

**Minutes of Hanwell Parish Council Meeting
Held on Wednesday 31 July 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: Chairman Spratt declared an interest as he has submitted a Planning application 24/02009/TCA to fell and replace a holly bush

1304 Minutes of Parish Council Meeting of 9 May 2024

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Parish Council meeting were approved by the Parish Council and signed by Chairman Spratt

1305 Matters Arising

None

1306 Planning Committee and KHVR Update

Cllr Reid expressed the extreme disappointment felt by everyone following the decision taken by the planning inspectorate to uphold the appeal submitted by Vistry

Cllr Chris Brant has sent an update to Cllr Reid and advised that Officers at Cherwell District Council are considering seeking external advice to mount a legal challenge as there has been no regard for the local plan. They are currently looking at the legal points of the case and have 6 weeks to take action.

As Chris Brant has become a Ward Councillor he has had to step down from his role as Chairman of KHVR and Robin Aitken has assumed the role of Interim Chair of the action group. KHVR has already referred back to Andy Murphy (Planning Consultant), who agreed that this was a poor decision and has given his feedback, via email.

KHVR & the Parish Council are hoping that CDC will proceed with a Judicial review and will submit their thoughts on the Planning Inspectorate's decision, along with the feedback from Andy Murphy. Next steps are also to lobby our local MP Sean Woodcock.

Cllr Reid will contact other Parish Council's to try and arrange a 'Get to Know You' meeting with Sean Woodcock MP. Chairman Spratt will also try and arrange a meeting with him. Other PC's want to join forces to form a joint Neighbourhood plan which Hanwell Parish Council and the action group are keen to pursue.

23/03366/OUT Manor Oak phase II has applied to increase the number of houses to be built to 114 dwellings. This will be discussed by CDC's Planning committee on 1 August 2024. HPC and KHVR will await their decision.

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

Action Cllr Reid to forward Andy Murphy feedback to CDC

Chairman Spratt to contact Sean Woodcock MP

1307 Finance

The new bank account is now in full use and payments are being electronically from the account.

The Clerk has requested that the second payment of the precept be made to the new Lloyds account. The Clerk has not received any confirmation regarding this so the old Natwest account will be left open until the 2nd instalment of the precept has been paid by CDC. The remaining balance in the Natwest account has been transferred to the Lloyds account and the Natwest account will be closed in September following the 2nd precept payment.

The Clerk confirmed that she has requested a new Card and Pin for Cllr Bailey as he did not receive his first time round. .

1308 Insurance

BHIB's renewal quote for the public liability insurance was very expensive.

The Clerk obtained quotes from other insurers and Zurich Municipal are now our new insurers for the Public Liability policy at a cost of £421.00, for the year.

The insurance for the mower is due for renewal in September.

**1309 Update re Street Lighting, Road & Footpath conditions
10mph Speed Limit**

No progress to report. Chairman Spratt suggested we get some quotes to make some smaller improvements but the bigger issues will need to be rectified by OCC.

1310 Play Area

The clerk has contacted the Council to enquire about an assessment of the trees surrounding the play area. CDC charge for this service so it was agreed that the Clerk will contact Cotefield Nurseries and Acremans to obtain quotes for any work that may be required. There RoSPA report also contains some recommendations regarding maintenance of the play equipment. The Clerk will contact the company that installed the equipment to discuss repairs/maintenance. This includes installing more bark chippings which is in hand.

There has been an incident of some adults having a BBQ in the park and leaving rubbish etc behind. It was agreed that a sign in keeping with the area should be installed to ask visitors to respect the play area.

***Action: Cllr Reid to draft a sign for the play area
Clerk to obtain quotes***

1311 Bus Stop Survey

Cllr Bailey confirmed the survey has been completed and there is no further action required

1312 Clerk Update

Thank you to Celia Chasey for planting up the planters at the top entrance of the village. HPC are still looking for volunteers to plant up the planter at the bottom entrance of the village.

It was agreed that the Parish Council will hold a surgery at the next Village Hall social event to engage with more residents and get their feedback.

The work on the allotment is now complete and the Parish Council can now re-let the vacant allotments to any interested parties.

1313 Planning Applications

Planning application 24/02009/TCA was discussed without the presence of Chairman Spratt(interested party). The Parish Council has no objection to this application

All other applications received have been considered.

1222 AOB

There being no other business, the meeting was concluded

1223 Post Received - Distributed as received

1224 Next Meeting Date Wednesday 11 September 2024