

**Minutes of Hanwell Parish Council Meeting
held on Wednesday 10 January 2024
7:30pm at Hanwell Village Hall**

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

Other Attendees: Residents

Apologies:

Declarations of interest: None

1264 Minutes of Parish Council Meetings of 1 November 2023

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

1265 Matters Arising

No Matters arising

1266 Planning & KHVR Action Group Update

KHVR Update - Nothing further to report on the Vistry application or Solar farm applications. KHVR are aware of ongoing work on the submission of the Solar farm application.

PC Planing Update -

Nothing further to report on the Vistry or Solar Farms Application

There has been an application from Manor Oak ref 23/03366/OUT applying for outline planning to construct 117 new dwellings on Duke's Manor Drive. The PC has submitted an objection to the application.

1267 Finance Update

Cheques signed, as follows:-

£500 Clerk Wages

£175 Tax on Clerk Wages

£25.88 Repayment for battery for Xmas Lights on Village Tree

The new Bank account application has now been signed and resubmitted as Robin Aitken's name had to be removed from the original application.

Lloyds advised that they have not received the forms that were posted in December. The Clerk has been advised to take copies of the forms the Branch. Cllr Turner will send the copies to the Clerk and she will visit the branch.

Action: Clerk

1268 Precept Budget & Allocation

The Clerk circulated a budget forecast which was discussed by the Parish Council. The Parish Council agreed allocations for expected costs in relation to the recent and any future planning applications that affect the village, including financial assistance for KHVR should the need arise. Howard has submitted an increase for mowing costs and also had advised that he undertakes some of the mowing free of charge and estimates that this should cost £450.00. The Parish Council has agreed to the increase in his charges and also to include the extra mowing of £450 in the 2024/25 allocation. Allocations were also included for works that need to be undertaken at the allotment and tree work and groundworks at the play area. (See attached list of allocations) Due to rising maintenance costs and threats from developers. The Parish Council agreed to increase the precept to £15000.00 for 2024/25 to ensure they have sufficient funds for the needs of the village moving forward.

1269 Allotments

The Parish Council has received a quote from Howard Edge to clear 2 allotments so they can be re-let. The quote is £500 plus mini ski hire. The Parish Council agreed the quote and have included an allocation in the budget of £1000.00 for the allotments.

They have also agreed to increase the charge for each allotment from £24 (£12 for concessions), per annum to £25 (£13 for concessions), per annum. The Clerk will send the invoices together with a covering letter detailing the increase.

The works will be carried out in the Spring and then the allotments can be re-let.

Action: Clerk

1270 Update - Condition of Public Roads, Footpaths & Street Lighting

Chairman Spratt has exchanged numerous correspondence with OCC and as a result some potholes have been repaired. He is still waiting for some dates to meet OCC to discuss other highways issues that require attention in the village. He will chase this again to try and secure a date for a meeting

Action: Chairman Spratt

1271 Clerk Update

The Clerk has sourced the bags of bark from TFM but has not ordered the bark to resurface the play area as there are some works that also need to be carried out in relation to overhanging trees on the bank along. The Parish Council needs to meet at the play area to discuss the issues and formulate a plan to rectify the issues. The Parish Council has included an amount of £1000.00 in the allocation for works

2024-25 for this work to be carried out. The Clerk will arrange meeting of Parish Councillors at the Park to survey the works required and take it from there .

Action: Clerk

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1272 Planning Applications

All other applications received have been considered.

1273 AOB

1274 Post Received - Distributed as received

1275 Next Meeting Date Wednesday 6 March 2024