Minutes of Hanwell Parish Council Meeting
held on Wednesday 6 March 2024 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

1276 Minutes of Parish Council Meetings of 10 January 2024
The minutes of the last meeting were agreed by the Parish Council and signed by Chairman Spratt

1277 Matters Arising
No Matters arising

1278 Planning & KHVR Action Group Update

KHVR Update -
Cllr Reid advised that Vistry has submitted an appeal against the recent planning refusal of their application to build 170 new homes east of the Warwick Road. The PC, along with KHVR Action Group has applied for Party Rule 6 status which was granted. This application can be withdrawn at anytime without penalty but the PC and KHVR need to decide if they wish to pursue the Rule Party of 6 as they will become financially committed at some point.
2 options to discuss:-

1. Withdraw Rule Party 6 application as Cherwell District Council has already rejected the application and will be defending their decision.
2. Continue as a rule party of 6 which will enable the Parish Council to speak at the hearing but they will most definitely need Barrister representation which will be very costly.

The matter was discussed between the Parish Council. The Chairman of the KHVR Action Group, Local Residents and District Councillors: George Reynolds and Doug Webb also gave their opinions to the Parish Council.

It was agreed that the Parish Council along with KHVR would not pursue the application for rule party 6 as this would be extremely costly. It was agreed that the Parish Council along with KHVR action Group and local residents would support Cherwell District Council in the defence of their decision to refuse planning permission for this development.

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PC Planing Update -

Nothing further to report on the Vistry or Solar Farms Application
There has been an application from Manor Oak ref 23/03366/OUT applying for outline planning to construct 117 new dwellings on Duke's Manor Drive. The PC has submitted an objection to the application.

1279 Finance Update

Cheques signed, as follows:-
£168.00 OALC membership
£290.54 Bidwells (rent for Sports Field)
The new Bank account application had to be resigned to remove Robin Aitken's name from the original application.
Lloyds advised that they have not received the forms that were posted in December and although we provide copies as advised. Lloyds would not accept them and the forms had to be reissued and resigned. The Clerk received the rest of the forms at the meeting and will take them directly to the branch to avoid them being lost in the post. This should enable the account opening to be finalised as all signatories have been verified already and the application is just waiting on the signed mandate.

Action: Clerk

Budget & Allocations

The clerk confirmed that the Precept of £15000.00 has been agreed by CDC and this will be paid in 2 instalments in April and September. The Parish Council reviewed and formally agreed the budget and allocations for 2024(copy attached).

1280 Allotments & Play Area

The Parish Council has instructed Howard Edge to clear 2 allotments so they can be re-let. The quote is £500 plus mini ski hire and an allocation of £1000.00 has been included for this in the 2024/25 Budget. The work will commence shortly. A letter has been drafted to allotment holders informing them of the increased rental fees.

1281 Update - Condition of Public Roads, Footpaths & Street Lighting

Chairman Spratt has exchanged numerous correspondence with OCC and as a result some potholes have been repaired. He is still waiting for some dates to meet OCC to discuss other highways issues that require attention in the village. Teresa Blacker who was our original contact has now left her position. Charman Spratt has contacted her replacement but has not received a reply . He will continue to chase

Action: Chairman Spratt

1282 Clerk Update

Cllr Turner confirmed that he has finalised the mowing contract and this has been sent to Howard Edge.

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The recent adverse weather condition has prevented the Parish Councillors meeting at the Play area to discuss a plan to resurface the play area floor and deal with an overhanging tree on the bank. The Clerk will arrange a meeting, as soon as possible.

The Clerk advised that Cherwell District Council have written to advise of a change to the ways we are billed for Dog Waste removal. Currently we are billed twice per year for a set number of bins to be emptied per week (which may vary according to the season). As a rule the bins are emptied more often in the summer and are often visited when not required in the winter. CDC advised that whilst the annual billing amount will remain the same, from April 2024 they will change their invoicing to two separate equal payments. They will not stipulate the amount of empties carried out each week, instead they have given their assurance to keep the dog bins emptied all year round to the required standard and that should not affect the overall amount paid or standard of service that we are receiving.
There are elections in May this year for Parish Councillors. Completed nomination forms will need to be submitted, by hand, between 10am and 4pm on weekdays between Wednesday 27 March and Friday 5 April. The nomination packs will be sent to the Clerk and she will distribute them upon receipt.

1283 Planning Applications
All other applications received have been considered.

1284 AOB

1285 Post Received - Distributed as received

1286 Next Meeting Date Wednesday 15 May 2024

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