

WEST HAGBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting duly convened and held on Wednesday 1 July 2015 at The Hagbourne Hall, East Hagbourne

Present: Cllrs H. Lewis, V. Brownsword, J. Bannister and M. Telford

In attendance: B. Gill (Clerk), Terry Pritchard (Transport Representative), Patrick Greene (County Councillor) and no members of the public.

- 1. Apologies for absence:** Cllr M. Butler
- 2. Declarations of personal and prejudicial interest:** None

3. Public Participation:

The transport budget for the County has been cut and therefore bus subsidies may also be cut. A public meeting to discuss proposals for subsidised bus routes and the Dial-a-Ride service will be held on Monday 6 July at Didcot Civic Hall (16.00pm - 17.30pm). Terry Pritchard and Cllr Brownsword will attend the meeting on behalf of West Hagbourne.

For more information and to give your views, visit:

https://consultations.oxfordshire.gov.uk/consult/ti/stconsultation/consultationHome?utm_source=FURL&utm_medium=Friendly&utm_term=STconsultation&utm_campaign=Stconsultation

- 4. To confirm and sign as a true record the minutes of the last meeting of the Parish Council held on May 13th 2015:** The minutes of the last meeting were agreed and signed by the Vice-Chairman.
- 5. Matters Arising:** Cllr Butler still to organise a meeting for the Tyrell trust to agree future trustees (to be held before next council meeting).
- 6. District Councillor's Report – Jane Murphy / Pat Dawe:** None provided.
- 7. County Councillor's Report – Patrick Greene:** Please see attached report for July.
- 8. Clerk's Report:**
 - South & Vale have provided notification of uncontested election costs; the Parish Council will be invoiced for £85.00 shortly.
 - The grant for £600.00 from South & Vale for the defibrillator project still hasn't arrived in the Parish Council accounts. The Grant Team Leader (Carole Cumming) is aware of the delay and is working on resolving the matter as soon as possible; Clerk to monitor and follow-up as required.
 - The village website domain name has been renewed for a further 5 years.

9. Finance – Accounts for Payment:

The following accounts for payment were agreed.

Payee and Reason	£ NET	£ VAT	£ TOTAL
Hagbourne Village Hall – Room Hire	24.80		24.80
RJS (IA) Ltd – Internal Audit Fee	120.00		120.00
Oxfordshire Rural Community Council – Subscription	30.00		30.00
Mears Estates Ltd – Grass Cutting (April Invoice)	190.70	38.14	228.84
Mears Estates Ltd – Grass Cutting (May Invoice)	381.40	76.28	457.68

B. Gill – Clerk’s Salary & Expenses *	363.95	11.99	375.94
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- * Note: Includes £71.94 of expenses (incl. of 20% VAT) for Website Domain Renewal.

10. Planning:

(i) ‘Silva Felix’ follow-up:

Cllr Brownsword reported that someone from the council has visited the property and advised about disposal of asbestos sheeting. The building work is currently on hold, possibly for building regulations input. Parish Council to continue to monitor.

(ii) Proposals for roundabout on A417 (Lighting etc.):

A planning application has been made for lighting along the planned link road from Harwell to the new roundabout near The Kingswell Hotel. The Council feel that this is inappropriate for a rural road and decided to object to the provision of lighting along the entire link road; objection to be submitted by Clerk.

11. Changes to subsidised Buses and Dial-a-Ride: See point 3 above (Public Participation).

12. Correspondence:

- The grant from the County Council for the mini-bus service to East Hagbourne Primary School is reputedly being cut. The parents for one of the affected children have written to the Council to object to this on several grounds. The Council generally agreed to support the objections to cut the service, Cllr Bannister to draft a letter in support of the parents on behalf of the Parish Council.
- East Hagbourne Parish Council has queried whether we have any records that West Hagbourne own part of the Cemetery. This is in relation to a review of the current financial process for the cemetery (i.e. funds all currently go through the East Hagbourne books for audit and VAT purposes); Clerk to check records.

13. Newsletter Report:

Cllr Bannister will draft a short piece for the newsletter to alert villagers to the planned cut of the primary school mini-bus and to say that the Parish Council supports the opposition of this plan.

14. Items for report and inclusion on next meeting’s agenda:

- Sylva Felix building.
- Grass cutting to be discussed for the last time to vote and agree on areas to cut or not cut.

15. Future Meetings:

The date of the next Council Meeting was confirmed as September 2nd 2015, to be held at Hagbourne Hall, East Hagbourne, commencing at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 9:10pm.

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