Minutes of Hanwell Parish Council Meeting
Held on Wednesday 6 November 2024 at 7:30pm at Hanwell Village Hall

Present: Councillors:, John Spratt (Chairman), Catriona Reid, Bev Oak, Kate Nash (Clerk minutes)

Other Attendees: Resident (Cliff Aitken)

Apologies: Arnold Bailey

Declarations of interest: None

1327 Minutes of Parish Council Meeting of 11 September 2024
The minutes of the Parish Council meeting were approved by the Parish Council and signed by Chairman Spratt

1328 Matters Arising
None

1329 Planning Committee and KHVR Update
The Parish Council has resubmitted their original objection to the Manor Oak application, (24/02514/OUT outline planning for up to 114 dwellings), with a few amendments and are waiting for a decision from Cherwell District Council.

1330 Finance
The Clerk has received a letter from Lloyds Bank advising that with effect from 14 January 2025 Lloyds will change our Treasurers account to a Community account. The Community account has a fee of £4.25 per month attached to it and there are various charges for different banking transactions. The Parish Council agreed to accept the charges and continue with the current banking arrangements.

1331 Play Area
The Clerk has managed to contact Trveor Stewart who built the playground and is waiting on a quote for some maintenance/repairs that need to be carried out.
The Clerk also ordered some bark to be delivered to the play area but the lorry was too big and was unable to deliver it. Cliff Aitken will speak to Rachel Gascoigne to ask if we can deliver the bark to the edge of her property, it can be taken to the play area from there
The Clerk received some quotes for the trees at the play area and was advised that there is nothing that requires urgent attention. She has received quotes for pruning etc and also to remove the cherry tree at the entrance of the playground. Chairman Spratt has spoken to Phillip & Giles of the PCC regarding the cherry tree and will leave with them to decide a way forward as the tree belongs to the church.
Chairman Spratt is also having the gate at the church opposite his house

repaired. The hazel tree in the church yard needs work but the PC are unsure if permission needs to be granted by CDC.

1332 Rewilding Area at Sports Field

Following a butterfly talk at the Village Hall, a resident has asked if there could be an area set aside at the sports field for a rewilding area. It was suggested that a border of approx 30tx9ft would be suitable. The Parish Council are in favour, in principle, but have concerns around costs & maintenance. Cllr Reid will speak to the resident to ask her to cost the construction and also provide a plan for construction and maintenance of the area.

1333 Clerk Update

The mower insurance has been renewed at a cost of £219.11
The salt bins have been checked and are full so there is no further action required
The Clerk has asked OALC for advise re .Gov.uk email addresses but has not received a reply as yet. The Clerk will continue to pursue.
The Clerk has accessed the website and is working on updating it
Clerk is in the process of registering the defibrillator and Cllr Reid will check the defibrillator at the Village Hall
The Clerk will provide a list of meeting dates for 2025 for the next meeting

1334 Planning Applications

All other planning applications have been considered

1335 AOB

Cliff Aitken raised the traffic safety issue, Chairman Spratt will speak to his contact Nick Watson at OCC again
The issue of Rats has been reported. Cllr Reid will reach out to residents. Environmental health will need to be contacted.

1336 Post Received - Distributed as received

1337 Next Meeting Date Wednesday 8 January 2025

... Continued

... Continued