

WEST HAGBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 13th May 2010.

Location: Hagbourne Primary School

Present: Phil Taylor (PT), Sue Totterdell (ST), Tom Barker.
D Totterdell (Clerk).
Michele Thornhill (general public)

1. **Apologies and reasons for absence** – Cllr P Greene (SODC meeting), M Judd.

2. **Declarations of interest** - None

3. **Public participation session** – None

4. **Approval of Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising**

- The Council passed the minutes as a true and correct record. Signed by the chair.

5. **District and County Councillor's reports:**

There was no report from Cllr Greene for this meeting. Reports for OCC and SODC had been submitted by him for the Annual Parish meeting (15th May 2010).

6. **Parish Councillor vacancy:**

- Michele Thornhill was proposed by S Totterdell and seconded by T Barker. M Thornhill accepted the nomination and was handed the declaration of acceptance and councillor's interests register to complete.
- The existing vacancy had been advertised for a period in excess of that required in the Standing Orders. The Clerk to contact the Webmaster to setup a councillor email address for MT.

7. **Planning consultations:**

- LTP3 – consultation 5 has now been received for a response from the council. The consultation dates are from 10th May to 20th June. At an initial meeting all local delegates commented on the short notice and amount of documentation to absorb in this process. A consultation event will take place on Thursday 20 May at Cornerstone, Didcot between 5-7pm.
- P10/W0458 Broomsticks is the only outstanding planning application.

8. **Finance:**

- The financial statement and cheques for this financial year were presented, and accepted by the councillors.
- The costs for the 2011 election are not yet known but are being allowed for in the budget.
- The council will not be seeking funding from the Community Investment Fund this year as no suitable projects have yet been identified.

- The Clerk pointed out that the Newsletter printing had not been invoiced against last year's budget but had been allowed budgeted for, an invoice will arrive soon.

9. Consultations reports:

- PT attended a meeting in Didcot (25th March) on the latest developments for Great Western Park and provided a written report to the council. This meeting was the third in the series and was concerned with the detailed planning layout aspects of the design, in terms of layout, street scene, urban planning.
- PT also attended the Didcot Summit meeting (26th March) on behalf of the Council. which was concerned with the interaction of County Council officers and resources and their liaison/interaction with the local community.
- PT to send copies of reports to MT.

10. Village maintenance:

- The grass cutting schedule is being reviewed with the grant funding body to allow for the new areas for cutting opposite to the Horse & Harrow and beyond towards the A417. A meeting is scheduled for early next week.
- Sue Totterdell stated her intention to update the flower tubs in the centre of the village.

11. Highways Issues:

- Following on from issues raised in the last meeting, the clerk informed the meeting that the Highways dept. will respond to repairs needed in the village when resources are available.
- Church Lane footpath from the West Hagbourne boundary eastwards needs tidying up.

12. AOB:

- The council have been advised by BT that their kiosk adoption was the 500th in the country and that BT would like to celebrate this with a publicity activity. The council has welcomed this opportunity to raise the profile of West Hagbourne and a meeting is scheduled for next Thursday.
- Anxieties arising from the finding of animal carcass parts by a dog walker have been reported to the appropriate authorities.
- After the last meeting the clerk sought clarification from our district councillor regarding
 1. the acquisition of additional recycling bins, a response is awaited and will be raised at the Annual Parish Meeting.
 2. the issue of the planning application appeal procedure, a response is awaited.
- It was agreed that although the publishing deadline for the Parish Magazine does not coincide with the council meeting, a report of council meeting will be submitted to appear in whichever is the next issue.
- A complaint had been received by the council regarding the use of the verges for parking/advertising by Scotland's Ash Garage from Marion Allin, and was circulated to all the Councillors. The clerk will respond to the complainant but the use of the road verge by others is actually the responsibility of the Highways dept. to whom details of the complaint will therefore be forwarded.

The meeting closed at 21:20pm

Date of next meeting – Thursday 15th July 2010 7.30 pm at Hagbourne School

Chairman..... Date.....