Chairman that there has been no reported crime in the village.	
<b>6.</b>	<b>District Councillors Report</b>	<b>Action:</b>
	<p>Cllr Bill Jones reported that there is a new PC in this area – PC Sarah Merrit. He reported that in general offences in the Vale had gone down. He summarised as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Violence against a person – down 26.2%</li> <li>• Less serious violence – down 14%</li> <li>• Sexual crimes – down 32%</li> <li>• Burglary and Robbery– down 22%</li> <li>• Burglary (dwellings) down 23%</li> <li>• Theft of vehicles – down 50%</li> <li>• Theft from vehicles – down 11%</li> <li>• Other crimes – down 92%</li> </ul> <p>He reported that hate crime and domestic abuse had gone up. He explained that this was due to improved reporting. Cllr Jones left the meeting at 8.45pm</p>	
<b>7.</b>	<b>County Councillors Report</b>	<b>Action:</b>
	This was not available.	

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8.	Village Plan Report	Action:
	<p>This item was brought forward and was heard before any other items. Robert Williamson explained to Beryl Maile that this was a Parish Council meeting and that the next Village Plan meeting was on 4<sup>th</sup> January. Beryl Maile left the meeting at 7.35pm.</p> <p>RW suggested that as several Parish Councillors attend the Village Plan meetings, they should give a report to the Parish Council Meeting in future. This was agreed.</p> <p>Leaflets were distributed and the Launch event was held on 14<sup>th</sup> November. The Chairman asked how the village plan will impact on the Parish Council when complete. Will it put the Parish Council in a straitjacket? RW assured him that this was not the case. RW asked what happened to the Steering Committee once the plan is complete. He said that was yet to be decided. East Hendred steering committee is still active. RC asked what would happen if proposals were controversial. RW said the plan has to be approved by a referendum. The Parish Council cannot veto any proposals. SL said she saw it as a mandate for the Parish Council's actions in the future.</p> <p>The issue regarding a second launch event was discussed. RW believes that the ORCC process should be adhered to, but it was decided to hold a second event. This will cause a delay. SL feels it needs to be done to prevent issues in the future. The Chairman asked how this would be publicised. Will there be more leaflets. SL said she wasn't sure yet. The Chairman said the Parish Council would support RW's decision whatever happened.</p> <p>RW left the meeting at 7.45pm</p>	



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<p><b>Cycle Path –</b> Harbug has submitted proposals to OCC, part of which are proposals for a cycle network linking Harwell, Wantage and the interim villages. There is also a proposed cycleway connecting Grove, Lockinge, The Hendreds and Wantage through to Rowstock. The bid for funding failed. They are currently looking for alternative funding options. RE says there is a lot of support from the villages. He emphasised that no route has been planned as yet. The Chairman expressed surprise that all this work has been done yet no one has spoken to WHPC. SL raised the question of the Furlong. RE said this was not an option as it is too narrow. SL asked who owned the bridleway that runs parallel to the Furlong. RC said it was his land. Sarah James is trying to get an action group together across all the parishes. The Chairman asked who would represent West Hendred. The meeting agreed that RE should do this. RE to take this forward as required.</p>	RE
<p><b>Mowing –</b> The meeting discuss who would mow the playing field following the demise of Mr Soffe’s mower. SL offered the use of a ride on mower. The Chairman volunteered to do the cutting. The meeting asked whether Mr Soffe wanted to continue cutting the grass in 2012. RC agreed to speak to him. To be discussed again at the next meeting.</p>	RC
<p><b>Parish Council Planning Training –</b> RE attended the training evening presented by the Vale. He said it was all about how the Planning Department works. He outlined what he had learnt:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Local plans ARE considered</li> <li>- The planning department won’t pick up deviations from plans. Once a deviation from a plan has been completed, there will be no enforcement to bring it back to the original plan. This is too expensive. CP pointed out that it’s important to catch such deviations as they happen so that they can be dealt with.</li> <li>- There is no statutory requirement to have someone to enforce planning decisions.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Town and Parish Council Forum –</b> SL attended this meeting. She passed around a report on the meeting. She informed the meeting that the district council will not be able to sell off assets without consulting the community. A copy of the report is filed with these minutes.</p>	

9.	Planning Applications	Action:
	<p>A request to fell some Leylandii at The Old Post Office was received while the Clerk was away. It was not circulated and on the Clerk’s return the date for comments had passed. The Clerk apologised for this. The meeting confirmed that there would have been no objections anyway.</p>	
	<p>11/02619/FUL Widening of dropped kerb at Appleby on the Reading Road. The meeting confirmed that there were no objections.</p>	

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<b>10.</b>	<b>Finance</b>
	Financial Information is available on request from the Clerk

<b>11.</b>	<b>Miscellaneous Correspondence</b>	<b>Action:</b>
<b>11.1</b>	Road improvements on A417. The Chairman is to discuss this at the Chairman's meeting. The Chairman agreed to arrange these. SL agreed to find out who the current chairman of Ardington Parish Council is.	<b>Chairman/SL</b>
<b>11.2</b>	Parking on The Greenway – The Clerk asked if this was still a problem. The meeting agreed to close the item for the time being.	
<b>11.3</b>	Waste Plan – The Clerk received no response from the councillors on this following the last meeting. Consequently no comments were submitted by WHPC.	

<b>12.</b>	<b>AOB</b>	<b>Action:</b>
<b>12.1</b>	<b>Potholes - There</b> are a number of potholes in the village. Clerk to write to OCC highways and ask them to contact RC to discuss.	<b>Clerk</b>

<b>13.</b>	<b>Date of Next Meeting</b>
	The next meeting is Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> January 2012 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.
	The meeting closed at 10.00 pm.

Signed .....

Dated .....

