

Minutes of the Meeting of East Hendred Parish Council, Tuesday 11th October 2016 at 7.30pm at Snells Hall

Present: John Sharp (Chair), Charles Pappenheim, Selby Stocks, Roger Turnbull, Catherine Shortis

Clerk/Finance Officer: Julia Evans

County Councillor: Stewart Lilly

District Councillor:

PCSO:

Members of the Public: Mark Beddow and two others interested in the Planning items on the agenda. David Wood and Andrew Williams interested in item 6 on the agenda.

1	Apologies for Absence: Stephen Webb, David Jones, Chris Bedford and Mike Murray sent their apologies.	Action
2	Declarations of Interest: Cllr Turnbull declared an interest in Agenda item 11f.	
3	Acceptance of Minutes of 13th September 2016: The Minutes of the Monthly meeting held on 13 th September were approved and signed. Proposed: Cllr Pappenheim, Seconded: Cllr Stocks. RESOLVED.	
4	Matters Arising from the Minutes of 13th September 2016: Outstanding Actions, not listed separately on the Agenda, were discussed as follows:	
4a	Dog Waste/Waste Bin: It was reported that the developer had suggested a site for the new bin. The Clerk has written to the Vale to check that the location is acceptable. The Clerk has written again. Still awaiting a response.	
4b	S106 FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY ART The owl sculptures and the notice board have been added on to the asset register. It was reported that a resident of Portway Close had requested an owl sculpture for the area. Cllr Bedford agreed to speak to Abigail Brown regarding public art funding from Pye Homes phase 2. He also suggested an 'adopt an owl' scheme for future maintenance of the sculptures. A letter of thanks from the DGA was presented.	C/F: CB
4c	EMERGENCY PLAN – PROGRESS: The development of an emergency plan is ongoing.	C/F: JVS/CP/RT
4d	PUB SIGNS – FOR PLOUGH AND OUTSIDE THE EYSTON ARMS Nick Parry has responded stating that the sign is on pub/estate land and the Conservation Officer has confirmed that it doesn't need Listed Building consent. Clerk has written back asking for something more in keeping with the conservation area. A member of the public has previously reported that The Plough sign has been reinstalled. The Clerk has written to Alan Pratelly at OCC Highways. Still awaiting a reply.	
4e	Review of Grants Policy and Complaints Procedure These reviews are to be carried forward to later in the year.	C/F:Clerk
4f	Roadworks on A417 Neighbours have been informed about the roadworks recently carried out on the A417, but the Parish Council was not. Clerk has written to Stuart Wright at Pye Homes to ask that the Parish Council is informed in the future and to ask what has been done, but no reply has been received. Cllr Turnbull suggested writing to Tom File at Pye Homes.	Clerk
4g	Hedge Pruning Mr Beddow volunteered to prune the tree behind the Jenkins bench.	Mr Beddow
5	COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER'S REPORT	

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	This was not available. To be circulated by email when it arrived.	
6	PROGRESS ON RECRUITMENT OF NEW COUNCILLORS Cllr Sharp declared a closed session to be held at the end of the meeting to discuss applicants for co-option.	
7	OPEN FORUM: Mr Williams and Mr Wood each gave a short talk in support of their application to join the Parish Council. They were thanked for attending.	
8	COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT: Cllr Lilly gave an update on the proposals for a Unitary authority. He expressed concern that the Local Plan may not be adopted until February. He reported on the proposal for an Oxford-Cambridge expressway which will have an impact on the area. He suggested supporting the A34 action group on Facebook. He noted that Oxford Garden City may be back on the agenda. Steventon rail electrification is being discussed again; there are still issues with the listed bridge. He also reported on various other OCC matters. Cllr Lilly was thanked for attending.	
9	DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT: This was not available.	
10	FINANCIAL MATTERS:	
10a	Finance Report: It was reported that a finance committee meeting had been held. Finance is on target. An outline budget for 2017/18 is to be prepared for the next meeting.	Clerk
10b	Approval of October Payments: The full list of payments is attached to these minutes. The Accounts for Payment for October 2016 total £2331.61. Proposed: Cllr Stocks, Seconded: Cllr Turnbull. Approved. The cheques were signed.	
11	PLANNING ITEMS	
11a	Vale Local Plan Part 1 – Consultation on modifications: Cllr Turnbull reported that responses to the modifications have been submitted to the inspector.	
11b	P16/V2311/HH – Mead Edge, The Lynch. Single Storey side extension. The meeting agreed to respond with No Objections.	
11c	P16/V2353/O – 1 Portway Cottages. Erection of single 3 bedroom dwelling. A site meeting has been arranged for 12 th October. The meeting agreed to agree make a response via email.	
11d	P16/V2426/HH – 5 Mill Lane. Two Storey front and side extension. Single storey rear extension. A site visit will be made tomorrow. The meeting agreed to make a response via email.	
11e	P16/V2501/SCR – Screening opinion for Greensands. There was no consultation on this application.	
11f	P15/V2560/FUL- Pye Homes phase 3. Amendment no. 3 to plans to develop 48 dwellings on land to the east of Portway Cottages. Cllr Turnbull left the room. It was reported that the application had been approved by the Vale planning committee. It was felt that the planning committee meeting was chaotic and was not properly conducted and the decision was based on incorrect information. In particular an Addendum report had been issued on the day which included material very relevant to the application but was not referred to during the meeting. Mr Beddow noted that the Scrutiny Committee can send an application back to the planning committee. The meeting agreed to go ahead with a challenge. The second issue is the highways situation, which is unsafe. Cllr Sharp has been corresponding with John Patey, but his last response had significant issues which needed further challenge. Cllr Stocks recommended checking for the condition which insists on a 30mph speed limit. Cllr Lilly asked for it to be recorded that i) since February 2016 he has had no professional relationship with BHP Harwood; ii)a personal complaint has been	JVS

	<p>received about him. He will take action if this does not stop.</p> <p>Cllr Lilly noted that the 30mph limit will be agreed via the S106 agreement. He confirmed that OCC cannot object to an application; they can only contribute and give advice. Cllr Lilly offered to take this up with Mr Hindle if required. Cllr Sharp noted that what is being proposed for the highway is below standard and he would take further issue with Mr.Patey, before the Council took further action.</p> <p>Cllr Turnbull returned.</p>	
11g	<p>P16/V0235/O – Greensands/Mather House. The application was rejected by the Vale.</p> <p>Appeal Reference APP/V3120/W/16/3145234 - Greensands It was reported that the appeal for the original Greensands application, which was rejected by the Vale, is set for the end of November 2016. Cllr Turnbull said he would be prepared to represent the Council; however It was agreed to discuss a Parish Council representative for the appeal at the meeting with Terry Gashe tomorrow.</p> <p>Julie Cottee asked to be informed when we receive details of the appeal.</p>	
11h	<p>Local Plan Part 2 – Call for sites: Parish Councils will be able to comment on the sites in February 2017.</p>	
12	<p>WEBSITE REVIEW</p> <p>No progress to report on the website at the moment.</p>	C/F: DJ
13	<p>NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN: Clerk is arranging a meeting with CFO.</p>	Clerk
14	<p>HENDRED ESTATE ITEMS:</p> <p>A meeting will be held with Nick Parry in one month.</p> <p>It was reported that there is a dead tree near the walkway. Nick Parry has agreed to fell it. Cllr Shortis reported that Nick Parry was considering conducting a tree survey.</p>	
15	<p>WORKING GROUPS/REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS AND UPDATES</p>	
15a	<p>Sports Club:</p> <p>It was noted that there could be substantial S106 contributions for the sports club.</p>	
15b	<p>Allotments:</p> <p>Cllr Shortis reported that the allotment rents had been collected. She thanked Cllr Pappenheim for his help. There is one vacant plot and three people on the waiting list. Work on the tenancy agreement is ongoing. Cllr Shortis, Bedford and Sharp to look at this.</p>	CS/CB/JVS
15c	<p>Bulletin/Website/Facebook:</p> <p>The next Bulletin is due in early December.</p>	
15d	<p>Courtesy Lighting:</p> <p>Two lamps have been replaced. Cllr Pappenheim confirmed that the electricity rate is unchanged from last year. Courtesy Lighting payments to be presented for approval at the November meeting.</p>	Clerk
15e	<p>Playgrounds:</p> <p>Cllrs Turnbull and Webb to complete the monthly inspection. Paul Stoter has been asked to complete the repairs to the tower slide. Cllr Pappenheim to chase.</p> <p>PLAY EQUIPMENT UPDATE:</p> <p>Basket Swing: One quote has now been received. Awaiting a second quote.</p>	CP C/F: CS/CB
15f	<p>Transport: Nothing to report.</p>	
15g	<p>Rights of Way: Cllr Pappenheim reported that the bridge over Ginge Brook is now complete. The field is churned up on the West Hendred side. Clerk to raise this with West Hendred.</p>	Clerk
15h	<p>Snells Path/Nature Reserve: There are no problems at the moment.</p>	

15i	Harwell Liaison: The meeting did not think it was necessary to inform people of the diversion to the Icknield Way as it is well signposted.	
15j	Lengthman/Litter Picker: It was noted that Brian has done a good job pruning hedges in Penney playpark.	
16	Rowstock Items: Mr Crawford raised an issue regarding the A34 diversion and the speed that trucks were travelling through Rowstock.	
17	General Correspondence: Precept Referendum – The meeting agreed to support the NALC opposition to the proposals. Grant Request from South & Vale Carers – They have supported 5 carers in the parish over the last year. Cllr Pappenheim proposed a donation of £100. Cllr Shortis seconded. RESOLVED. Clerk to raise cheque.	Clerk
18	Any Other Business (for information only): Town & Parish Forum – Cllrs Sharp and Turnbull to attend. Clerk to reserve places. Cllr Shortis reported that vegetation is obstructing the footpath outside Wells Head. Clerk to write and ask the householder to clear it. Cllr Shortis reported the water leak near Sheard Studios. She agreed to report it on Fix My Street.	Clerk Clerk CS
19	DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be Tuesday 8 th November 2016 at 7.30pm.	
20	Playground inspection for September meeting: Stephen Webb/David Jones	SW/DJ

The meeting closed at 9.25pm