

West Hagbourne Parish Council



Minutes of West Hagbourne Parish Council Meeting

held at Hagbourne Village Hall on Wednesday 4th November 2020 at 7:30pm.

Present: Cllrs M. Butler, H. Lewis, M. Telford, O. Doogue, Mr. A. Wise (Clerk) and Mr D. Rickeard

	MB opened the meeting at 19:30 hrs via Zoom Video Conferencing	
20/472 Apologies	Cllr S. Clarke, Cllr J. Murphy, Cllr A.M. Simpson and Mr. T. Baldasera	
20/473 Declarations of personal and prejudicial interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	
20/474 Co-opt new councillor onto the Parish Council – Mr. Tony Baldasera	<p>It was proposed by MB, seconded MT, that Mr Tony Baldasera, be co-opted onto WHPC for the rest of the current term of office, bringing the number of councillors up to required number of five. Carried nem con.</p> <p>Clerk to inform both Tony and SODC democratic services of the appointment.</p>	AW
20/475 Report on OCC and SODC activities	<p><u>OCC Report</u> – None received</p> <p><u>SODC Report</u> – None received</p>	
20/ 476 Hear representations from members of the public	<p>The following questions were submitted Mr. I. Leishman via email before the meeting:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What progress has been made on the on-going issues of traffic control along the single lane stretch of Main Street, maintenance of roads and pavements, and overhanging vegetation? 2. In view of the latest flooding incident, last week, does the PC consider that there should be an Emergency Measures procedure to enable through-traffic to be directed away from vulnerable properties? 3. What is the reason for the (temporary?) closure of the Upton to Hagbourne Hill road? Whilst this road is closed, hundreds, if not thousands, of vehicles daily appear to be unnecessarily diverted adding an extra 0.5 mile to their journey and creating increased pollution. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. After this question was asked at the September meeting the Chair responded in his report in the latest issue of the Village Newsletter 2. Officially, the only people who can close roads are the police. However, Cllr. Lewis has a Road Closed Sign in his garage, and he did use this last week to divert the traffic away from the site of the burst water main in Main Street so that traffic was diverted down York Road. So yes, this is the PCs procedure. 3. The closure is to enable OCC to construct a cycle path through Upton and the traffic is diverted from this road by getting them to turn right at the roundabout to continue their journey to Upton. Thus, this will not only cut pollution as more use of bicycles is encouraged, but the traffic does also not need to enter West Hagbourne to continue their journey to Upton. <p>Chair to write to Highways about the state of the kerb in Main Street after the narrowing works was completed, chase up on the outstanding painting of white lines and finally to obtain an update on the agreed plan for signage in Main Street.</p> <p>Mr David Rickeard - EHPC Chair – joined the meeting to brief councillors on his 3 Parishes wide plan to refurbish the art benches on the Sustrans cycle path from EH to Upton via WH. He has requested a quote from a local tradesman and as 2 of these benches – No. 5 and Contour, fall under WH Parish, he explained</p>	MB

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	that once he knew the total of the costs involved, he would be looking for a contribution from WH that reflected the cost of refurbishing the 2 benches. DR promised to come back with the costs before the Jan'21 Meeting.	
20/477 Approve the minutes of the meeting of	It was proposed by MB, seconded HL, that the minutes be signed as a true record. Carried nem con.	
20/478 Consider matters, not take elsewhere, arising from the minutes of the meeting of	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All action items had been completed 	
20/479 Receive reports from Parish Councillors and the Clerk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was proposed MB, seconded MT and carried nem con that the Clerks salary be increased by 2%, with the increase effective from Jan 2021. 	
20/480 Financial matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval of payments. It was proposed MB, seconded HL and carried nem con that the following invoices be paid: Parish Clerk's wages, expenses, PAYE, BGG Garden and Tree Care, Hagbourne Village Hall, Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal, C.A.B. and DVTG donations. Current financial situation. AW presented the current financial situation – attachments 2 & 3. Clerk took the councillors through the draft 2021/22 Budget. Councillors to review with a view to signing the budget off and setting the Precept at the 6th January 2021 Meeting. 	
20/481 Planning since the meeting of	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AW presented the current planning application situation – attachment 4 It was proposed MB, seconded MT and carried nem con, that the councillors instruct the clerk to respond with OBJECTS, with supporting comments to be drafted by the Chair after discussion by the councillors tonight, to planning application – P20/S2401/FUL – 4 Manor Close amendment. 	AW
20/482 Highways and Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	
20/483 Risk assessment	MB signed off appropriate parts on the current Risk Assessment Checklist - attachment 5	
20/484 Chairman's Report for Newsletter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair will send a report to Editor Sue Totterdell before the end of the month in time for the next edition of the Village Newsletter. 	
20/ 485 Respond to Communications as the Chairman may direct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	
20/486 Attend to any other business at the Chairman's discretion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	
20/487 Date of next meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wednesday 6th January 2021 by Zoom Video Conference 	

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20/488 Meeting
Closed

- MB declared the meeting closed at 20:20 hrs.

Signed:

Date:

Attachments:

1. Agenda
2. Financial Statements
3. Expenditure against Budget 2019-2020
4. Planning Applications
5. Risk Assessment