

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HANWELL PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 3 JANUARY 2007

Present: Councillors, J Spratt (Chairman), A. Bailey, R. Dainty, T. Tuite,
C Nixon-Eckersall, G Polson, Mrs S Cunningham (minutes), Sgt
Dave Hibbert

Residents: Richard Woodward & Malcolm Rayner

Apologies: Cllr J Hart

Declarations of interest - none declared. The clerk asked if any member had been offered or received any gifts or hospitality since the last meeting. No member had received any such offer.

Minutes of the last meeting were taken as read and signed as being a true record.

67 Matters arising:

18 Playing Field

Sgt Hibbert reported that PC Devlin has on several occasions visited the track at the back of the village and one arrest has been made in connection with drug possession thanks to village awareness.

46 Grass Cutting

There were a few more questions that needed to be answered:

Would volunteers still be interested?
Would it still be a viable proposition with depreciation?
Where would the machinery be stored?
Training for the volunteers
Do we need to register the machine?
Where would the keys be kept? **Action CNE**

Where do we obtain cash for purchases?
Are we VAT exempt?
Acquire bank statements **Action SC**

To arrange a meeting mid February 2007 for answers and provided the proposal is approved the committee would decide to go ahead.

- 58 **ROSPA**
Quotation for remedial work - ongoing

62 **Sergeant Dave Hibbert**
Sergeant Hibbert attended the meeting to reiterate to the Chairman the information stated at the last Parish meeting with regards to the funding for PCSO, he also left copies of the document regarding Third Part Funding for PCSO recruitment. There is also a meeting being held at the Hopcroft Holt Hotel on Wednesday 24 January 2007 at 7:15 Chaired by the Chief Constable of Thames Valley on the subject of the Police Community Support Officers.

Cllr Spratt asked for volunteers to attend the meeting **Action**
CNE

It was suggested that we wait and observe how the project works with the villages that have already opted into the scheme.

It was suggested that a Public meeting should be called later in the year to decide if we want to buy into 2008.

- 64 **Hanwell Footpath 10 (Haven House – St Peters Church)**
This has been carried out but has not been completed satisfactorily

Action SC

- 68 **Persimmon Appeal**

As we are all well aware Persimmon have appealed against the decision made by Cherwell Council to refuse planning permission. A letter was sent on behalf of all the residents of Hanwell, by the Parish Council Chairman Cllr Spratt – this was to confirm that all the correspondence sent by Hanwell residents to the Council in the first instance was to be reiterated at the appeal along with the 100 plus signature petition, the closing date for this was 22 December 2006

A date for the hearing has not yet been issued. It was suggested that we should seek professional advice as, how to support our case at the appeal hearing to give maximum impact. It was suggested that a letter be written to Alan Jones (retired CDC Head of Planning & Hanwell resident) to invite him to attend an adhoc meeting of the Parish Council for his advice on this matter.

Action JS

A flyer to be produced on the progress of this issue and distributed to all residents of Hanwell village via post, Website, and village notice board.

Action AB

A meeting to be arranged

Action SC

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69 Drainage – Main Street

There have been a few problems with flooding on Main Street directly outside 'Stonebrook' & 'Orchard House' the main problem at this time is silt and leaves. The residents of Stonebrook & Orchard House have sent a letter to Oxfordshire County Council (Oct 2006), explaining the situation (copies available). However, this has not been satisfactorily addressed and therefore the residents have asked that the Parish Council intervene on their behalf.

Correspondence in the summer of 2004 to be checked and a letter compiled to express the urgency of this matter.

Action SC/BD

70 Precept for 2007/2008

Proposal is to keep the Precept the same as 2006/2007 unless changes need to be made.

Decision to be made on circulation of the accounts history for 2006/7 unless this demands to re-convene

Action SC before 24/1/07

71 Barn Cottage

The residents of Barn Cottage are seeking permission to cut down an Elderbush, which is obstructing the side window of the cottage.

The Committee have no objections but have asked that the residents seek clarity from the CDC.

72 Planning Applications

All the following have applied for and have been given approved planning permission.

Park Farm
Rose Cottage
Stonecroft
4 Hanwell Court

73 Any Other Business

Post – this was tabled
Invitation from the Chairman of Oxfordshire County Council to attend a reception for Parish Councils - declined.

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74 Parish Council meetings for 2007

Meetings for 2007/8 all to be held at the Village Hall at 7:30 unless notified:

March 7
May 2 to start at 7pm for AGM
July 4
Sept 5
Nov 7

2008
Jan 9

With no other items the meeting ended – 22:00

Next meeting:

Date: Wednesday March 7, 2007

Venue: Hanwell Village Hall

Time: 7:30pm