

Minutes of the Meeting of East Hendred Parish Council, Thursday 7th April 2022 at 7.30pm in Snells Hall

Present: John Sharp, Chair (JVS), Selby Stocks (SS), Penelope Wall (PW), Sarah James (SJ), Charles Pappenheim (CP)
 Clerk/Finance Officer: Julia Evans (on Zoom)
 County Councillor:
 District Councillor: Cllr Janet Shelley (JSH)
 PCSO:
 Members of the Public: 1 member of the public

96/22	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: County Councillor Povolostsky, Cllrs Webb, C Shortis, J Shortis and Turnbull sent their apologies.	
97/22	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None	
98/22	OPEN FORUM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Cedar Tree in cemetery. Mr Beddow had spoken to the tree officer and given him his opinion of the situation relating to the tree. Cllr Sharp noted that the tree survey should be made available to him. Mr Beddow had applied for the tree to have a TPO assigned to it. b) Relief for Rowstock. Mr Beddow questioned Harwell link road. Cllr Sharp felt that there was more than one option available. Cllr Pappenheim reported that there was to be a meeting to discuss the options. Cllrs Pappenheim and James to attend. <p>The member of the public was thanked for attending.</p>	SJ/CP
99/22	ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 3rd MARCH 2022. The minutes were reviewed. It was noted that minute reference 79/22 should read CFO not CPRE. They were approved subject to this amendment. Proposed Cllr Stocks, Seconded Cllr Wall. RESOLVED.	
	MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF 3rd MARCH 2022 NOT OTHERWISE COVERED ON THE AGENDA:	
100/22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Platinum Jubilee Celebrations: Consideration of Jubilee mugs. Cllr Wall had circulated information about Jubilee mugs. She felt that there was a place for this sort of commemorative product. Money could be saved by omitting the personalised message. Some members felt that the funds should be put toward playpark improvements instead. Cllr Sharp felt that it was important for the Parish Council to be seen to be doing something to commemorate the Jubilee. Debate followed. Cllr Pappenheim noted that the four members who were absent had indicated that they were not in favour of mugs. Alternative suggestions were to plant a tree or install a commemorative bench, but it was not clear where either could be sited. A vote was taken. Three members were in favour and five were against. The views of the absent members were taken into account. It was therefore RESOLVED that mugs would not be purchased. Cllr Wall asked for a reason for the refusal as people had been asking about them. There was an alternative suggestion that the Mill Lane play park could be renamed the Jubilee Park when the new equipment was installed. Cllr Stocks to publish the proposed design in the June Bulletin and it would also be in the marquee at the Jubilee event. Cllr Sharp then asked for a decision on a bench or a tree. It was agreed to plant a tree in the playpark area. Proposed Cllr James, Seconded Cllr Stocks. RESOLVED. Permission to plant the tree to be obtained from the landlord. b) Pole for SID on A417. Cllr Pappenheim had requested a price for a pole from OCC. Clerk to establish whether they will pay for it. c) Operation London Bridge. A report was circulated. To be discussed at the May meeting. 	SS Clerk Clerk C/F
101/22	POLICE REPORT. No report.	

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102/22	<p>COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT</p> <p>a) A written report had been received and was to be circulated. It was noted that 1.45 tonnes of food had been diverted from landfill to the community larder.</p>	Clerk
103/22	<p>DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT</p> <p>Cllr Shelley to send a written report. At the meeting she reported that:</p> <p>a) The Vale was doing everything it could to assist in the resettlement of Ukrainian refugees.</p> <p>b) There was a full Council meeting on 16th February. Discussion was largely around the approval of the budget.</p> <p>c) The grant for climate action fund would close on 25th April.</p> <p>d) The Wren grant scheme (FCC Community Action fund) was available for grants from £2k to £100k for not for profit organisations. The second round opened on 16th March and would close on 8th June. Applicants needed to be within 10 miles of the Sutton Courtney landfill site to be eligible. It was noted that this could be a potential source of funds for the playpark.</p> <p>e) There had been changes to car park charging.</p> <p>f) The proposed waste bins as Schutchemers were to be progressed as a priority but the rest of the assessment had not yet been completed.</p> <p>g) There was to be a public consultation on the new Tech Edge proposal at Harwell. Cllr Sharp asked why the Parish Council was not invited to the event.</p> <p>Cllr Shelley was thanked for attending.</p>	
	FINANCE	
104/22	<p>Approval of April payments. The payments totalling £2061.21 were approved. Proposed Cllr Pappenheim, Seconded Cllr James. RESOLVED. Cllr Pappenheim to authorise them. Cllr James questioned the mole catching costs and asked what damage was being caused. Cllr Pappenheim felt that the cemetery was a sensitive area. Cllr James felt that deterrents should be considered instead, and she agreed to develop a case for not killing moles.</p>	CP/Clerk SJ
	PLANNING ITEMS	
105/22	<p>a) P22/V0416/O – Land south of Curie Avenue and west of Eighth Street. Hybrid planning application for the provision of new employment floorspace and associated infrastructure, car parking and green infrastructure, comprising: 1. Detailed planning application for Tech Edge Zone 1 and 2 for provision of two new employment buildings, with associated infrastructure, car parking and landscaping. 2. Outline planning application for Tech Edge Zone 3 and 4 (with all matters reserved except access) for provision of employment floorspace, with associated infrastructure, car parking and landscaping. Response due by 30th March. The Parish Council had objected on several grounds. Cllr Sharp had been trying to set up a meeting with Harwell Campus to discuss these but had not achieved this yet. Harwell Parish Council had also objected. Cllr Shelley to speak to case officer about the lack of consultation with Harwell Campus.</p> <p>b) P22/V0654/LB – Unit 7, The Old Estate Yard. Removal of store building (associated with already consented office extension) and length of wall running north of it. Response due by 12th April. Cllr Sharp noted that the area was shown as belonging to Hendred Estate but it is on a long lease to the shop. This had been raised previously. There were no objections.</p>	JSh
106/22	<p>New applications received since the publication of the agenda.</p> <p>a) P22/V0825/N8A – Building R78, Rutherford Appleton Laboratory, P22/V0820/N8A – Building R40, Rutherford Appleton Laboratory and P22/V0819/N8A – Buildings 105 and 106 Rutherford Appleton Laboratory – Installation of solar panels. There were no objections. Cllr Sharp noted that the Vale had produced a sustainable design</p>	

	checklist. This would shortly appear on the list of things applicants had to consider when developing plans.	
107/22	Proposal for Steventon Reservoir. No new information.	
108/22	To consider the update of the 2008 Parish Plan. Cllr James had completed the environment section of the plan. Cllr Sharp had collated everything and circulated the revised document. He noted that the table at the end of the document may need further attention. Councillors were asked to review. Cllr Wall had found it difficult to identify how the demographic of the village had changed since the 2008 plan but had found this difficult. Cllr Sharp felt that this would only be possible if a new plan was developed, which would be a large project. To be discussed at the next meeting.	All Councillors
109/22	Review of Vale Design Guide. The deadline had passed and the consultation had closed.	CLOSED
110/22	Bowls Club. It was noted that the Bowls Club had voted to disband. Cllr Shelley did not know what the implications of this would be for the planning application. She agreed to speak to the case officer. There was not much that the Parish Council could do.	JSH
111/22	ROWSTOCK. Nothing to report.	
112/22	COMMUNITY ART PROJECT Cllr C Shortis had spoken to Abi Brown at the Vale who had suggested creating a small steering group. Members were to be Cllrs Sharp, Wall and C Shortis along with Susan Morrisey. The first meeting was to be held in May.	CS
113/22	HENDRED ESTATE ITEMS Nothing to report.	
114/22	VILLAGE MAINTENANCE a) Tree in Cemetery. Cllr Pappenheim had applied for permission to have work carried out on the cedar tree. There was a 6 week consultation period (to the end of April), after which the work could proceed if there were no objections. A large lime tree had fallen in the corner of the cemetery and two trees next to it required attention. Cllr Pappenheim hoped that the tree officer would come and inspect them as a second opinion was required. Cllr Sharp noted that the wider issue was that the trees belonged to the Church. The work would require funding and the current arrangement with the Church did not include trees. Cllr Pappenheim pointed out that a justification for the PC sharing in cemetery maintenance was that anyone, regardless of religion, could be buried there. In the past the Parish Council had considered taking responsibility for the cemetery but at the time the Church had decided to retain it because they wished to continue receiving the burial fees. Cllr Sharp stated that the Parish Council needed to consider how to handle the situation, perhaps by sharing the cost with the Church. Cllr Pappenheim suggested arranging a meeting with the Church to discuss.	CP
	WORKING GROUPS	
115/22	Sports Club. Cllr Stocks reported that costings for the proposed new pavilion were awaited. Cllr Stocks to request an update.	SS
116/22	Allotments. No report.	
117/22	Bulletin/Website. Cllr J Shortis had put forward a proposal for a new website. The cost was £600 for the set up and £300 per year thereafter. Cllr Pappenheim and the Clerk to discuss. The proposal would be circulated. Cllr Sharp suggested including Parish Councillor photographs in The Bulletin. It was suggested that this should be included in the summer edition.	CP/Clerk
118/22	Courtesy Lighting. It was reported that one light was out.	CP
119/22	Playgrounds. a) Inspections for April. The inspections had been recently carried out. The goals and nets, mats under the swings and the hoggin path all needed attention. A quote was required for the work. Cllr Sharp suggested speaking to OPFA for advice. Cllr Stocks agreed to do this. The pathway in Mill Lane was in a poor condition but Cllr Stocks suggested that funds should not be spent on this until the Mill Lane	SS

	<p>replacement had been finalised.</p> <p>b) Proposals for Mill Lane. Cllr J Shortis had been working on funding opportunities which included the Vale, Wren and a number of local companies. Cllr J Shortis to take this forward. Some concerns were raised about some of the companies on the list. Cllrs Sharp and James to review the list of suggested companies. It was suggested that grant bodies should also be approached. first</p>	JS/SJ/JVS
120/22	Transport. Nothing to report.	
121/22	Rights of Way. The area at the top of Fordy Lane at the junction with Cat Street had been badly damaged by trucks serving the development of the new house in Fordy Lane. It was agreed that the Parish Council should write to the owners asking them to make good once construction was complete.	Clerk
122/22	Snells Path/Nature Reserve. Nothing to report.	
123/22	Harwell Stakeholder Group. Cllr Sharp reported a meeting had been held on 24 th March. Good progress was being made generally. A resident had raised concerns about streams in the village and had requested information. Cllr Sharp had provided contact details for the Stakeholder Group.	
124/22	Harwell Campus. Cllr Sharp had requested a meeting, but a date had still not yet been agreed. He agreed to contact them again. Cllr James provided the names of other contacts.	JVS
125/22	Snells Hall Update. Cllr Pappenheim noted that an Easter Market was being held on 9 th April.	
126/22	Lengthman/Litter Picker. Work was being carried out to remove ivy from the trees in the cemetery.	
127/22	GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE a) Government Consultation on Glover Landscapes Review. Cllr Sharp felt that this was a very detailed consultation and there was little that the Parish Council could contribute.	CLOSED
128/22	ANY OTHER BUSINESS (FOR INFORMATION ONLY): a) Playground inspections for May –Cllr J Shortis/Cllr C Shortis b) Annual Parish Meeting. A meeting had been held to discuss ideas for the Annual Parish Meeting. The proposal was for a 40 minute presentation on the Parish Council's activities along with reports from OCC and the Vale. There would then be workshop sessions. Two suggestions for the workshops were Communication and the Environment/Sustainability. It was hoped this format would encourage more attendance. Discussion followed around the workshop ideas. It was noted that whatever emerged from the working groups would not necessarily be representative of the whole village, only of those attending the meeting. Cllr Sharp felt that planning was the only topic which encouraged people to attend a meeting; other members disagreed. It was noted that the Parish Council had limited powers and it was important that we did make promises that we could not deliver. Cllr James proposed that the general outline of the meeting be agreed with the detail to be worked out later. It was agreed that the format would be an initial presentation followed by workshops, and that the meeting would be held on 19 th May. c) Working Groups. Cllr Pappenheim requested a list of the working groups to be included on the agenda for the May AGM.	JVS/JS/SJ
129/22	DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: Thursday 5 th May 2022 at 7.30pm in Snells Hall. This would also be the AGM.	

The meeting closed at 21.43