Minutes of Hanwell Parish Council Meeting
held on Wednesday 6th September 2023 at 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

1240 Minutes of Parish Council Meetings of 5 July 2023
The minutes of the last meeting were agreed by the Parish Council and signed by Chairman Spratt

1241 Matters Arising
Robin Aitken has resigned from the Parish Council. Chairman Spratt will write to Robin on behalf of the Parish Council, to express his gratitude for her contribution to the Parish Council and the village.

Chairman Spratt confirmed that the PCC has appointed Tom Blinkhorn to instal a CCTV/security system at the Church

1242 Parish Councilor Responsibilities
The Parish Council now consists of 4 out of a maximum of 7 Councillors. The responsibilities of the Parish Council were reviewed and each Councillor was assigned responsibilities, as per the attached document. This list will be added to the website for information purposes. Residents will still need to report any issues via the website or hanwellparishcouncil@gmail.com and the Clerk will distribute the emails accordingly.
The Parish Council has 3 vacancies and are looking for new members.

Action: Cllr Collingwood-Turner

1243 KHVR Action Group Update and & Request for Donation
Cllr Reid (P.C. Observer of KHVR) delivered an update.
The Vistry application was discussed at Cherwell District Council's August Planning Committee meeting where Hanwell was brilliantly represented by Chris Brant & Tom Sadler. Cherwell District Council has rejected the Vistry application. Hanwell Parish Council are very grateful to the Action Group for all their hard work on behalf of the village.
Bidwell's Change of Use application at West Farm Barns has also been rejected by Cherwell District Council.
There has since been a brief hiatus in planning activity. The next meeting of KHVR action group is scheduled for the end of

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September, where attention will turn to the proposed Solar Farm Application.

Cllr Spratt thanked KHVR for their excellent work.
The Consultation Draft Cherwell Local Plan Review 2040 was considered by the Council's Executive on Monday 4 September 2023.
The Executive agreed the recommendations and a draft plan will be published for a 6-week consultation period in mid-September (dates to be confirmed) Chairman Spratt asked Cllr Reid to circulate KHVR's position on the 2040 local plan to the Parish Council. Cllr Reid confirmed they would discuss the 2040 plan at their next meeting and Cllr Reid will forward their decision. Chairman Spratt thanked the Action Group for this and confirmed that the Parish Council will take any necessary action once the consultation period begins.

Cllr Spratt reiterated that that the Vistry application for 170 homes to be erected 23/00853/OUT has been refused by Cherwell District Council. Both the Parish Council and the Action Group must now wait to see if an appeal is submitted by Vistry and will act accordingly if and when the time comes.

Cllr Spratt reiterated that there is nothing new to report on the proposed Solar Farm application.

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Bidwell's submitted a change of use application in respect of agricultural buildings at West Farm Barns, to become residential dwellings. The Parish Council employed the services of Ian Harbin Consulting Engineer, to assist in formulating their objections to this application at a cost of £720.00. The Action Group also submitted objections to this application and Cherwell District Council has now refused the application.

The Parish Council agreed that they must consider provision for the costs of obtaining professional advice in relation to future planning applications when they prepare and agree the 2024 budget in January.

1244 Finance

Cheques signed, as follows:-
£ 188.40 Rospa Safety Inspection Play Area and Sports Field
£1041.20 Howard Ege Mowing
£ 127.35 Countax Mower renewal
The Clerk paid Ian Harbin's invoice of £720.00 via her personal account, as payment was required by card or bank transfer. The Parish Council's current bank account does not have capacity for online banking and the Parish Council does not hold a debit card. Once the new bank account is opened this

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will make banking transactions much easier as online banking will be available. The Clerk will be reimbursed for £720.00

Action: Clerk

1244 Complaint re HGV's travelling through the village

A resident has raised the issue of HGVs travelling through the village. This matter has been discussed on previous occasions and the Parish Council requested that OCC improve the signage at either end of the village to deter HGV's from using the village as a cut through. They also requested some signage to indicate a weak bridge at the Southam Road junction. Despite many requests this has never been carried out. Robin Aitken has been trying to arrange a meeting with a Teresa Blacker of OCC but as yet an appointment has not been scheduled. Chairman Spratt will be taking over the responsibility for highways as Robin has resigned as a Parish Councillor. He will contact Robin to discuss the issues raised so far and and continue to pursue OCC for a meeting. The Clerk will also contact the complainant and request that they also raise the issue with OCC.

Action: Chairman Spratt
Action: Clerk

1245 Update - Condition of Public Roads, Footpaths & Street Lighting

No Update - Chairman Spratt will again contact Teresa Blacker of OCC regarding the condition of the roads, footpaths, signage & lighting through the village.

Action: Chairman Spratt

1246 Allotments

Robin Aitken has now resigned and responsibility for the allotments has now been given to the Cllr Colligwood-Turner. The Clerk will contact Howard Edge to discuss work to improve the condition of 2 vacant plots.

Action: Clerk

1247 Rospa Inspection - Play Area and Sports Field

The Rospa inspection has been carried out and a report has been issued indicating some minor improvements that need carrying out, mostly relating to the surface of the play area, The Clerk has assumed responsibility for the play area and will arrange the necessary works to be carried out.

Action: Clerk

1248 Clerk Update

Cherwell District Council contacted the Clerk to apologise for not emptying the new dog waste bin at the play area, despite numerous requests. CDC assured the Clerk this would now be emptied at regular intervals going forward.

The Clerk confirmed that CPRE are a charity and it will cost £60 per annum to obtain membership. In light of the various planning applications threatening the village, it was agreed that the Parish Council should become a member.

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The Clerk will obtain the membership.
The Clerk has informed BHIB to renew the insurance policy for the Countax Mower for the sum of £127.35.

Action: Clerk

1249 Planning Applications
All other applications received have been considered.

1250 AOB
The Clerk will circulate the final version of the Councillor's Handbook

Action: Clerk

1251 Post Received - Distributed as received

1252 Next Meeting Date Wednesday 1 November 2023

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