

Minutes of the Meeting of East Hendred Parish Council, Thursday 3rd February 2022 at 7.30pm in Snells Hall

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

Clerk/Finance Officer: Julia Evans

County Councillor: Cllr Sally Povolotsky

District Councillor: Cllr Janet Shelley

PCSO:

Members of the Public: 6 members of the public

28/22	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr Webb.	Action:
29/22	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Cllr Turnbull for agenda item 11a (ii)	
30/22	<p>OPEN FORUM</p> <p>a) Members of the Bowls club. It was reported that the club had been in discussion with their landlord and there had been a committee meeting on 2nd February. A statement was read out, the main points of which were</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. the owner of the building would pay for buildings insurance ii. the building of a clubhouse was not mandatory iii. the bowls club needed a clubhouse iv. the club was obliged to follow Sport England guidelines v. the Vale planners were to arrange a meeting with Sport England vi. the club's lease had not been agreed vii. the viability of the club will be determined at their AGM. <p>The club's main concern was whether they would be able to continue. The clubhouse was regulated by the sport governing bodies and the club could not move out of their existing premises until a new clubhouse had been built. Cllr Sharp pointed out that a clubhouse was included in the planning application for The Plough. The members of the bowls club felt that the proposed building was too small and there was not enough storage space. Cllr Pappenheim asked what was meant by 'not mandatory'. The club members felt that it meant the clubhouse would not be built. Cllr Shortis asked whether the club has explored other amenities within the village for a clubhouse e.g. Snells Hall. The members did not think this was a viable option. Cllr Sharp felt that storage space could be found elsewhere. Again the members did not think this was a viable option. Cllr Stocks pointed out that the conditions applied to the planning permission would determine the sequence of the works carried out in the build phase. Cllr Sharp stated that the Parish Council could help by discussing the situation with the planners. Cllr Stocks felt that there would need to be some compromise on the size of the clubhouse.</p> <p>b) Candidates for co-option. There were 4 candidates applying for co-option onto the Parish Council. They each gave an overview of their background and their reasons for wanting to join the Parish Council.</p> <p>The members of the public were thanked for attending.</p>	SS
31/22	<p>ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCE WORKING GROUP MEETING HELD ON 6th JANUARY 2022 AND THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 13TH JANUARY 2022.</p> <p>The minutes of the O&F Working Group were reviewed and approved. Proposed Cllr Pappenheim, Seconded Cllr Turnbull. RESOLVED. The minutes of the Parish Council meeting were reviewed and approved. Proposed Cllr Pappenheim, Seconded Cllr Shortis. RESOLVED.</p>	
	MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF 6th JANUARY AND 13th JANUARY NOT OTHERWISE COVERED ON THE AGENDA:	
32/22	None.	
33/22	POLICE REPORT.	

	A written report had been circulated. There were no specific issues for East Hendred. There had been car break-ins at local beauty spots. People were urged not to leave things on display.	
34/22	<p>COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT</p> <p>Cllr Povolotsky report that</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> There had been a repaid increase in covid cases in the last 7-10 days. A meeting was scheduled for 4th February to look at 20mph sites. A person had been knocked off their bike in Featherbed Lane. She had been in touch with OCC highways about the incident. There had been a traffic incident in West Hendred. She was looking into the emergency provision of a crossing. A community larder was to be launched in the February half term and will be seeking volunteers. Cllr Stocks asked for an item on this to be included in The Bulletin. OCC was about to appoint an interim CEO. The OCC budget was to be approved during w/c 7th February. <p>Cllr Povolotsky was thanked for attending.</p>	
35/22	<p>DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT</p> <p>Cllr Shelley reported that</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> There had not been too much of a problem with car break-ins at Schutchamers, but there had been a break in this morning at Bury Down. There had been problems with motor bikes on Golden Mile and the Icknield Way. She was reporting them to the police. The problem is that the bikes don't have number plates. There was no update on the waste bin survey. The planning application for the old Esso site was taking up a lot of time. OCC Highways had removed their objection and also the requirement for £10m S106 funding. The application will be going before the planning committee on 15th February. The Vale had submitted a motion for approval. Cllr Turnbull agreed to attend. <p>Cllr Shortis asked if there was an update on Greensands. There was not. Cllr Shelley was thanked for attending.</p>	RT
36/22	<p>RATIFICATION OF DECISIONS MADE BY COMMITTEES BETWEEN JUNE 2021 AND JANUARY 2022.</p> <p>The following decisions were made:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Payments for June, July, September, October, December and January Grant to PCC (June 21) Appointment of Internal Auditor (September 21) Grants to St Augustines and Hendreds Sports Club for tree survey (September 21) Allotment Rent for 2021/22 (September 21) Grant to St Amands School (January 22) Grant to St Marys (January 22) <p>All the above decisions were ratified. Proposed Cllr Pappenheim, Seconded Cllr Stocks, RESOLVED.</p>	
	FINANCE	
37/22	<p>Approval of February payments. The payments totalling £2017.58 were approved. Proposed Cllr Stocks, Seconded Cllr Pappenheim. RESOLVED. Cllr Shortis to authorise them.</p>	CS
38/22	<p>Approval of 2022/23 Budget allocations. Approved. Proposed Cllr Stocks, Seconded Cllr Turnbull. RESOLVED.</p>	
39/22	<p>Request for grant from East Hendred Heritage Trust. The application was for a grant to support a street exhibition for St Mary's Road. A grant of £300 was approved. Proposed Cllr Turnbull, Seconded Cllr Shortis. RESOLVED.</p>	
40/22	<p>Membership of CFO. Cllr Sharp declared an interest. Cllr Pappenheim pointed out that Snells Hall was a member. Membership was approved. Proposed Cllr Stocks, Seconded Cllr Shortis. RESOLVED.</p>	
	PLANNING ITEMS	

41/22	P22/V0126/HH and P22/V0127/LB – The Old Post Office, High Street. Installation of two new rooflights in the kitchen ceiling at the rear of the property. Response due by 16 th February. There were no objections.	
42/22	P22/V0132/HH – Towersey, Skeats Bush. Extension and remodelling of existing dwelling through replacement roof and demolition of single storey part to rear of dwelling. Thermal upgrade of external building envelope. Response date 18 th February. It was noted that this was a large increase in size but it would not impact on surrounding properties. No neighbours had complained so far. There were no objections.	
43/22	New applications received since the publication of the agenda. P22/V0175/O – Cornerbrook, Mill Lane. Self-build project for single residential dwelling and garage adjacent to Cornerbrook, Access was from Mille Lane. Cllr Turnbull did not feel that the application was any different from the one that had been refused. Cllr Sharp noted that the benefit to the sports club had been removed. Cllr Turnbull felt that the site was not right, but Cllr Pappenhiem thought that it would not intrude into the countryside. It was suggested that the response should be the same as before with the statement about the sports club i.e. that there were no objections because the incursions into the countryside would not be significant.	
44/22	To consider the update of the 2008 Parish Plan. Cllr Sharp reported that the environmental plan was yet to be updated. This was carried forward. Cllr Turnbull agreed to look at opportunities for sport and recreation within the parish.	C/F JVS/RT
45/22	Review of Vale Design Guide. The consultation was open until 15 th March. Cllr Pappenheim had spoken to Jane Harper about this, She had agreed to assist in the review of the document. Cllr Turnbull felt the guide was focussed on urban design and needed more consideration of rural areas. Cllr Turnbull volunteered to liaise with Jane Harper on the response. Cllr Stocks felt that the document needed more illustrations. Cllr Sharp asked that the AONB guidance be referred to, Cllrs Turnbull and Stocks to take this forward.	RT/SS
46/22	CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS FOR A 20MPH SPEED LIMIT. Cllr Turnbull noted that the 20mph speed limit would not be enforced unless traffic calming measures were included, which would be expensive. He felt that more information was required about the scheme. Cllrs Sharp and Pappenheim to include an item in the next Bulletin to gauge local interest.	JVS/CP
47/22	ROWSTOCK a) Report on SID traffic statistics. Cllr Pappenheim reported that the problem with speeding was enforcement. 20% of vehicles were exceeding the speed limit. The SID had been seen to slow vehicles down. Cllr Sharp asked whether the police had been informed of the results. Cllr Pappenheim to send them to the police.	CLOSED
48/22	COMMUNITY ART PROJECT No progress.	
49/22	HENDRED ESTATE ITEMS Planning permission had been granted for the Old Estate Yard.	
50/22	VILLAGE MAINTENANCE a) Ratification of Village Grass Cutting contract award. This had been discussed at a previous meeting, Cllr Stocks proposed ratifying the appointment of Jason Woodage, Cllr Turnbull seconded. RESOLVED. Clerk to send the contract.	Clerk
	WORKING GROUPS	
51/22	Sports Club. Cllr Stocks reported that a meeting had been held. The Sports Club were considering revamping their pavilion. Details were awaited. Cllr Stocks had offered to join the working group. A topographical survey had been carried out. Cllr Stocks to circulate.	SS
52/22	Allotments. Cllr Shortis reported that an inspection had been carried out at the beginning of January. There was one non-compliant plot. This will be	

	reinspected at the end of March. There was a water leave on the Parish Council side of the meter. The water had been turned off and the Estate had fixed the problem. It was agreed that the water bill could go onto Direct Debit. Proposed Cllr Shortis, Seconded Cllr Pappenheim. RESOLVED.	
53/22	Bulletin/Website. Cllr Pappenheim reported that the next Bulletin was due in March. An item about the proposed 20mph scheme was to be included along with the usual items. There will also be information on new Councillors. The advert for the allotments was no longer required.	
54/22	Courtesy Lighting. Clerk to write to those who had not responded to the letter regarding payment, telling them that we assumed payment was not required.	Clerk
55/22	Playgrounds. a) Inspections for February. Cllr Pappenheim reported that Mill Lane required an immediate grass cut. Cllr Pappenheim to arrange. In Penney playpark the goal nets needed to be tidied up and the covid signs removed. b) Proposals for Mill Lane. Information on potential grant funding had been sent to Cllr Stocks. He also agreed to speak to Beth Elkins regarding S106 funds. It was noted that to apply for grants or S106 funds more than one quote would be required. Cllr Stocks felt that this would be difficult.	CP SS
56/22	Transport. a) Consultation on Local Transport Plan. Cllr Webb to be asked to review this.	SW
57/22	Rights of Way. It was noted that the surface of the cycle track was settling down.	
58/22	Snells Path/Nature Reserve. Nothing to report.	
59/22	Harwell Stakeholder Group. Cllr Sharp reported that a meeting was scheduled for 24 th March. He had met with Chris Broad and the Director of Harwell, but there was nothing to report.	
60/22	Harwell Campus. Cllr Sharp had requested a meeting, but a date had not yet been agreed.	
61/22	Snells Hall Update. Nothing to report.	
62/22	Lengthman/Litter Picker. A local resident is doing a Duke of Edinburgh award and had offered to carry out litter picking in Rowstock. Cllr Pappenheim had provided some equipment.	
63/22	GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE a) Platinum Jubilee Celebrations – Big Hendred Bash. Cllr Pappenheim reported that Ali Eyston had proposed a Big Hendred Bash on the Jubilee weekend. It was noted that the cost to hire a Marquee had risen significantly. He asked whether the Parish Council should provide commemorative mugs for the children. He asked for a volunteer to take this forward. It was felt that it should be one of the new councillors when they were co-opted. Cllr Sharp agreed and felt that mugs should be provided. Cllr Shortis felt that this would be a good opportunity to plant the WW1 trees as part of the celebration. She asked members to consider where they might be planted. b) OCC proposal for virtual parking permits. No response.	All Councillors
64/22	ANY OTHER BUSINESS (FOR INFORMATION ONLY): a) Playground inspections for March –Cllr Sharp and Stocks	
65/22	DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: Thursday 3 rd March 2022 at 7.30pm in Snells Hall.	

The meeting closed at 21.24