

## Minutes of the Meeting of East Hendred Parish Council, Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2023 at 7.30pm in Snells Hall

Present: Cllr John Sharp (Chair), Cllr Aloysius Atkinson, Cllr Selby Stocks, Cllr Hilary Dorling, Cllr Mark Francis, Cllr Mark Beddow, Cllr Jason Champ, Cllr Charles Pappenheim and Cllr Roger Turnbull

Clerk: Hannah Champ

Finance Officer: Julia Evans

County Councillor: Sally Povolotsky

District Councillor: Sarah James

Members of the Public: Three (3)

274/23	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> None	
275/23	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b> None	
276/23	<b>OPEN FORUM</b> Councillor Povolotsky has applied to the Vale of White Horse District Council for a further grant to assist with HEG Larder. This will launch meals for the most vulnerable and enable deliveries of these meals. Parish council asked to let HEG Larder know of anyone who may be struggling (in confidence)	Clerk/JE
277/23	<b>ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 5 OCTOBER 2023</b> The minutes were reviewed and approved. Proposed Cllr Champ. Seconded Cllr Turnbull. RESOLVED. The minutes were signed.	
278/23	<b>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF 5 OCTOBER MEETING NOT OTHERWISE COVERED ON THE AGENDA</b> a) <b>The sale of social housing in the village.</b> Cllr James has now had a response on this matter. Sovereign are selling off house that will cost too much to bring up to standards. The District Council do not have any control over this process. Sovereign are expecting to provide 65 units at the Greensands site, which will replace the units that have been sold. At the moment there does not appear to be any conditions on the sale of social housing. Cllr James to check further on the Greensands site, particularly the number social houses and to request that the Parish Council is alerted when houses are put up for sale. b) <b>Community Speedwatch.</b> No progress. Cllr Povolotsky informed that the 30 MPH speed limit has been put in place on the stretch of the A417 past West Hendred. Speedwatch group has a list of sites to be considered which will likely start in January. c) <b>Complaint about open top litter bins.</b> Currently there are around 12 open top bins in the village. Liners being placed in the bin would mean a private contractor to empty. Cllr Pappenheim mentioned purchasing covers to be installed at a cost of around £500 per bin. Cllr Beddow also presented an idea for a liner bucket. Cllr's Beddow and Pappenheim to consider proposal. £50 was agreed to purchase bin liner buckets for a trial period. Proposed Cllr Beddow, Seconded Cllr Stocks RESOLVED d) <b>Complaint about dog fouling.</b> Agreed Cllr Pappenheim to put an item in the next Bulletin. e) <b>Request to install a memorial bench.</b> CPF grant has now been received and base is now being installed. Parish Council are to purchase bench. Cllr Francis is to send details and Clerk is to place the order. f) <b>Parking on White Road.</b> A suggestion had been put forward for a white line to placed at the entrance to the alleyway leading to houses 1-12 White Road. Cllr Dorling has been looking into this and this would encroach onto parking spaces that are already limited. Cllr Francis pointed out that having a short no parking stretch between parked cars encourages people to cross the road where visibility	SJ  MB/CP CLOSED  CP  Clerk/JE MF  CLOSED

	of oncoming traffic is limited, which can be dangerous. Cllr Dorling suggested not to have lines painted and said that if someone parks across the dropped kerb this should be reported.	
279/23	<b>POLICE REPORT.</b> Report was circulated and read out.	
280/23	<b>COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT</b> A written report was circulated prior to the meeting.	
281/23	<b>DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT</b> A written report had been circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr James was thanked for attending.	
	<b>FINANCIAL MATTERS</b>	
282/23	a) <b>November payments.</b> The payments totalling £5662.56 were approved. Proposed Cllr Stocks, Seconded Cllr Francis. RESOLVED. b) <b>To review the draft budget 2024/25.</b> 1st cut circulated. Cllr Atkinson questioned the play park maintenance and the grant to St. Augustine's. Cllr Pappenheim noted that over the years the Parish Council had done well in meeting the budget. Finance group to meet before December and members to send their comments to the Clerk. c) <b>To review the real living wage.</b> Proposed Cllr Atkinson, Seconded Cllr Stocks RESOLVED	CLOSED  CLOSED
	<b>PLANNING MATTERS</b>	
283/23	a) <b>P23/V2077/FUL</b> – Development to accommodate a Data Research Centre (Class E(g)) with associated access, parking, landscaping, signage and boundary fence. Land at Road 8 Rutherford, Appleton Laboratory, Harwell Campus, Didcot, OX11 0TD. Cllr Turnbull suggested a condition that the calcareous grassland be protected in perpetuity to provide a landscape buffer. They are planning to cut down 40 trees in order to build a compound. Cllr Turnbull to draft response and ask about back up power. b) <b>P23/V2378/DIS</b> - Discharge of conditions 3 (external materials) and 4 (joinery details) on application P23/V0315/LB (Proposed single storey extension to dwelling. (Drainage plan received 20 June 2023 and amended site location plan and ownership certificate received 19 July 2023). The Poplars, Church Street, East Hendred, OX12 8LA <b>For information only</b> c) <b>P23/V2392/DIS</b> – Corner House, Allins Lane, East Hendred - Discharge of condition 3 (external materials) and 6 (joinery details) (windows and doors) on planning application P21/V3130/LB. Works to existing barns, to provide ancillary accommodation, New access gate proposed, with existing boundary treatment to be retained. <b>For information only</b>	RT
284/23	<b>Applications received since the publication of the agenda.</b> None.	
285/23	<b>To review planning applications awaiting determination by the Vale and those recently approved.</b> a) <b>Dexter at Harwell Campus.</b> Issue about calcareous grassland, it has been moved to Bequerel Avenue. Closed? b) Fermi application had been withdrawn while traffic modelling work was carried out. Cllr Povolotsky thought this would be some time before it was ready. Closed?	CLOSED  CLOSED
286/23	<b>Greensands Update.</b> Cllr Turnbull had checked whether permission was still current. It is because the Vale of White Horse District Council has not progressed a DIS application. P22/V2545/DIS. Cllr James to approach Vale of White Horse District Council for an update.	SJ
287/23	<b>Proposals for the Steventon Reservoir.</b> <b>Meeting with Thames Water.</b> Meeting held with Thames Water. Cllrs Beddow, Pappenheim and Sharp attended. Purpose was for Thames Water to talk about clay compaction trial. The clay will be used to line the banks of the reservoir. There is a planning application for trial, which involves building clay banks near the Hanney Road. After this the reservoir was discussed. The people who had attended were on	

	the technical side. Cllr Beddow suggested opposing the trial as Thames Water did not want to publish the data. Cllr Povolotsky mentioned GARD feels it needs to happen because the data was required and is concerned that they were not testing the pressure on the clay layer. Cllr Turnbull had contacted a landscape consultant who had advised on building a reservoir in Devon. He did not understand why a proper landscape assessment had been carried out. Cllr Turnbull was concerned that there was no land allowed for landscaping. Cllr Turnbull to attend meeting on 15 <sup>th</sup> November and to write a letter to David Johnston MP. Cllr Turnbull to draft a letter to David Johnston MP about the responses from the recent consultation.	RT
288/23	<b>Consultation on Local Plan Reform.</b> No Action. CLOSED	CLOSED
289/23	<b>Relief for Rowstock and HIF1.</b> Cllr Beddow has been researching funding for the project. RRA have issued a technical note which recommended a full assessment of a single traffic system including the Milton Interchange. A meeting has been arranged with Gavin Belcher. Cllr Sharp felt the additional infrastructure would be good to have. Cllr James felt the RRA data was misleading. Conference is upcoming for HIF1, Cllr Beddow to attend.	MB
290/23	<b>MEETING WITH ST MARY'S</b> A meeting has been held with St Augustine's Church. A further meeting has been setup with Chris Mile, Chris Harrison and Cllr Sharp to discuss cost sharing between St Augustine's and St Mary's.	JVS
291/23	<b>LUDBRIDGE AND RIDGEWAY CLOSE MATTERS</b> Suggestions received around a need for dog bin/Waste bin in Ludbridge Close. Cllr Pappenheim spoke to the management company who stated the path between the two sites did not belong to them. They do not feel there is a litter problem and residents do not feel there is a need for a bin.	CP
292/23	<b>JUBILEE PLAY PARK</b> Cllr Sharp gave background to the project for Jubilee Park. Cllr Pappenheim presented the preferred option and layout of the equipment. Cllr Turnbull asked about the age range for the new equipment as felt there didn't seem to be enough for older children. County Cllr Povolotsky suggested there should be covered space for older children to sit and offered some funding to for this. Cllr Sharp proposed approving £36,113 for the new equipment and installation. Playground group to meet and finalise detail. Proposed Cllr Francis Seconded Cllr Champ carried by majority RESOLVED	JVS/SS/JC/MF
293/23	<b>VILLAGE FAIR</b> To be carried forward to next meeting	JVS
294/23	<b>ROWSTOCK</b> There was nothing to be discussed.	
295/23	<b>COMMUNITY ART PROJECT</b> To be carried forward to next meeting	
296/23	<b>HENDRED ESTATE ITEMS</b> Cllr Pappenheim has been in contact with Hendred Estate about extending the verges where the Estate cuts the grass, for example Fordy Lane and Allins Lane. Cllr Pappenheim to bring cost proposal along to next meeting	CP
	<b>WORKING GROUPS / REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS AND UPDATES</b>	

297/23	<p>a) <b>Allotments</b> – . Letters have now been sent out to allotment holders. Mrs C Shortis will no longer administer the allotments after the end of the year. Letter to be sent to Mrs Shortis to thank her for her work.</p> <p>b) <b>Communications:</b></p> <p>a. <b>New Website</b> – Nothing to report</p> <p>b. <b>Review of suggestions register.</b> Suggestions had been received including the request for a School bus from St Amands School to Didcot, clear roadside weeds, ask people not leave bins out all week, defib for Portway Close, Bench for Mr &amp; Mrs Francis (to be reviewed in communications group)</p> <p>c. <b>Parish Council Facebook page.</b> Carried forward to next meeting.</p> <p>c) <b>Infrastructure</b></p> <p>a. <b>Courtesy Lights.</b> Nothing to report</p> <p>b. <b>Playground Maintenance.</b> Update on repairs – Cllr Dorling put forward suggestions of surface filling urgently needed areas including the goal mouths, overhauling the adult exercise equipment and re-siting to the Sports Club. To be considered. New bark is required at Penney Playpark, 4 bags originally agreed but Cllr Francis felt around 30 bags were required. Cllr Pappenheim asked whether rubber mulch might be a better solution. Cllr Stocks to request a quote for the rubber mulch. Cllr Francis to request quote for bark option. Tyre beam and balance beams have now been replaced, two new seats have been installed on the infant swings and swing posts have been replace along with posts up to the chains.</p> <p>c. <b>Snells Walkway.</b> Treads are being replaced on a rolling basis. Cllr Pappenheim had looked at plastic treads but is very expensive.</p> <p>d. <b>Grounds Maintenance.</b> Oxfordshire Highways Grass Cutting Contract. New schedule had been sent from OCC which is more complicated. They want it to be signed now. Cllr Francis proposed not signing up to the contract. Cllr Franics and Cllr Pappenheim to look at costs and the impact on budget.</p> <p>e. <b>Tree Maintenance.</b> There was nothing to discuss.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>CP</p> <p>HD</p> <p>MF/SS/JC</p> <p>MF/CP</p>
298/23	<b>ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY</b> Nothing to report.	
299/23	<b>HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT</b> a) Application for Community Transport fund.	CLOSED
300/23	<b>HARWELL LIAISON AND HARWELL CAMPUS</b> Cllr Sharp had attended the Harwell Liaison meeting. Magnox (Including Harwell) is now called Nuclear Restoration Services. For some years a treatment plant has been operating to remove and treat contaminated water from the ground reservoir. NRS claims that it is now complete and proposed stopping treatment. They have been asked for this to be reviewed, particularly the quality of the water remaining. There will be a small area left on the site in our parish following decommissioning which is registered as a chemical waste storage site. Cllr Sharp has asked for more details.	JVS
301/23	<b>SPORTS CLUB</b> Cllr Stocks to make contact with the Sports Club.	SS
302/23	<b>GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE</b> a) Signatories needed for the Nationwide Account	JE
303/23	<b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b> None	
304/23	<b>PLAYGROUND INSPECTIONS</b> a) December – Cllrs Stocks and Champ b) January – Cllrs Champ and Beddow	JC/SS JC/MB
305/23	<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b> Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	

The meeting closed at 22.02