

**Minutes of a Meeting of Hanwell Parish Council
Held on Wednesday 8th March 2023 at 7:30pm at Hanwell Village Hall**

Present: Councillors:, John Spratt (Chairman), Arnold Bailey, Catriona Reid,
David Collingwood-Turner, Kate Nash, (Clerk minutes)

Other Attendees: Residents

Apologies: Apologies were accepted for Cllr Aitken and Cllr Dessain

Declarations of interest: None

1186 Minutes of Parish Council Meeting of 11 January 2023

The minutes of the meeting were agreed by the Parish Council and signed by Chairman Spratt

1187 Matters Arising

None

1188 Finance

Cheques signed, as follows:-

£ 156.00 payable to OALC (OALC Membership)

£ 180.00 Grafenia Operations (Website Hosting)

£ 500.00 payable to Clerk (Salary)

£ 125.00 payable to HMRC (Tax on Clerk's Salary)

£1500.00 payable to Keep Hanwell Village Rural Action Group

1189 Allocations

The Allocations for the 2023/24 Budget were discussed in the last meeting. There are no further allocations to add so the allocations were agreed for 2023/24. The budget can now be added to the website and noticeboards

1190 Condition of Public Roads, Footpaths & Street Lighting

The Parish Council has received a letter from a resident regarding the condition of footpaths, roads and the need for extra street lighting in the village. Cllr Aitken has previously been in discussion with OCC regarding this and she has again emailed & spoken to Teresa Blacker at OCC Highways dept regarding the condition of the roads between the B4100 and the A423. OCC Highways is currently going through their statutory road audits so Cllr Aitken will try and arrange a meeting with Teresa Blacker (hopefully at the end of March), whereby they both walk the length of the village and identify the areas of concern.

Repaired potholes are guaranteed for 2 years. Cllr Aitken has raised the issue that there are at least 2 repairs that are failing already. Cllr Aitken has

been advised that the Parish Council and Residents should continue to raise any issues via 'Fix My Street', by copy and pasting the following web address into their internet browser:- <https://fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk/>
Cllr Aitken hopes to have some positive news to report to the Parish Council at the May meeting.

The Parish Council also discussed asking OCC to instal a mirror at the Southam Road exit of the village as visibility is poor when pulling out of the junction on to the Main Road. Also discussed were Signs warning of crossing animals as a way of slowing the traffic on the roads before you enter the villages.

1191 Planning Action Group Update

The planning action group Keep Hanwell Village Rural have been very active since the last Parish Council meeting and have attended a meet and Greet with Lord Delaware. This was a nice occasion but there is still no further progress regarding the Vistry application.

A planning Consultant has now been appointed and he will be visiting Hanwell to look at the site. The Parish Council had previously agreed to pay £1500.00 towards the costs of appointing a Planning Consultant.

A cheque has been signed in the sum of £1500.00 and was passed to the representatives of the Action Group present at the meeting.

The Action Group are aware of the Solar Farm proposal and the letter sent to all Hanwell residents by Elgin Energy inviting them to a Public Exhibition on 15 March 2023. Public Consultation regarding the proposed Solar Farm will run between 14 and 28 March 2023. Fundraising continues and the Action Group are planning to hold a Quiz Night on 14 April 2023.

1192 Hanwell Lease Update - Charge for Hire

The revised Hanwell lease has now been completed.

1193 Code of Conduct for Councillors and Handbook

The Handbook and Code of Conduct was accepted and will be a useful tool for new Parish Councillors.

1194 King's Coronation Celebrations

There is an agreement with the Rector and Churchwarden to use the Church on Saturday 6th May 2023.

Cllr Aitken has ordered & paid for one portaloos. It will be delivered on Friday 5th May 2023 and removed on the following Tuesday.

There is a potential to have the church bells rung during the festivities. It is intended that the event be live streamed, the logistics of streaming the event in the church may be problematic. Food/Drink/invites etc still to be planned.

A grant is available to the Village from CDC. The Clerk will apply for this.

1195 Clerk Update

The new dog waste bin needs installing.

The date for the Village Clean Up was suggested as 1 April but has not been confirmed. The Village Team Hall has offered to support the event at the hall at a cost of £5 per head. The Parish Council agreed to accept this offer.

The Clerk has been chasing the date that the Duke's Meadow Drive development will be discussed by the CDC Planning Committee .

At the moment the application is not on the agenda for the next meeting in March. CDC has provided a link to the Planning committee dates so we can monitor the agendas for the meetings and determine when the application will be discussed.

1196 Planning Applications

All other applications received have been considered.

1197 AOB

The Parish Council received a very kind offer to plant the Planters at the Village entrances and also to maintain the planting around the Village Hall.

The Parish Council will fund the cost of the Plants and Bulbs. Chairman Spratt confirmed that he would take responsibility for maintaining the planting around the old pump at the end of Church Lane.

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1198 Post Received - Distributed as received

1199 Next Meeting Date Wednesday 3 May 2023