

Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting took place on Wednesday 22 May in Hagbourne Village Hall and was attended by 24 villagers and the members of the Parish Council.

The Chairman's report was largely concerned with the recent planning applications that could have serious impacts on the village. It is clear that the land to the south of Didcot that acts as a buffer between Didcot's urban environment and the rural nature of the Hagbournes is under threat from a number of developers despite the published intention of SODC to keep this area as a green gap. There is still much uncertainty about where large scale developments will be built in South Oxfordshire and vigilance is necessary. Within the village, it looks as though 6 or 7 more houses will be built on infill sites and it is hoped these new residents will contribute to the thriving community of West Hagbourne. With regard to traffic, the Harwell Link Road has been opened. Highways have installed traffic counting apparatus on Main Street, towards the Horse and Harrow. The road narrowing and raised footpath scheme on Main Street alongside Green Thatch has been completed. Signs are being installed indicating that it is a single track stretch of road. The footpath is in use by a number of people and has improved safety. Work was carried out using Section 106 funding from Bloor Homes development to the west of Park Road.

The Parish Council will discuss a possible 20 mph limit in the village at their next meeting.

Reports were received from Hagbourne Cemeteries and the Hagbourne Village Hall committees. Villagers were encouraged to report potholes via 'Report my Street'.

Thanks were offered to Marion Judd, who is planning to move in the next few months, for her contributions to the Village.

The condition of the drainage ditch in Moor Lane was raised (the ghost of Eleanor Bowey perhaps was present!) as it is being used again as a place to dump garden rubbish and the bank is unstable forming a blockage in the stream. (nb the ditch is the responsibility of the landowner in part)

The public rubbish bins are not being emptied again.

This year our district councillor Jane Murphy, now leader of the SODC and our County Councillor Simon Clarke were present and were helpful in explaining how to report potholes at: <https://fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk/> Simon Clarke advised us that if the pothole is more than 3cm deep this should be mentioned as the council are then obliged legally to fix it within a short space of time and he said that any damage to your vehicle should be reported to the council and then a claim for compensation can be made.

There was some discussion about how the £17,000 section 106 money should be spent. Councillor Clarke explained how to apply for a 20mph limit in the village and that it would cost £7000 to put in place. A vote was taken on this and a majority voted for having a 20mph limit and only one voting against this proposal. This would be funded out of the £17000 still unspent in the village.

Madge Trophy

The winner of this year's Madge Trophy front gardens competition, which was judged at the same time, was Uplands, Main St. where the colourful display of springtime flowers was a delight. Congratulations to Roger Sweet.

Next year's competition will be judged in May: it is never too early to be planning your spring displays.



Support from your local MP

On Friday 18th May, Ed Vaizey visited West Hagbourne to meet the group campaigning to preserve a green gap between the southern outskirts of Didcot and the Hagbournes and Coscote.

The MP spent 30 minutes in the village, seeing for himself how the proposed Taylor Wimpey development would change the outlook for West Hagbourne residents.

He agreed that services and infrastructure provision had not kept up with Didcot's recent rapid expansion and proposed to write to SODC expressing his views that further development to the south should not be encouraged.



FAST broadband

After a long wait, the cabinet bringing super fast fibre broadband to West Hagbourne has gone live. After a number of missed deadlines, the service finally arrived in early May.

A number of subscribers have already modified their internet packages to take advantage of the new service. Download speeds of around 50-60 mbps have been reported with upload speeds around 20 mbps.

However, these figures may not be sustained as more people connect to this service. It is still a case of wait and see in terms of the long-term improvement in service.

Fun Run 2018

The 2018 Hagbourne Fun run enjoyed some of the best weather for years. With its usual good turn out, the winning time for the 4.5 mile multi-terrain course was 26m10s, by Jack Shayler.

The fastest time by a woman was 28m38s by Vicki Cronin.

Running is a great way to fitness, using the beautiful local footpaths as your gym - and it's much cheaper. Perhaps you will enter next year's race?



other news

Village litter pick

Thank you very much to all the people who helped to collect litter around the village on Saturday 14th April. Again we had a record number of people, 18 in total.

This meant that we were able to cover the whole village and collect a lot of rubbish. Those who came will have noticed that I arranged for it to be a lovely sunny day again.

Thanks again and thank you to all those people who pick up litter at other times.

Val Brownsword

Village Events

Village summer walk

Sunday 9th July, 2pm from The Square. Everyone is welcome.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Saturday, 15th September, more details to follow in the next issue.

Save the dates.



Village Lunch

All resident are invited to join us for lunch at the Horse and Harrow pub on the third Friday of the month from 12h30. Please let Marion or Sue know if you are planning to come along, or get in touch with the pub directly, so that Helen knows how many places to prepare.

We usually get between 15 and 20 people to each event. If you have any special dietary requirements, please contact the pub in advance by calling 01235 850223

Taylor Wimpey

The consultation process for the Taylor Wimpey application to develop Hagbourne Fields is now closed. Many villagers took the opportunity to register their disapproval of the plans submitted.

They cited the erosion of the separation between West Hagbourne and Didcot, loss of visual amenity, increased traffic and unsuitability of the site in their objections. Banners and posters, paid for by donations, were erected to encourage villagers to submit their comments.

We now await the decision by SODC planning department.

Since the recent announcement by SODC that it can now demonstrate a 5-year housing supply, the protest group are hoping that the council will regain control of which sites in the District are to be developed.

The last week in May also saw the Inquiry into the application by the developers, Catesby, to build on the land at the rear of Loyd Road in Didcot. This application was rejected by SODC as the site is not one allocated in the District's development plans.

The Inquiry took place in Upton and was attended by some villagers, to understand the arguments that might be used with regard to any appeal from Taylor Wimpey. Hagbourne Fields Action Group.



Open Gardens

On June 18 from 14h00-17h00, nine gardens in East Hagbourne will be opening their gates as part of the National Garden Scheme. New this year is Little Thatch, a cottage garden with a stream, pond planting, perennials, lavender beds, and kitchen garden.

Don't forget to call in at the Hagbourne's cemetery to explore the well-established wild-flower meadow. In addition to visiting the gardens, home-made teas will be available and the Fleur de Lys Pub is also open for food and drinks. Admission costs £5 for Adults while children go free.

Local Film

A film made nearby tells a powerful story of a partnership between patients who are homeless and their GP surgery in Oxford who have worked together to improve services offered to local homeless people.

The short video was made at Luther Street Medical Centre which specialises in offering primary care to homeless people. It includes interviews with patients and staff at the practice - to watch the video click [here](#)

Earth Trust

There are a number of events planned by the Earth Trust during June and July. These include outdoor theatre (Romeo and Juliet, 17 July and Twelfth Night, 29 June as well as watching summer birds at Thrupp Lake on June 9th or bats in Wallingford Castle meadows on June 5th. For more information on these events, go to Events on the Earth Trust website.

Hagbourne Fete

This year Hagbourne Summer Fete will take place this year on Saturday 23rd June from 1pm - 4 pm at Hagbourne Recreation Ground and Pavilion. Entertainments on offer include a Fun Dog Show and Fancy Dress Parade.

There will be decorated stalls and Blewbury Brass Band will provide the musical accompaniment. This year's theme is Myths and Legends.

If you want to get involved, contact Michelle Marriott on 07718 263302.

Marquee hire

Hire of marquees and equipment - the Association has recently reviewed the charges and conditions for the hire of the marquees, tables and chairs.

As from immediate effect, the charge for the hire of either one of the marquees will be £50.00, plus a returnable deposit of £75.00. For the hire of the tables and/or chairs - £50.00, plus a returnable deposit of £75.00. All charges must be paid before the commencement date of hiring and the deposit shall be returned only after an inspection of the hired equipment has been carried out.

We sometimes receive requests for the hire of the equipment from people who live outside the West Hagbourne Parish. In these cases we will now require a sponsor, who must be a village resident and is willing to act as guarantor for the safe return of the hired equipment.

Please contact Rob Griffiths, tel: 01235 851241 for more information and to obtain a hire of equipment application form.





Dragons & Teas

A total of 23 St George's Day displays around the village were admired by this year's judge, Mrs Madeleine Loynes. She was impressed by the imaginative use of different materials and variety of themed ideas.

The prize winners, who were announced at the well attended teas on Sunday 22nd, were: 1st - 5, Manor Close, runner-up - Suffolk Lodge, Main St. with Broomsticks, Main Street winning the children's prize.

During the afternoon we welcomed villagers with friends and family, and also visitors from a wider area, who all enjoyed the opportunity to get together over tea and cakes. Our visitors were also treated to Malcolm Brownsword's entertaining audio/visual productions of this year's display entries and the Sustrans railway line's fauna and flora. The St George's Day walk took place on the same warm and sunny afternoon with 9 villagers, who ambled around 'dragon-spotting' before heading off along school path, onto the railway line to enjoy the clear views, and then returned to the village in time for tea at Chapel Hayes.

The Village Association committee would like to express their grateful thanks to all those who supported this year's successful celebrations.

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Council Meetings

are held in Hagbourne Village Hall

- see website for future dates

Minutes of meetings of the Parish Council are available online.

If you cannot find them contact the clerk, if you do not have access to the internet, call the clerk and a printed copy will be delivered to you.

www.westhagbourne.org/pc_minutes.htm

From now on, shortly before each meeting of the Parish Council the agenda will be circulated by email to all those on the list.

To comply with legal requirements, a physical copy of the agenda will still be posted on the Parish Council notice board.

Parish Email List

If you wish to be placed on this list, or wish to check that your entry is correct, please send an email to the Clerk at

parishclerk@westhagbourne.org

Planning updates

If you want to be notified about planning applications that affect West Hagbourne, you can sign up for email alerts.

Contact Andrew Wise
parishclerk@westhagbourne.org

HGV's & potholes

HGV's & potholes are a persistent issue on the roads in the village and beyond.

Please report potholes direct to Oxfordshire Highways.

If you can supply a photograph that gives some idea of the extent of the pothole this will help assess the urgency for its repair. (with a bean tin to show the depth of the offending hole help)

You can do this online

- www.fixmystreet.com
 - highwaysenquiries@oxfordshire.gov.uk call 0845 310 1111
- or go to
- www.westhagbourne.org/noticeboard.htm#potholes



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The website carries information, news and contact details

local events

If you have items you are prepared to give away, send us the details for inclusion (free of charge) in the next edition of the newsletter.

Friday Lunch Club

At the Horse & Harrow 12.30pm

- Friday 15th June
- Friday 20th July

Future dates will be circulated via the mailing list.

Didcot's Farmers' Market

is held every second Saturday of the month from 8.30am to 1.30pm

Didcot Film Club

The Film Club meets monthly at Cornerstone at 8pm on a Wednesday evening. Membership costs £5.

village events

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Saturday, 15th September

Summer walk

Sunday 9th July

All welcome, starting from The Square at 2 pm (dogs too)

can you help?

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12 x 5 metre and 11 x 4 metre
Tables and chairs are also available
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