

# Minutes of the Meeting of East Hendred Parish Council, Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April 21 at 7.30pm by Video Conference

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

Clerk/Finance Officer: Julia Evans

County Councillor: Cllr Mike Fox-Davies

District Councillor: Cllr Janet Shelley

PCSO:

Members of the Public: Mr and Mrs Salter

156/21	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:</b> Cllrs Hardisty, Roberts and Stocks.	Action:
157/21	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:</b> Cllrs Turnbull (prejudicial) and Shortis (non-prejudicial) for agenda item 11b.	
158/21	<b>OPEN FORUM</b> Mr and Mrs Salter gave some background to their planning application. They reported that they had used local architects and aimed to work closely with their neighbours. They had taken on board the advice given in their pre-application.	
159/21	<b>UPDATE FROM COMMUNITY RESILIENCE GROUP</b> There was nothing to report.	
160/21	<b>ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF 4<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2021</b> The minutes of the monthly meeting held on 4 <sup>th</sup> March 2021 were reviewed and approved. Proposed Cllr Pappenheim, Seconded Cllr Shortis. RESOLVED.	
	<b>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF 4<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2021 NOT OTHERWISE COVERED ON THE AGENDA:</b>	
161/21	<b>Update on the SID installation at Rowstock.</b> It was reported that the poles had been installed. There had been a misunderstanding over the pole on the A417 but this had been resolved. The SID unit was to be delivered to Cllr Pappenheim. It was agreed that Paul Stoter would manage the device.	
162/21	<b>Traffic Advisory Group Meeting</b> No progress. Cllr Fox-Davies agreed to pass this on to the next County Councillor.	MF-D
163/21	<b>Parking in Chapel Square.</b> No progress. Cllr Fox-Davies agreed to pass this on to the next County Councillor.	MF-D
164/21	<b>Notice for Lydebank Brook.</b> Cllr Shortis and Roberts were to source a suitable design.	C/F CS & JR
165/21	<b>Date for Thames Water Meeting</b> Councillors to inform the Clerk of their availability after 15 <sup>th</sup> April.	All Cllrs
166/21	<b>The A34 and its impact on the A417</b> David Johnston had received a response from Highways England who were looking at the A34 and its impact on local roads such as the A420. Cllr Fox-Davies felt that the A417 may now be considered as it has been raised by David Johnston MP.	CLOSED
167/21	<b>COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER'S REPORT:</b> No report.	
168/21	<b>COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:</b> Cllr Fox-Davies had sent a written report which was circulated ahead of the meeting. At the meeting he reported: a) That COVID cases plummeting. b) His written report contained details of all the testing stations. c) Schools have now reopened.	

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	<p>d) 89.99% of applicants were successful in obtaining a place in their first choice of secondary school.</p> <p>e) The County Council's target for cutting greenhouse gases had been exceeded.</p> <p>f) Oxfordshire were top of the league on recycling.</p> <p>g) Due to the bank holiday weekend, there was likely to be queuing traffic at the recycling centres. There was to be traffic controls to manage the situation.</p> <p>Cllr Fox-Davies reported that this was his final meeting as he was stepping down from his role as County Councillor. Cllr Sharp thanked him for his supportive work over the last 4 years. The Parish Council were grateful for everything that he had achieved.</p>	
169/21	<p><b>DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:</b> Cllr Shelley reported:</p> <p>a) That the Vale and SODC were to develop a joint local plan.</p> <p>b) She had attended a meeting about net carbon zero, which considered ways the Vale could work toward this.</p> <p>c) There had been a traffic police car at the end of White Road carrying out speed checks. No speeding motorists were detected going eastbound, but 8 were caught going westbound and most of them were from within the village.</p> <p>Cllr Shelley was thanked for attending.</p>	
	<b>FINANCE</b>	
170/21	<p><b>Approval of April Payments:</b> The payments totalling £2027.23 were approved. Proposed Cllr Webb, Seconded Cllr Turnbull. RESOLVED. Cllr Shortis to approve the payments on the bank.</p>	CS
171/21	<p><b>Review of Risk Assessment.</b> Clerk to update based on the comments made at the March meeting and circulate for approval.</p>	C/F Clerk
172/21	<p><b>New Bouncy Horse</b> Payment of £200 was approved for a new bouncy horse in Penney playpark. Proposed Cllr Shortis, Seconded Cllr Webb. RESOLVED. Cllr Pappenheim reported that the item had been installed.</p>	
173/21	<p><b>Repairs to Snells Walkway</b> Payment of £300 was approved for repairs to Snells Walkway. Proposed Cllr Shortis, Seconded Cllr Turnbull. RESOLVED.</p>	
174/21	<p><b>Request for a grant from St Amand's School.</b> Further information had been requested but not yet received. Carried forward. Clerk to write to the head teacher again.</p>	C/F
175/21	<p><b>Request for a grant from St Augustine's for Churchyard Maintenance</b> A grant of £342.17 was approved. Proposed Cllr Webb, Seconded Cllr Pappenheim. RESOLVED.</p>	
176/21	<p><b>Request for a grant from the South and Vale Citizens Advice.</b> Last year they helped 35 residents from East Hendred. A grant of £200 was approved. Proposed Cllr Webb, Seconded Cllr Pappenheim.</p>	
177/21	<p><b>Bank Accounts for reserves</b> Carried Forward to May.</p>	C/F
	<b>PLANNING ITEMS</b>	
178/21	<p><b>P20/V2984/FUL – 22 Ridgeway Close.</b> Amended plans for change of use of land from public use to residential garden. Response due by 1st April. The Parish Council Maintained their objection.</p>	
179/21	<p><b>P21/V0619/FUL – Land west of Newbury Road.</b> Proposed new dwelling, Response due by 12<sup>th</sup> April. Cllr Turnbull left the meeting. Cllr Sharp noted that a resident had objected to the application and that Cllr Turnbull planned to object in a private capacity. It was felt that seeking pre-application advice was a</p>	

	positive factor and the quality of the submission was good. Residents had raised the issue of overlooking. Debate followed on whether the conservation officer's advice had been followed and whether there was overlooking of neighbouring properties. Cllr Sharp read out Cllr Turnbull's proposed objection. Mr Salter explained that he had tried to overcome many of the issues that had been raised. It was agreed that a site visit should be held and that those councillors who were not present at this meeting should try and attend. It was considered especially important that Cllr Stocks attend. The response was to be determined after the site visit.	
180/21	<b>P21/V0428/FUL – Park North Field.</b> Proposal to diversify farm income stream by starting a small-scale tourism enterprise on part of a grass field adjacent to East Hendred village. The enterprise will utilise up to five Shepherds Hut style portable self-contained accommodation units. Response due by 3 <sup>rd</sup> April. Residents had raised concerns relating to noise and bin storage close to the footpath. Cllr Shortis was supportive of the application. There was a discussion on sewage, which was not going into the main system. It was agreed to support the application subject to conditions on noise and the location of bins. Cllr Turnbull was to look up regulations on tourism.	RT
181/21	<b>P21/V0481/LDP – 19 Portway Close.</b> Proposed conversion of loft with no dormers. Permitted development application. For information only.	
182/21	<b>P21/V0629/HH – 8 Coulings Close.</b> Erection of new single storey extension. Conversion of existing outhouse to habitable accommodation. New first floor extension. Associated internal reconfigurations. Response due by 17 <sup>th</sup> April. There were no objections.	
183/21	<b>P20/V0389/RM – Greensands, Reading Road.</b> Reserved Matters following outline planning permission P15/V2328/O - details of access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale. Cllr Turnbull reported that the Parish Council had made a series of comments. In response to these the case officer had said that it would not be possible to request EV charging points or CIL contributions. He did not comment on the other matters. Cllr Turnbull had contacted the case officer about this but had not yet received a reply. Cllr Shelley asked that Cllr Turnbull contact her if he did not receive a response by next week.	RT
184/21	<b>P21/V0664/FUL – Land north of Building R96, Road 1, RAL.</b> It was felt that the removal of the mound could have a significant impact on the area, Cllr Webb to investigate this.	SW
185/21	<b>12 White Road</b> – It was reported that work was being carried out but no planning application had been received. Cllr Turnbull to check permitted development regulations. Cllr Shelley to check whether any application had been submitted.	RT/JSH
186/21	<b>VWHDC – Call for sites for Local Plan 2041.</b> It was agreed to close this matter.	CLOSED
187/21	<b>Village sewage problems.</b> A date is required for a meeting with 'Thames Water' in April. An agenda is also required. Cllr Pappenheim suggested asking local people to report on their experiences. This was agreed. Cllrs Pappenheim and Shortis to work on this. All Councillors to respond with availability by the end of the week.	CP/CS All Councillors
188/21	<b>CIL Charging Schedule.</b> Cllr Turnbull noted that there was to be a public enquiry on this. The Parish Council had commented about development and the impact on rural areas. He suggested that the Parish Council could attend the enquiry and comment on the need for additional funds. Clerk to register Cllr Turnbull's request to speak.	Clerk
189/21	<b>OCC AND VALE POLICY ON CLIMATE EMERGENCY</b> Nothing to report.	
190/21	<b>ROWSTOCK</b> There had been another meeting of the Traffic Group. Cllr Pappenheim was awaiting the minutes. Residents were concerned about HGVs. Construction at Harwell leads to lots of trucks going through the village. Cllr Turnbull pointed out	

	that a Construction Management Plan would solve these issues and suggested that this was raised with the Vale. Cllr Sharp to write to Angus Horner about this with a copy to Janet Shelley.	JVS
191/21	<b>COMMUNITY ART PROJECT</b> No progress.	CS
192/21	<b>HENDRED ESTATE ITEMS</b> It was reported that water was escaping from the house next to the allotments. Cllr Pappenheim had spoken to the estate about this. There were reports of people having bonfires in the woodland near the Marketing Practise. The Estate has requested that this is stopped or they will be forced to fence off the area.	
	<b>WORKING GROUPS/REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS AND UPDATES</b>	
193/21	<b>Sports Club:</b> The lease needs to be registered with the Land Registry, but first needs to be converted into a Deed. Cllr Sharp had been asked to initial this and it was agreed that he should.	
194/21	<b>Allotments.</b> The Community plot had been prepared and let out for the coming season. A plot was due to become available shortly. Plot inspections were due on 15/16 May. Muck had been delivered to the site. Wood chip were due to help with paths etc. There were no issues to raise.	CS
195/21	<b>Bulletin/Website/Facebook:</b> Nothing to report.	
196/21	<b>Courtesy Lighting:</b> No issues to report.	
197/21	<b>Playgrounds:</b> a) <b>Playground inspection for April.</b> The March inspection had been completed and there were no issues to raise. b) <b>Proposals for Mill Lane</b> – No progress. c) <b>New base for swings in Penney Playpark</b> – The proposal was for a wooden base with rubber matting on top. The cost was expected to be between £900 and £1000. The price included installation. Proposed Cllr Shortis, Seconded Cllr Webb. RESOLVED.	CS CP
198/21	<b>Transport:</b> Cllr Turnbull was to prepare a response to the Local Transport Plan 5, but the consultation had now closed.	RT
199/21	<b>Rights of Way:</b> It was reported that the Right of Way over Park Hill has now been officially adopted. A company had come forward proffering a waste bin emptying service. It was agreed to ask whether they had a license for the disposal of waste and whether there was a minimum number of bins. Cllr Shortis suggested getting sponsorship for the bins. To be put on the agenda for the next meeting.	Clerk (agenda)
200/21	<b>Snells Path/Nature Reserve:</b> Nothing to report.	CP
201/21	<b>Harwell Stakeholder Group:</b> Cllr Sharp reported that there had been oil contamination at the Harwell end of Lydebank brook. This was not radioactive and had been dealt with.	JVS
202/21	<b>Harwell Campus:</b> Cllr Sharp to arrange a meeting.	JVS
203/21	<b>Snells Hall Update:</b> Cllr Pappenheim reported that the hall would re-open slowly as restrictions eased. Children's groups would return in April. Springline had asked to book from October.	
204/21	<b>Lengthman/Litter Picker:</b> Robert Connolly had been ill but was now back at work. Cllr Pappenheim reported that the local wildlife group had asked if some of the grass and wildflowers could be left rather than mown. He suggested starting with Snells Path and just mowing the edges of the path. This was agreed.	
205/21	<b>GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE:</b> a) <b>To consider plans for the return to face to face meetings.</b> It was suggested that the Emergency Committee could be reformed until regulation permitted the return of face-to-face meetings. To be put on the agenda for the next meeting. b) <b>20 MPH Speed limits.</b> The County Council was considering the implementation of 20 mph speed limits in villages. For information only. c) <b>Signs on the Tin Hut.</b> It was noted that this is the responsibility of the Rector. If it was felt to be a major issue it should be reported to the	Clerk (agenda)

	Conservation Officer. No action. d) <b>White Road.</b> Problem with blocked drain as a result of the water leak Ask OCC Highways if this will be repaired.	
206/21	<b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS (FOR INFORMATION ONLY):</b> None	
207/21	<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING:</b> Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 7.30pm by Video conference. This will also be the AGM.	

The meeting closed at 21.33