Minutes of Hanwell Parish Council Meeting
Held on Wednesday 5th July at 7:30pm at Hanwell Village Hall

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

Other Attendees: Residents

Apologies: Cllr David Collingwood-Turner

Declarations of interest: None

1225 Minutes of Parish Council Meetings of 3 May 2023
The minutes of both of the meetings were agreed by the Parish Council and signed by Chairman Spratt

1226 Matters Arising
None

1227 Co-option of New Parish Councillor
The Parish Council has been approached by a new resident to the village in respect of one of the Parish Councillor vacancies. The Parish Council are unable to consider the application until the applicant has resided in the village for 12 months. However, the applicant may be eligible to apply again once their name and address appear on the electoral register. The Clerk receives regular updates on the electoral register and will contact the applicant again once their name and address are showing on the register.
Action: Clerk

1228 KHVR Action Group Update and & Request for Donation
Cllr Reid (P.C. Observer of KHVR) delivered an update.
KHVR Fundraising activities continue with the next event planned to run alongside a village hall event on 20th August. The action group are turning their thoughts towards preparation for the solar application and any appeal that might result from the Vistry application. The Manor Oak application has been withdrawn and KHVR are waiting to see what the next steps are, if any.
Chairman Spratt advised that Parish Council spending is governed by their agreed 2023 budget. But gives full support to fund raising efforts and will consider any further request in the 2024 budget

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1229 Finance

Cheques signed, as follows:-
£126.98 CDC Dog Bin emptying
£856.24 Howard Edge Mowing March - May
£449.79 BHIB Public Liability Insurance
£456.98 Robin Aitken refund for Kings Coronation celebration A £200 grant was awarded by CDC in respect of this.
The Clerk has discussed opening a new bank account with Lloyds Bank. Lloyds has advised that online dual signatory is possible with a Lloyds Treasurers account. It was agreed that all Councillors as well as the Clerk will be signatories. Lloyds require details of each signatory including their agreement to be credit checked. The Clerk will email all Councillors to obtain this information and will proceed with opening the account. There are no monthly fees to be incurred and the Clerk was advised that it can take up to 6 weeks to open the account.

Action: Clerk

1230 20mph Speed Limit

The application is going through and Cllr Bailey has been advised the 20mph speed limit will be implemented by the autumn.

1231 Update - Condition of Public Roads, Footpaths & Street Lighting

No Update - Cllr Aitken is still trying to arrange a meeting with Teresa Blacker of OCC regarding the condition of the roads & footpaths & lighting through the village.

Action: Cllr Aitken

1232 Allotments

It has been reported that there are 2 overgrown allotments which need immediate attention. Cllr Aitken will speak to Howard Edge regarding assistance to resolve this issue.

Action: Cllr Aitken

1233 Vandalism at Play Area & Church

There has been some vandalism at the church at the beginning of June, which coincided with broken glass being left at the play area and reports of a noisy vehicle in the village in the early hours. The matter was reported to the police but the PCC hasn't received any reply. It is believed the vandalism was caused by teenagers. The PCC now locks the Church daily at 4pm. They will be meeting shortly to discuss how to tackle the problem. The matter was discussed and the Parish Council suggested installing some CCTV and security lights to help deter a repeat performance. The PCC may also consider contacting the Police Crime Prevention Officer or security Company such as Verisure to see if they can be of assistance.

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1234 CPRE Membership

It was agreed that the Parish should apply for membership of CPRE. The Clerk will look into this.

Action: Clerk

1235 Clerk Update

The new dog waste bin has not been emptied recently, the Clerk has reported this to CDC and will chase this up.

The Clerk has renewed the Public Liability Policy

The Clerk has completed re-enrollment with the Pensions Regulator on behalf of the Parish Council

Action: Clerk

1236 Planning Applications & Solar Farm Proposal

The Solar Farm application was discussed in the KHVR Update. All other applications received have been considered.

1237 AOB

The Village Hall committee has requested the mowing of the grass outside The Village Hall should be added to the mowing schedule. This was agreed and should also include the traffic island opposite the Village Hall. Cllr Aitken will speak to Howard Edge

Action: Cllr Aitken

1238 Post Received - Distributed as received

1239 Next Meeting Date Wednesday 6 September 2023

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