

**Minutes of The Annual Hanwell Parish Council Meeting
Held on Wednesday 9th May 2024 at 7:30pm at Hanwell Village Hall**

Present: Councillors:, John Spratt (Chairman), Arnold Bailey, Catriona Reid, Bev Oak, Kate Nash (Clerk minutes)

Other Attendees: Residents

Apologies: None

Declarations of interest: None

1295 Minutes of Parish Council Meeting of 6 March 2024

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

1296 Matters Arising

None

1297 Planning Committee and KHVR Update

The planning committee & KHVR are gearing up for the Vistry appeal which is set to begin on 4 June 2024 and is scheduled to last for 6 days. Speeches are being prepared and a video is being made.

There is support from the Observatory, Archaeologists, Chair of PCC and Rev.Alicia Baker on behalf of the church. There is also representation from Hanwell, Horley, Drayton, the Bourtons and Shotteswell. Cllr Reid and Cllr Brant are hoping that the Mayor will speak on behalf of Hanwell.

There is no further progress on the Solar Farm application at present

1298 Finance

Cheques signed, as follows:-

£532.37 F N Pile & Sons Mower Service

£500.00 Clerk Salary Wages

£125.00 HMRC Tax on Clerks Salary

£200.77 CDC Dog Bin emptying

£1189.85 Howard Edge Mowing in village for Mar, Apr & May 24

The Lloyds Bank account is now open and the Clerk gave the necessary documentation to the Councillors in order to set up their online access.

**Update re Street Lighting, Road & Footpath conditions
10mph Speed Limit**

Cllr Spratt met with Nick Watson of OCC regarding the issues facing the village in relation to the above. The minutes of this meeting are attached and the Parish Council will follow the advice given by Nick Watson. Cllr Bailey will also look into weight restrictions and contact our County Councillor Geroge Reynolds.

1299 Clerk Update

The issues with emptying of the dog waste has been rectified.
The Village Clean up went ahead and was a success.
The meeting to discuss the maintenance required at the play area will go ahead after this meeting

1300 Planning Applications

All other applications received have been considered.

1301 AOB

Chairman Spratt would like to congratulate Cllr Chris Brant on his recent victory at the local elections where he was elected Councillor for the ward of Cropredy, Sibfords and Wroxton, which includes Hanwell. The Parish Council wish him every success

1302 Post Received - Distributed as received

1303 Next Meeting Date Wednesday 3 July 2024

HANWELL PARISH COUNCIL

NOTES OF MEETING BETWEEN JOHN SPRATT AND NICK WATSON OF THE OXFORDSHIRE

COUNTY COUNCIL ENGAGEMENT TEAM

17 APRIL 2024

I thanked Nick for taking the trouble to come out to see the village and to engage with us. We understood the predicament the County Council was in, with insufficient resources to do everything that they would like to do, but it was valuable that the County Council thought it worthwhile listening to us and engaging with us to explain what we could do.

We discussed the following:

1. Potholes: I drew attention in particular to the dangerous potholes on the edges of the road between the Southam Road and the village, and that this seemed to be caused at least to some extent by water running down the hill. Nick said that we should report these potholes, with photographs, on "Fix My Street".
 2. I drew attention to the low pavement at the narrowest point of the road near The Moon & Sixpence. Nick seemed surprised that the footpath was so low, with no effective kerb. He said that this would have to be a matter for the Central Team (I forget the name he gave to it) and that we should lobby our County Councillor to have something done about it, because of the danger.
 3. I pointed out that vehicles often left the road, where the road was narrow or where cars were parked, and went onto the pavement or the verge. He explained that the County Council discouraged residents putting obstacles on verges, but that the County Council would at the expense of residents erect posts with reflectors on to deter vehicles leaving the road.
 4. I pointed out that the main cause of the problems of potholes and vehicles leaving the road were heavy vehicles and asked whether a weight limit could be imposed on vehicles coming through the village. Nick said that he thought that this was unlikely but it was something for which we could lobby our County Councillor. He explained that conditions were imposed on developers to adhere to traffic plans which they had to submit, which would not include their going through Hanwell with heavy vehicles. I said that there seemed to me to be no evidence of developers' vehicles habitually using the village street.
 5. Nick explained that the County Council had put in place a scheme where they would train volunteer "super users" from members of the public, who would then be issued with hi-vis clothing and for example a spray gun, to mark and report areas requiring the County Council's attention as for example potholes. I said we would be interested in following this up.
- Nick said that he would send me an email containing relevant links to enable us to proceed further.

John Spratt
Chairman
Hanwell Parish Council
17 April 2024

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