

Minutes of the Meeting of East Hendred Parish Council, Tuesday 14th March 2017 at 7.30pm at Snells Hall

Present: John Sharp (Chair), David Jones, Selby Stocks , Roger Turnbull, Andrew Williams

Clerk/Finance Officer: Julia Evans

County Councillor: Stewart Lily

District Councillor: Mike Murray

PCSO:

Members of the Public: David Wood, Mark Beddow

1	Apologies for Absence: Catherine Shortis, Chris Bedford, Stephen Webb and Charles Pappenheim sent their apologies.	Action
2	Declarations of Interest: Cllrs Turnbull and Stocks declared an interest in items 10b and 10c on the agenda.	
3	Acceptance of Minutes of 14th February 2017: The Minutes of the Monthly meeting held on 14 th February 2017 were approved and signed. Proposed: Cllr Jones, Seconded: Cllr Stocks. RESOLVED.	
4	Matters Arising from the Minutes of 14th February 2017: Outstanding Actions, not listed separately on the Agenda, were discussed as follows:	
4a	Dog Waste/Waste Bin: The new bin has been passed to Paul Stoter for installation.	
4b	EMERGENCY PLAN – PROGRESS: The development of an emergency plan is ongoing.	C/F: JVS/CP/RT
4c	Review of Grants Policy and Complaints Procedure Cllr Turnbull proposed adopting the revised Grants Policy and Complaints procedure. Cllr Stocks seconded. RESOLVED.	CLOSED
4d	BT Payphone consultation –BT are dealing with this.	CLOSED
4e	Appointment of Internal Auditor: Mr Watkin has accepted the appointment of Internal Auditor.	CLOSED
4f	Proposal to hire a brown garden waste bin for Cat Street Cemetery - £38 per year. The bin has been ordered. Awaiting delivery.	Clerk
4g	Proposal to obtain a quote to remove an overgrown tree stump from the Cat Street Cemetery, to make room for up to four extra graves. A quote of £60 was presented and accepted. The church will pay their portion. Cllr Pappenheim to progress the work. Proposed: Cllr Turnbull; Seconded: Cllr Stocks. RESOLVED.	CP
4h	Proposal to obtain a quote to re-point the stonework base of the War Memorial. Hendred Estate have offered to carry out this work at no cost. The Parish Council thanked Mr Parry for his generous offer.	CP
4i	Owl Notice board – Cllr Pappenheim has asked Cllr Bedford to discuss the issue with Nick Speakman. Reorganisation of health care in Oxfordshire – There was a discussion on these proposals and their impact on Wantage Hospital. Clerk to write to Ed Vaizey supporting the call that GP surgeries should get the funding they need to increase the capacity of the existing surgeries and also expressing support for Wantage hospital since it meets a local need. A letter of support has been sent to Wantage Hospital as well. It was agreed that the Parish Council should respond to the consultation on the reorganisation. Clerk to ask Cllr Webb for	CB Clerk/SW

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	input.	
5	COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER'S REPORT A report covering the general area was circulated by email. Cllr Stocks reported that there had been a spate of tool thefts locally.	
6	OPEN FORUM: Members of the public had nothing to raise.	
7	COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT: Cllr Lilly presented information on the Healthcare Consultation. OCC have responded to this; there are proposals to close local hospitals. Cllr Lilly reported that the proposals for Better Oxfordshire would be going to the Secretary of State shortly. It was noted that three Oxfordshire districts were not yet on board with the proposals. 93% of Oxfordshire now has a better grade of broadband than three years ago. Cllr Lilly requested that he be informed of any specific problem areas. Cllr Pappenheim attended the A417 meeting last week. The issues at Rowstock are being pursued. Cllr Lilly is sure that funding for improvements is still in place but it is linked to the work at Featherbed Lane. He also stated that other money might be available to install a VAS at Rowstock. Some of the funding is coming from Enterprise Funding. The officer at OCC is Mr Wisdom. The Didcot town centre extension is underway. A cross party meeting has been held regarding the Oxford-Cambridge expressway. In this year's secondary school allocations 1 st preference was given to 99 out of 115 applicants with 13 being given second preference. Thames Water is reconsidering the reservoir. Cllr Lilly was thanked for attending.	
8	DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT: Cllr Murray reported that a bulletin was due shortly which would describe the sites selected for LPP2. He noted that Harwell is the site that will impact East Hendred, involving a change of use from employment to housing. Cllr Turnbull stated that he would be challenging this. Cllr Sharp noted that it was planned to be an 'innovation village' matching the needs of the tenure to that of the campus. Cllr Murray reported that with regard to the Unitary proposals, the district council elections would be delayed until 2019. All Councillors will leave their posts and will need to be elected onto the Unitary boards. Once the elections have taken place there will be a boundary review prior to the next election. Oxford will have its own Town Council. Parishes will be able to do more if they want to, but this is not obligatory. Parish Councils will be represented but will not have voting rights on the area boards. The Vale Local Plan, along with those of the other districts, will be retained until a unitary plan has been developed. Cllr Williams expressed concern that future plans would consider the wider area rather than being concerned about local issues. Cllr Murray noted that existing jurisdiction for planning applications would remain. Consultation documents for Didcot Garden Town will be issued in May. Cllr Murray was thanked for attending.	
9	FINANCIAL MATTERS:	
9a	Approval of March Payments: The full list of payments is attached to these minutes. The Accounts for Payment for March 2017 total £3117.28. Proposed: Cllr Turnbull, Seconded: Cllr Jones. Approved. The cheques were signed.	
9b	To consider a grant application from the PCC for the upkeep of the churchyard: Cllr Turnbull proposed approving the annual request for £563.21, representing 50% of the costs. Cllr Williams seconded. RESOLVED.	
9c	NJC Pay Scales. Cllr Turnbull proposed accepting the new NJC pay scales which come into force on 1 st April. Cllr Stocks seconded. RESOLVED.	

14a	Sports Club: Nothing to report. Cllr Jones noted that they are planning to hold monthly meetings going forward.	
14b	Allotments: Cllr Shortis will present a proposed tenancy agreement for approval at the next meeting.	CS
14c	Bulletin/Website/Facebook: The latest Bulletin has been published and distributed.	
14d	Courtesy Lighting: Nothing to report.	
14e	Playgrounds: The monthly inspection for Penney Play Park has been completed. No issues to report. Cllr Stock and David Wood to inspect Mill Lane asap. Cllr Jones feels that this area will become an issue very soon. PLAY EQUIPMENT UPDATE: Basket Swing: Nothing to report.	David Wood/SS
14f	Transport: Cllr Turnbull to prepare a response to the consultation on the Footpath and Cycleway design guide.	RT
14g	Rights of Way: The footpath to Steventon is in a poor condition; it is blocked, unmarked and unmaintained. Cllr Turnbull to provide the footpath number; clerk to report to Countryside Officer.	RT/Clerk
14h	Snells Path/Nature Reserve: It was noted that cycles and dogs are banned from this route. This prevents parents and children using it. To be reviewed at the next meeting.	Clerk (agenda)
14i	Harwell Liaison: A meeting is scheduled with ONR for 29 th March regarding the emergency zone. Cllrs Sharp and Webb to attend, and possible Cllr Williams.	JVS/SW/AW
14j	Lengthman/Litter Picker: Nothing to report.	
15	Rowstock Items: Defibrillator Project – Covered in minute 4d above. Traffic Speed on A417 – Covered in minute 7 above.	CLOSED
16	General Correspondence: None.	
17	Any Other Business (for information only): Cycle Route – RT asked for details of the Cycle Route 200m south of the A417 which is apparently under consideration. North Wessex downs AONB – The North Wessex downs AONB has a temporary Planning Officer. He is keen to meet local people. Cllr Sharp to arrange a meeting including other councils.	JVS
18	DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be Tuesday 11 th April 2017 at 7.30pm. The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Thursday 27 th April.	
19	Playground inspection for February meeting: David Wood/ Selby Stocks/Chris Bedford	DW/SS/CB

The meeting closed at 9.35pm