

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

Present: John Sharp, Chair (JVS), Charles Pappenheim (CP), Roger Turnbull (RT), Sarah James (SJ), Selby Stocks (SS)

Clerk/Finance Officer: Julia Evans

County Councillor:

District Councillor:

PCSO:

Members of the Public: 1 member of the public

230/22	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: County Councillor Povolostsky, District Cllr Shelley, Cllrs Webb, J Shortis, C Shortis and Wall sent their apologies.	
231/22	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None	
232/22	OPEN FORUM Mr Beddow noted that 6 Parish Councils had raised objections to the Housing Infrastructure Fund (HIF) consultation because of the impact to their parishes. He felt that the proposals would also impact East Hendred. Preliminary surveys were being carried out at Milton and the matter was to be discussed at a cabinet meeting later this month. Mr Beddow planned to attend. Cllr Turnbull felt that the proposals would transfer traffic from the A34 to the villages on the eastern side. He also thought that restrictions to river crossings were vital in order to reduce traffic. The transport working group was to meet later in July to discuss. It was agreed to invite Mr Mitchell to attend. The Working Group was asked to develop a response to the consultation on behalf of the Parish Council. Mr Beddow was thanked for attending.	Transport Working Group
233/22	ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 17TH MAY AND THE MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 9TH JUNE 2022 The Extraordinary Meeting minutes were reviewed and approved. Proposed Cllr Pappenheim, Seconded Cllr Stocks. RESOLVED. The Monthly Meeting minutes were reviewed and approved. Proposed Cllr James, Seconded Cllr James. RESOLVED.	
	MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF 9th JUNE 2022 NOT OTHERWISE COVERED ON THE AGENDA:	
234/22	a) Pole for SID on A417. Clerk to write to resident of Ridgeway Close. b) Operation London Bridge. The matter of the flagpole was carried forward. Details of Books of Condolence were circulated. It was agreed to purchase the book from John Lewis for £20 + delivery. Proposed Cllr James, Seconded Cllr Stocks. RESOLVED. c) Relief to Rowstock. Cllr Pappenheim had attended the recent meeting. Further information was required. It was suggested that the matter be carried forward until Cllr J Shortis returned from holiday.	Clerk Clerk SJ/JS
235/22	POLICE REPORT. PCSO Kirby had sent a written report which had been circulated. In it he reported that there had been issues with motorbikes on The Ridgeway.	
236/22	COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT A written report had been received and circulated.	
237/22	DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT No report.	
	FINANCE	
238/22	Approval of July payments. The payments totalling £5857.57 were approved. Proposed Cllr James, Seconded Cllr Stocks. RESOLVED. Cllr Pappenheim to authorise on the bank.	
239/22	August Payments. The Chair and the Vice-Chair to approve the August payments by email. To be ratified at the September meeting.	Clerk
240/22	Appointment of Internal Auditor for 2022/23. The quote from Lightatouch was reviewed. It was agreed to appoint Lightatouch for the 2022/23 financial year. Proposed Cllr James, Seconded Cllr Stocks. RESOLVED.	

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	PLANNING ITEMS	
241/22	<p>a) P22/V0902/DIS – Mather House, White Road. Additional information received on 28th June. For information only.</p> <p>b) P21/V3129/HH and P21/V3130/LB – Corner House, Allins Lane. Additional information submitted on 21st June. There was no comment.</p> <p>c) P22/V0985/FUL – BEPO Building, Thompson Avenue, Harwell Campus. Amended plans. Response due by 5th July. Concerns were raised about the silver cladding; silver cladding is reflective and captures the light for distant views in the AONB. Something less reflective was preferred. It was agreed to comment, but not object.</p> <p>d) 21/V3405/FUL – Mary Lyon Centre, Harwell Campus. Amended plans. There were no comments.</p>	
242/22	New applications received since the publication of the agenda. None.	
243/22	Proposal for Steventon Reservoir. Mr Beddow reported that the consultation had been put back to November due to the level of objections. He suggested arranging a meeting with GARD and agreed to discuss this with the Chair of the group. Cllr Pappenheim felt that the decision would hinge on whether the water was needed. Climate change would affect water requirement. He recommended caution regarding the safeguarding of the land for the reservoir and suggested a delay might be preferable to the cancellation of the proposal. Cllr Turnbull noted that OFWAT and other water authorities were urging smaller alternatives. Cllr Sharp pointed out that he understood that positive aspects of the proposal, such as public leisure facilities, had been removed.	Mr Beddow
244/22	To consider the update of the 2008 Parish Plan. The new working groups were to take this over. It was agreed to change the title to 'Replace the 2008 Parish Plan'.	Working Groups
245/22	The Government's Levelling up Bill for Planning reform – Cllr Turnbull was not sure what would happen with this timewise.	CLOSED
246/22	Joint Local Plan Consultation. At least four councillors had submitted their comments.	CLOSED
247/22	Wantage Neighbourhood Plan Consultation. Cllr James had circulated comments. Cllr Sharp also noted point 5.5.3 about connecting housing in adjacent village. He felt that this was important and should have a wider scope. Cllr James agreed to update the response to incorporate this.	SJ/Clerk
248/22	Neighbourhood Priority Statement. This was on hold as there had been a delay in the enactment of the bill.	
249/22	Locations for tree planting. A request had been received to plant a memorial tree in the village. It was pointed out that the Parish Council did not own any land. It was suggested that a meeting be arranged with Hendred Estate to discuss. Clerk to arrange and reply to the request.	Clerk
250/22	<p>OUTPUT FROM THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING Cllr Sharp had circulated a note outlining the potential actions:</p> <p>a) It was felt that there was not much that could be done about recycling.</p> <p>b) The notice boards could be revamped quickly and Cllr James had lots of information to be added to them. It was suggested that the content of the boards by the shop and the defibrillator be switched around. A handyman was needed to carry out the refurbishment of the boards. It was agreed to put out an advert; Cllr Pappenheim to take this forward. A budget of £400 was approved for the revamp. Proposed Cllr Stocks, Seconded Cllr Turnbull. RESOLVED.</p> <p>c) What's On. New membership was to be encouraged. Cllr James suggested advertising in Spotted Hendred. Cllr Stocks to look into this. An advert was to be placed on the front page of the next Bulletin, and it was also suggested that people knock on doors when delivering the Bulletin.</p> <p>e) Website. The clerk noted that Uffington Parish Council had used Mark Woodman to develop their web site. One possibility would be to invite him to discuss the Hendred web site.</p>	CP SS

	<p>e) Information on Fix My Street to go on the noticeboard. Cllr Sharp suggested including it in the front page of the Bulletin as well. Cllr James had enquired about becoming a Fix My Street superuser.</p> <p>f) School Traffic. Cllr James had considered bin stickers but they were too expensive and the idea was parked. Cllr Turnbull suggested that the school produce a travel plan; the Parish Council would offer to talk to them about this. Cllr James to talk to Cllr Povolotsky to establish if the schools had travel plans in place.</p> <p>g) Transport. It was noted that OCC were writing their bus plan. There was a risk that the village could end up with a worse service. The profile of the current services needed to be raised to encourage more usage.</p> <p>h) Tree planting. Cllr Turnbull suggested including tree planting under the environment heading.</p>	SJ
251/22	<p>JUBILEE PLAYPARK Cllr Stocks had contacted RoSPA about the current play surface. He met with a representative from a company that provides wet pour surfacing and prices have been obtained. A design for the site was being prepared along with a quote. Cllr Stocks hoped to circulate a full proposal before the next meeting.</p>	SS
252/22	<p>ROWSTOCK. Members of the Rowstock Residents Association and the new developments to be invited to attend Parish Council meetings from September onwards.</p>	Clerk
253/22	<p>COMMUNITY ART PROJECT No report.</p>	CS/PW
254/22	<p>HENDRED ESTATE ITEMS Nothing to report.</p>	
255/22	<p>VILLAGE MAINTENANCE Cllr Pappenheim reported that Paul Stoter would continue with the SID and the hedge cutting until the end of the year. A replacement was required. Cllr Pappenheim to investigate. Orchard Lane bus shelter needed refurbishing. Cllr Pappenheim to contact Aspire.</p>	CP CP
	WORKING GROUPS	
256/22	Allotments. No report. Rents to be agreed at the September meeting.	CS
257/22	Communications. The next Bulletin was due at the start of September.	
258/22	Courtesy Lighting. Nothing to report.	CP
259/22	<p>Playground Maintenance. Playground inspections had been completed. There was a fault on one of the cradle swings at Penney Playpark – the strap on the seat needed to be replaced, The vertical stepping poles needed their bolts tightening. The fencing was wobbly and needed replacing. The notices had faded and needed replacing. The nets needed typing into the goal frames in the kickabout area. The issues with the surface were still present. Cllr Pappenheim to replace the sign. The rest of the work required a handyman. Cllr Pappenheim noted that the RoSPA inspector had reported that the cross bars on two pieces of equipment in Penney Playpark need replacing urgently. Cllr Pappenheim and Cllr Stocks to work on this. A budget of £2000 was approved. Proposed Cllr James, Seconded Cllr Stocks. RESOLVED. In Mill Lane the fence was leaning and the footpath was in a poor condition. It was anticipated that these issues would be rectified during the refurbishment. There was an overgrown rose, Cllr James agreed to cut it back.</p>	CP CP/SS SJ
260/22	Snells Walkway. The repair that was previously approved was in progress,	CP
261/22	Grounds Maintenance. Nothing to report.	
262/22	Tree Maintenance. The Church had commissioned a climbing inspection on the cedar tree in the cemetery. Awaiting the report.	
263/22	Environment and Sustainability. This was covered above.	
264/22	Highways and Transport. Cllr James had become the Parish Transport Representative. She had raised questions but was not sure whether they had been put forward at the recent Transport Representatives meeting as she had been unable to attend.	SJ
265/22	Harwell Liaison and Campus. The next stakeholder meeting was on 15 th October. Cllr Sharp had a meeting the director w/c 10 th June to discuss issues prior to the October meeting, Cllr Sharp had met with Jason Stafford and had circulated notes regarding the Campus development. An electronic copy of the masterplan was to be sent. It	JVS

	was noted that this was also an edited version. Cllr Sharp suggested that updates from Harwell Campus were included in the Bulletin. They would provide the text for this. The Campus website and twitter account had been updated and Cllr Sharp suggested that Councillors look at these. Some information on travel and transport was included in the masterplan. Transport problems were discussed at the meeting and Cllr Sharp was assured that attention was being paid to this. Meeting had been held with OCC on transport and they were happy to work with the Parish Council as well. It was felt that the Parish Council should have a plan for sustainability and Cllr Sharp suggested that Cllr James consider this. They hoped that future meetings between themselves and the Parish Council chairmen would be wider than just planning. Dates in August had been suggested for further meetings.	SJ JVS
266/22	Sports Club. No update available. Cllr Turnbull felt that a meeting should be arranged.	SS
267/22	AONB. It was very quiet; nothing to report. Cllr Povolotsky was on the Council of Partners, Dr.Sharp was on the Management Committee.	JVS
268/22	The Ridgeway National Trail. The police had pointed out some issues with motorcyclists. Cllr Sharp to check whether the new little bin had been installed.	JVS
269/22	Age UK. Cllr Wall had sent a written report. She suggested arranging a meeting with the Vale Community Impact team. This was agreed, Cllr Wall to arrange. It was agreed that the Parish Council would cover costs and a budget of £50 was agreed. Proposed Cllr Stocks, Seconded Cllr James. RESOLVED.	PW
270/22	GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE a) Request to plant a memorial tree. This was covered above.	
271/22	ANY OTHER BUSINESS (FOR INFORMATION ONLY): a) Playground inspections for July –Cllr James and Pappenheim. b) Playground inspections for August – Cllrs Pappenheim and Wall. Clerk to confirm the September inspection.	Clerk
272/22	DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: Thursday 1 st September 2022.	

The meeting closed at 21:37