

WEST HAGBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting duly convened and held on Thursday 17th March 2011 at Hagbourne Primary School

Present: Cllrs P. Taylor (Chair), S. Totterdell, M. Judd and M. Thornhill.

In attendance: L. Dalby (Clerk) and District/County Cllr P. Greene.

11/12 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr T. Barker.

11/13 Declarations of personal and prejudicial interest

There were none.

11/14 Public Participation

There was none.

11/15 Minutes of the Councils meeting held on January 13th 2011

The minutes were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

11/16 District and County Councillor's Reports

Cllr Greene reported that there won't be an increase in the Council Tax from the County or District Councils. There will not be any cuts to the Fire Service or Children's Social Care and cuts to the library service continue to be reviewed. The County Council are to receive extra money from central government for repairing potholes.

Cllr Greene does not intend to stand for re-election at the District Council Elections in May.

11/17 Clerk's Report

- Councillors have been invited to an open afternoon at Little Acorns Nursery to celebrate the opening of the new outdoor play area.
- The white lines by Green Thatch have been repainted and the wooden bollards on Main St have been replaced.
- The pothole at Coscote Corner has been reported.
- The Highways department will consider doing a traffic survey in the village.
- The Clerk has investigated possible sources of funding to help with the purchase of land by The Horse and Harrow.

11/18 Planning Consultations

a) Report from Meeting with Bloors

Cllr Totterdell reported that the representatives from Bloors had been very understanding and accommodating. A summary of the meeting is held on file.

The Parish Council along with East Hagbourne Parish Council and Didcot Town Council have objected to the application for 159 dwellings at Park Rd.

- b) S.106 request – funding for cycle path and remedial work to Coscote
 Cllr Taylor has written to SODC requesting that some of the Section 106 money from the development at Park Rd be spent on a cycle path linking West Hagbourne to Didcot and for improvements to the drainage at Coscote.

c) Applications received from the District Council for consultation

Ref	Description	PC Rec
P10/W1959	Construction of 159 dwellings; informal open space; new means of vehicular and pedestrian access onto Park Road and associated infrastructure. Land at Park Road Didcot	Object
P11/W0046	Spine road, secondary streets, tertiary streets and associated infrastructure including drainage required to service the schools located within the District Neighbourhood, at Great Western Park Phase 1c Great Western Park Didcot	No strong views
P11/W0165	Erection of Temporary Sales and Information building (5 years) in association with Great Western Park Development, temporary car park and associated temporary works. Land at Didcot Road Didcot	No strong views

d) Decisions by District Council

Ref	Description	PC Rec	Decision
P10/W0680/LB P10/W0642	Proposed demolition of existing 1970s porch and proposed construction of new porch to match the main house in style. Down Farm, West Hagbourne	No strong views	Permitted
P10/W1841/RM	Application for Reserved Matters of Phase 1b (iii) – Local park and play area. Land at Didcot Road, Didcot	No strong views	Approved

11/19 Recruiting new Councillors

Cllr Taylor reported that leaflets had been distributed to every house in the village and notices put on the notice boards and website advertising the forthcoming election.

11/20 Date for Annual Parish Meeting

It was agreed the Annual Parish Meeting would take place on 18th June. Cllr Taylor will arrange a venue.

11/21 Commemorative Bench – consider and agree progress

Cllr Taylor reported that it would cost £3,300 to have the winning design made and installed. It was agreed that this was too much for the Parish Council. Therefore Cllr Judd will find out how much it would cost to have the second prize design made. East Hagbourne Parish Council are prepared to pay £1000 or 75% of the cost whichever is less.

It was agreed to ask the residents at the Annual Parish Meeting and through the Newsletter and Church magazine if they would be prepared to fundraise in order to have the more expensive design made.

11/22 Electoral Review of Oxfordshire

The Council had no strong views on this consultation but would monitor the outcome.

11/23 Revised Household Waste Recycling Centre Strategy for Oxfordshire

Cllr Totterdell will review this consultation.

11/24 Review of Didcot Volunteer Centre car scheme

The Council agreed to write in support of this important scheme.

11/25 Finance

- a) The Clerk has obtained the change of signatory forms from the bank so that she will receive bank statements. The Councillors signed the forms.
- b) It was agreed to pay the Clerk's salary at each meeting.
- c) Sharing the cost of the Clerk's membership to SLCC with her other parishes represents a saving for the Council.
- d) The Clerk reported that as required by HMRC she has registered the Council as an employer for PAYE and NI.
- e) The financial statement and cheques for this financial year were presented and accepted by the Councillors.
- f) Received - £20 – Little Acorns – advertisement

11/26 Tubs under tree

Cllr Totterdell reported that she has sourced wooden tubs, which cost £25 for two. It was agreed she should purchase four tubs ready for a change over in the spring. Cllr Taylor reported that he has re-levelled the water butt, the watering timer will need to be connected.

11/27 Correspondence

The review of subsidised bus services will be passed on to Terry Pritchard the Parish Transport representative.

11/28 Matters raised by Councillors for information

- The Kissing Gate at Coscote has been hit by a car. The Clerk will report the damage to the County Council.
- The gutters and gulleys in the village are in desperate need of clearing. The Clerk will contact the Highways department again as a matter of urgency.

11/29 Items for inclusion on May's agenda

- Tyrell Trust

The next meeting of the Council will be May 19th 2011 at Hagbourne Primary School, East Hagbourne, commencing at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.10pm.

Signed.....Dated.....