

WEST HAGBOURNE PARISH

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 11 May 2022 at Hagbourne Village Hall, East Hagbourne

Present: Cllr M. Butler and 12 members of the public. See appendix 1 for attendance register

1. Welcome from the Chairman:

Cllr Butler welcomed the public to the meeting.

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Simpson and Murphy, Ollie Doogue and Jeff Powell

3. Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting 2019

The minutes were agreed and signed by the Chairman. Minutes to be posted on the website

4. Matters Arising from the minutes

The minutes from 2019 were reviewed and updates were provided

5. Chairman's Report

Annual Report of the Chair of West Hagbourne Parish Council

This the first Annual Parish Meeting since 2019, as a result of the Covid disruption. Council meetings during the disruption were by Zoom.

The Parish Council is up to its full strength of 5 thanks to Daniel Tozer joining the council.

Next year there will be a new council. There is no guarantee that existing councillors will wish to stand and thus anybody thinking of being on the council should let the clerk know as soon as they can once information is issued about the need for a new council.

This year, lines and markings have been added to the single lane stretch of Main Street and additional signs have been installed. We are meeting with Highways on Friday to discuss the protruding kerb that has damaged some wheels.

The biggest problem with this stretch of road is that the footpath only extends along part of it. An earlier attempt to extend the footpath was abandoned because of tree roots. We shall investigate with Highways what alternatives there are for improving the safety of pedestrians.

The survey results about a possible 20 mph speed limit in the village have been received and details given to the County Council. There were 40 responses. All of these were in favour of a 20-mph limit for York Road and Manor Close. 35 responses were in favour of a 20-mph limit throughout the village. We are awaiting the reaction from the County Council.

There are currently no planning issues in the village. Applications that were objected to by the council and by residents have been withdrawn. Of course, replacement applications may be put in.

The Parish Council provided funds towards the village party arranged last summer by a group of villagers. Our thanks must go to them and to the Lays who hosted the party. We are also providing funds to the Village Association which is organising the Jubilee party in June, and whom we also thank.

Michael Butler
Chair
West Hagbourne Parish Council

6. Village Maintenance

- David Totterdell raised the issue of the state of the old telephone box. After some discussion on when it was last painted, Ian Leishman volunteered to ask Rob Griffiths to have a go at washing it down with a bucket and brush.
- Chair will include the suggestion of whether the PC should go ahead and order a general purpose skip this summer in the next issue of the village newsletter in his Chairman's Report. - **MB**
- Chair will arrange for the bench repair contractor to have a go at repairing the damaged bench on the footpath to Upton. – **MB**
- Clerk report that himself and Dan Tozer will meet with the grass cutting contractor to finally ascertain exactly what they are supposed to cut in the village and when. – **AW/DT**

7. Open Forum

- The following questions were asked by residents in attendance.
 - Are WHPC planning on producing a local plan? The chair answered by saying that a few years ago the PC spent quite a bit of time looking into the pros and cons of producing a local plan and having also taken advise from the District Councillor, the PC decided on the grounds of the amount of time required from the councillors and the very expensive cost not to produce a Local Plan.
 - Does the PC know anything about the future plans for the village pub beyond the summer? The Chair answered based on his most recent discussion with the landlord and landlady in his capacity as a customer that the only certain thing is that they have not renewed the lease and are currently managing the business on a week-to-week basis and until someone from the management company that owns the pub can find someone to replace them hopefully.

Village Reports were received from the following organisations:

- Attendance Sheet – appendix 1
- West Hagbourne Village Association Annual Report - available on request from Parish Clerk

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 8:30 pm.

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

Appendix 1

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