

WEST HAGBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting duly convened and held on Monday 19th March 2012 at Hagbourne Primary School.

Present: Cllrs M. Butler (Chair), V. Brownsword, H. Lewis, M. Thornhill and E. Setch.

In attendance: L. Dalby and Mr D. Totterdell.

1. Public Participation

Mr Totterdell asked if there had been any progress with the high speed broadband.

Cllr Lewis reported that the cabinet in Upton is not yet live. When it does become live customers can ask to for their broad band to be upgraded. However the majority of households in West Hagbourne will not be offered an upgrade as the line speed won't be up to it. Some companies will offer something. BT may offer a yet unpublished product. Complaints have been made to Ed Vaizey MP. Nothing further can be done until it is possible to prove that there is no improvement once the cabinet has been made live.

Mr Totterdell also reported that he and his wife wish to alter the planting in the village slightly. The area between the phone box and bus shelter is to be dug out and replanted to encourage wildlife. The pots are to be planted in a Jubilee/Olympic theme. The Council agreed to the proposed changes.

2. District Councillor 's Report – Leo Docherty

There was no report.

3. County Councillor's Report – Patrick Greene

There was no report.

4. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from County Cllr P. Greene.

5. To confirm and sign as a true record the minutes of the last meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 4th January 2012

The minutes were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

6. Declarations of personal and prejudicial interest

There were none.

7. Clerk's Report

It was agreed that the Clerk would deposit the Parish Council's archive at the Oxfordshire History Centre.

8. Broadband Speed

As per item 1.

9. Highways

The corner at Coscote has now been repaired however the other problems continue. The Clerk will contact Highways again.

10. Speed Warning Device

The County Council would require the Parish Council to make a contribution of £1000 towards the cost of installing a VAS in the village. The Parish Council considered this to be excessive in comparison to the Precept for little benefit to the village. It was agreed that traffic calming ideas would be discussed at the Annual Parish Meeting.

11. Request from the Village Association for a donation towards the purchase of a new marquee

The Village Association is hosting a free Jubilee Party for the parish. It is expected that around 200 residents will attend and the budget for the event is £1,800. The Village Association wish to purchase a new marquee at a cost of £537. The Council agreed that as this level of expenditure had not been allowed for in the budget it would donate up to £200 towards the event. It was not felt that the benefit would be commensurate with the expense.

12. Discuss Parish Plan

Cllrs Setch, Brownsword and Thornhill had met with Anton Nath from ORCC to discuss updating the Parish Plan. They reported that it will be a huge undertaking to update the plan and support will be needed from the residents – so far two volunteers have come forward. It was agreed to call a meeting to launch the Parish Plan in the summer.

13. Annual Parish Meeting

It was agreed to hold the Annual Parish Meeting on 17th May in the Hagbourne Village Hall. Residents will be asked in advance for any items they wish to be included. Cllr Butler will draft a letter. As in previous years reports will be made available on the evening.

14. Finance

a) Accounts for payment

Payee and Reason	£ detail	£ VAT	£ total
Lucy Dalby – Clerk’s salary and expenditure	264.31		264.31
Post Office Ltd – PAYE	53.00		53.00
Milton PC – Clerk’s Training	8.25		8.25
Milton PC – share Clerk’s SLCC membership	19.63		19.63

OALC - Subscription	110.89	22.18	133.07
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b) Payments Received

Newsletter Advertising £230.00

15. Correspondence

A complaint has been received that the new bus timetable was not published in the Newsletter. Cllr Thornhill reported that there hadn't been enough room.

The East and West Hagbourne Society has now been wound up and the remaining money (£90.35) is to be divided between the two Parish Councils. It was agreed to pass on the West Hagbourne share to the Village Association.

16. Items for inclusion on May's agenda

APM Agenda

17. To confirm the date of the next meeting of the Council

The next meeting of the Council was confirmed as 2nd May 2012.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 9.30pm.

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