

Minutes of the Meeting of East Hendred Parish Council, Thursday 7th January 2021 at 7.30pm by Video Conference

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

Clerk/Finance Officer: Julia Evans

County Councillor: Cllr Mike Fox-Davies

District Councillor: Cllr Janet Shelley

PCSO:

Members of the Public:

01/21	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllrs Hardisty and Roberts, PCSO Kirby	Action:
02/21	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Cllr Shortis for agenda item 11d. Cllr Webb for agenda item 11b. Cllr Turnbull for agenda items 11b and 11c.	
03/21	OPEN FORUM No members of the public present.	
04/21	UPDATE FROM COMMUNITY RESILIENCE GROUP It was reported that the group is still active. The water issue affecting residents had been resolved.	
05/21	ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF 3rd DECEMBER 2020 The minutes of the monthly meeting held on 3 rd December 2020 were reviewed and approved. Proposed Cllr Stocks, Seconded Cllr Turnbull. RESOLVED.	
	MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF 5th NOVEMBER 2020 NOT OTHERWISE COVERED ON THE AGENDA:	
06/21	EMERGENCY PLAN The final version of the plan was to be circulated to the Parish Council for review.	CP
07/21	SPEED MONITORING/VAS AT ROWSTOCK A meeting had been held with OCC officers, attended by members of East Hendred, Harwell and Chilton Parish Councils. Prices for the proposed SID device were circulated. The Parish Councils were to decide whether or not to proceed. It was noted that 6 poles would also be required. The total cost would be between £6k and £7k. It was agreed that an internal discussion was required followed by a meeting with Harwell Parish Council. Cllr Pappenheim to re-circulate the notes from the meeting.	CP
08/21	TRAFFIC ADVISORY GROUP MEETING No progress. Cllr Fox-Davies was still working on this. Input from the team responsible for new roads was required.	MF-D
09/21	SALT BIN FOR ST MARY'S No progress.	Clerk
10/21	DOG FOULING ON TRACK BESIDE PORTWAY COTTAGES The signs had been delivered. Cllr Shortis to install them.	CS
11/21	SIGNS IN THE VILLAGE Cllr Coates had begun the research.	NC
12/21	COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER'S REPORT: PCSO Kirby sent a written report which had been circulated. In it he reported that some of the knitted characters around this village had been stolen. Over the past few months there had been reports of hare coursing and poaching both during the day and at night. Police operations continued to target this activity. Arrests had been made, with dogs and vehicles seized. Some of the dogs had been rehomed. There had been issues with vehicles using the Ridgeway and restricted byways in an anti-social manner; some had caused criminal damage	

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	to private gallops. Several section 59 warnings had been issued. The new national lockdown had seen lots of people visiting local beauty spots for daily exercise. Parked vehicles had been targeted and broken into.	
13/21	<p>COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: Cllr Fox-Davies had sent a written report which was circulated ahead of the meeting. At the meeting he reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) That there was a lot of information on COVID available on www.gov.uk b) Vaccinations had started locally, with vaccination centres opening. The closest being in Didcot and Wantage. <p>Cllr Fox-Davies was thanked for attending.</p>	
14/21	<p>DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: Cllr Shelley reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Information was available on the Vale website for the support of residents and businesses during lockdown. b) COVID compliance marshals were still active. c) The Vale Climate Emergency Committee met in December. d) Garden waste collections had been suspended until further notice. e) Christmas trees would be collected from local garden centres on 9th January. f) She had attended a workshop on Science Vale Infrastructure improvement. The aim was to introduce the project and understand the issues and opportunities. It had been agreed that the A417 was at capacity. Cllr Sharp asked for the slides to be circulated. He also asked about the proposed changes to how CIL was used and whether that would lead to improvements on the A417. Cllr Shelley noted that there was not yet any information available. <p>Cllr Shelley was thanked for attending.</p>	
	FINANCE	
15/21	<p>Approval of January Payments: The payments totalling £2080.34 were approved. Proposed Cllr Stocks, Seconded Cllr Webb. RESOLVED. Cllr Shortis to approve the payments on the bank. There followed a discussion on the Castle Water bill. Cllr Shortis explained that there had been a problem with the trough, which led to increased usage. This had been resolved. It was noted that a replacement bill due shortly for £418.82. It was agreed to pay this bill when it arrived. Proposed Cllr Stocks, Seconded Cllr Shortis. RESOLVED.</p>	CS
16/21	<p>2021/22 Budget and Precept A precept of £44,300 was agreed. Proposed Cllr Webb, Seconded Cllr Turnbull. RESOLVED. Budget allocations to be reviewed at the February meeting.</p>	All Councillors/Clerk
17/21	<p>Request for a grant from St Amand's School. Further information had been requested but not yet received. Carried forward.</p>	C/F
	PLANNING ITEMS	
18/21	<p>P20/V0389/RM – Greensands, Reading Road. Reserved Matters following outline planning permission P15/V2328/O - details of access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale. New plans had been received from the architects. Cllrs Turnbull and Sharp were to review them by the end of the week. Cllr Shelley suggested holding a meeting with the developers. Cllr Turnbull was to contact them.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Appeal reference APP/V3120/W/20/3246347 for application P19/V0301/RM. Appeal approved. It was unclear which plans had been approved; Cllr Sharp felt it was the revised plans. The implications of the appeal decision were also unclear. Cllr Shelley had asked the case officer for the new plans and agreed to circulate them once received. 	RT JSh
19/21	<p>P20/V2382/FUL and P20/V2383/LB. The Plough Inn, Orchard Lane. Proposed restoration of the Plough Inn to its former state as a residential</p>	

	<p>dwelling with the erection of a new garage and additional enabling works. Conversion of the Oak Room into a residential property. Creation of a new club house for the bowls club with social space for the local community on the site of the existing changing rooms, and introduction of a new pedestrian gate. Creation of community co-working offices and associated art rooms with associated works.</p> <p>New plans had been received. The main change was the reinstatement of the Cobb wall. There was also a new design for the rear extension of the pub building. Cllr Webb suggested reviewing the previous comments to identify those which had not been resolved. It was noted that the bus stops were incorrectly stated to be no longer in use. Cllr Shortis expressed concern over the proximity of the bus stops to the entrance of the property. Cllr Webb to review and prepare a response after which a decision would be made as to whether another meeting was required.</p>	SW
20/21	P20/V3076/HH and P20/V3079/LB – Vine House, Chapel Square. Single storey kitchen extension at rear of house with some internal and external alterations (garden elevation only) to the existing grade II listed house. The Parish Council had no objections.	
21/21	P20/V3141/HH – Oak Barn, Old Road. Construction of a detached, single storey, oak framed outbuilding for use as a home office and garden store. The new building will replace an existing old and deteriorating large wooden shed. <p>Cllr Shortis left the meeting. The Parish Council had no objections. Cllr Shortis returned.</p>	
22/21	P20/V3176/HH – Wyatts, Orchard Lane. First floor extension to convert bungalow to two storey dwelling and single storey rear extension. It was noted that this was a large extension in a conservation area. It was agreed that it should be pointed out that although the extension was substantial it fitted into the local area because it was between two double-storeyed houses. Cllr Turnbull suggested that the application was against the Vale Design Guide. Cllr Turnbull to develop a response.	RT
23/21	P20/V3283/HH – Kingsgate, Chapel Square. Proposed two bay garage. The Parish Council had no objections.	
24/21	Appeal reference APP/3120/W/20/3257722 – Brightwell House. It was noted that this appeal had been refused.	
25/21	P20/V1667/O - Fermi Gate, Harwell Campus. Outline application with all matters reserved for the redevelopment of part of Harwell Science and Innovation Campus known as Fermi Gate to provide employment floorspace (Use classes B1 and B2) for offices, laboratories and light industrial uses, temporary accommodation (Use class C1), supporting parking and ancillary uses (Class A1/A3) and landscaping and open space. Amended Plans received. A response had been received from the applicants to the Parish Council's comments. Cllr Turnbull felt that the comments of all the Parish Councils involved had been ignored. The masterplan needed to be reviewed as a matter of urgency. He also raised concern about the travel plan. Cllr Sharp asked Cllr Shelley to take this up with the Vale.	JSh
26/21	P14/V2873/O – Land to the west of Great Western Park (Valley Park), Didcot. Amended plans had been received. The Parish Council had no comment to make.	
27/21	VWHDC – Call for sites for Local Plan 2041. Nothing to report.	
28/21	Review of S106/CIL requirements. Nothing to report.	
29/21	Village sewage problems. Clerk to chase again for a meeting and to write the our MP if there is still no response.	Clerk
30/21	OCC AND VALE POLICY ON CLIMATE EMERGENCY	

	A letter from the Hendred Environment Group had been circulated, requesting that the Parish Council inform David Johnston that we support the bill. All Councillors to review the letter and respond to Cllr Sharp.	All Councillors
31/21	ROWSTOCK Nothing to report.	
32/21	COMMUNITY ART PROJECT No progress.	CS
33/21	HENDRED ESTATE ITEMS: Nothing to report.	
	WORKING GROUPS/REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS AND UPDATES	
34/21	Sports Club: The Sports Club AGM was held on 10 th December. Cllr Stocks had received no feedback. Clerk to write to them about the decision on the playground made at the December meeting.	Clerk
35/21	Allotments. Nothing to report.	CS
36/21	Bulletin/Website/Facebook: Nothing to report.	
37/21	Courtesy Lighting: One lamp needed replacement but everything else was OK.	
38/21	Playgrounds: a) Playground inspection for January. The inspections had not yet been completed. b) Proposals for Mill Lane – No progress.	JVS/DH CS
39/21	Transport: Nothing to report.	
40/21	Rights of Way: Nothing to report.	
41/21	Snells Path/Nature Reserve: Another plank required repair. Cllr Pappenheim to arrange this.	CP
42/21	Harwell Stakeholder Group: Cllr Sharp reported that a Zoom meeting was planned for March.	JVS
43/21	Harwell Campus: It was reported that the closure of the Icknield Way had been extended for another year.	
44/21	Snells Hall Update: The hall had been closed. The pre-school and the Pizza Van were still open.	
45/21	Lengthman/Litter Picker: It was suggested that the staff be reminded of the Government guidance regarding COVID. Clerk to write to them.	Clerk
46/21	GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE: a) Fly Tipping. Cllr Coates reported that dangerous rubble, especially broken glass and a broken computer, had been left on the track beside the Post Office. Cllr Sharp suggested alerting Hendred Estate. Clerk to write to them. Cllr Shortis suggested thanking them for mowing the footpaths in the area at the same time. b) Wild Flowers. Cllr Pappenheim reported that the Hendreds Environment Group (HEG) had asked whether the some verges and other spaces looked after by the parish council could be planted with wild flowers and biodiversity encouraged, rather than simply mown. Cllr Shortis to work with Sian Mitchell of HEG to identify opportunities for biodiversity within the village.	Clerk CS
47/21	ANY OTHER BUSINESS (FOR INFORMATION ONLY): a) Play area inspections for February – Cllrs Hardisty and Coates.	
48/21	DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Thursday 4 th February 2021 at 7.30pm by Video conference.	

The meeting closed at 21.05