

Minutes of the Meeting of East Hendred Parish Council, Thursday 5 October 2023 at 7.15pm in Snells Hall

Present: Cllr John Sharp (Chair), Cllr Mark Beddow, Cllr Jason Champ, Cllr Charles Pappenheim and Cllr Roger Turnbull

Clerk: Sheryl Sanders

Finance Officer: Julia Evans

County Councillor: Sally Povolotsky

District Councillor: Sarah James

Members of the Public: One – Mr Duncan Francis

240/23	CLOSED SESSION New Clerk. Proposal to appoint Ms Sheryl Sanders as Locum Clerk on Grade 25 with 25 hours per month, to approve £500 expenditure for a laptop and office 365, to approve £200 for a mobile phone and £6 per month for a phone plan. Proposed Cllr Pappenheim, Seconded Cllr Turnbull. RESOLVED.	
241/23	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Councillors Aloysius Atkinson, Hilary Dorling, Mark Francis, and Selby Stocks	
242/23	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None	
243/23	OPEN FORUM Mr Francis was present to request permission for a recycled plastic memorial bench to be installed onto an existing concrete base at the corner of Orchard Lane and Chapel Square, as a tribute to the late Mr Stan and Mrs Jackie Francis. Both had contributed a great deal to the community over a period of more than 40 years. The cost of the bench including inscription and installation was £855 (ex VAT). County Councillor Povolotsky agreed to contribute £500 from her priority fund. It was agreed to pay the balance of £355. Proposed Cllr Champ, Seconded Cllr Pappenheim. RESOLVED.	Clerk/JE
244/23	ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7 SEPTEMBER 2023 The minutes were reviewed and approved. Proposed Cllr Pappenheim. Seconded Cllr Champ. RESOLVED. The minutes were signed.	
245/23	MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF 7 SEPTEMBER MEETING NOT OTHERWISE COVERED ON THE AGENDA a) The sale of social housing in the village. No update to report. b) Community Speedwatch. Five people had registered and been trained. The suggested locations had been submitted to Thames Valley Police for approval. It was hoped the scheme would be live by November 2024. c) Painting the bus shelter. Cllrs Beddow and Pappenheim were thanked for painting the bus shelter.	CLOSED
246/23	POLICE REPORT. No report had been received.	
247/23	COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT A written report was circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr Povolotsky had requested that the redundant bus shelters on White Road be given back to Oxfordshire County Council to be used as bicycle maintenance stands/racks. Cllr Povolotsky to send further information for consideration. Cllr Povolotsky was thanked for attending and she left the meeting.	SP
248/23	DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT A written report had been circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr James was thanked for attending.	
	FINANCIAL MATTERS	
249/23	a) October payments. The payments totalling £3018.01 were approved. Proposed Cllr Champ, Seconded Cllr Turnbull. RESOLVED. b) To receive the external audit report. The external audit report had been circulated to all members prior to the meeting. Received and noted.	

	c) Request for a grant from St Augustine's towards the cost of tree work in Cat Street cemetery. A tree officer had deemed that some trees needed attention. The work had been carried out. St Augustine's had requested a grant of £1077 toward the cost of the work. Proposed Cllr Turnbull, Seconded Cllr Pappenheim. RESOLVED a discretionary grant of £1077.00 be paid towards the cost of the tree works.	
	PLANNING MATTERS	
250/23	a) P23/V2080/DIS – Land to the south of Curie Avenue and west of Eighth Street Harwell Campus. Discharge of conditions 7 (Biodiversity Enhancement Plan), 9 (Landscaping), 10 (Landscape Management Plan) and 12 (Community Employment Plan) on planning application P22/V0416/FUL. Erection of two employment buildings, with associated landscaping and car parking. For information only. It was agreed that Cllr Turnbull would review the application. b) P23/V2203/DIS – Allins Barn, Allins Lane. The application is for: Discharge of condition 3 (tree protection) on application ref P23/V1433/FUL. Erection of a stable and the extension of an existing equine arena. For information only. Noted. c) It was noted that Fermi Gate application had been withdrawn. Cllr Turnbull to review the comments regarding the reason for withdrawal.	RT RT
251/23	Applications received since the publication of the agenda. None.	
252/23	To review planning applications awaiting determination by the Vale and those recently approved. a) Dexter at Harwell Campus. The letter to Harwell Campus had not yet been sent.	JVS/Clerk
253/23	Greensands Update. No progress. There had still not been a response to the letter asking for the outside of the site to be tidied up. It was agreed that Cllr Turnbull would check to see if the reserved matters planning permission had expired.	RT
254/23	Proposals for the Steventon Reservoir. Meeting with Thames Water. The meeting was due to take place on 17 October 2023. Cllr Turnbull to draft a letter to David Johnston MP about the responses from the recent consultation.	 RT
255/23	Consultation on Local Plan Reform. The deadline for responses was 18 th October. Cllr Turnbull to draft a response.	RT
256/23	Consultation on Landscape Character Assessment. The Parish Council had the responded to this consultation.	CLOSED
257/23	Relief for Rowstock and HIF1 It was noted that planning permission was not required for the road. Cllr Beddow to write to County Councillor Povolotsky to find out more information about the proposed scheme.	MB
258/23	MEETING WITH ST MARY'S A new contract to be drawn up.	Clerk
259/23	LUDBRIDGE AND RIDGEWAY CLOSE MATTERS It was noted that the waste bin in Ludbridge Close was not the responsibility of the parish council. Cllr Pappenheim to find out who the management committee contact is.	CP
260/23	JUBILEE PLAY PARK	

271/23	ANY OTHER BUSINESS Cllr Sharp had attended the unveiling of a blue plaque on St Amand's House, Church Street, on the former home of Roy Jenkins, OM and Dame Jennifer Jenkins and gave a short speech. It was noted that this is the second blue plaque in the village.	
272/23	PLAYGROUND INSPECTIONS The playground inspection had not yet been carried out for October. Cllrs Dorling and Stocks to carry out the November inspection.	HD/MF HD/SS
273/23	DATE OF NEXT MEETING Thursday 2 November 2023	

The meeting closed at 21.30