Minutes of Hanwell Parish Council Meeting
Held on Thursday 5 March 2025 at 7:30pm at Hanwell Village Hall

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

Other Attendees: Cllr Chris Brant

Apologies: None

Declarations of interest: None

1352 Minutes of Parish Council Meeting of 9 January 2025
The minutes of the Parish Council meeting were approved by the Parish Council and signed by Chairman Spratt

1353 Matters Arising
None

1354 Planning Committee and KHVR Update
Tom Saddler is now the Chairman of KHVR.
Cllr Reid suggested that we write to Cherwell District Council to ask them to take into consideration certain requests by KHVR & Hanwell Parish Council when considering the reserve matters application for the Vistry Development. This was welcomed by the Parish Council
Cllr Reid will draft a letter.

Cllr Brant advised that the housing supply has been reduced from 5.7 to 2.3years and as a result he expects the number of housing supply to increase in Cherwell.

There is still no application in respect of the Solar Farm but it is expected to be submitted in the very near future

1355 Finance
The 2025/26 request has been approved by CDC and the 2025/26 budget was adopted by The Parish Council.
The Parish Council received a request from the PCC for financial assistance to replenish the gravel on the road leading up to the Church and the turning circle in front of the church. This was discussed and it was agreed that the PC are unable to contribute as funds are limited to the 2025/26 budget which the 2025/26 precept request was based on.
Clerk to contact PCC to advise

1356 Village Clean Up
It was agreed that the Village Clean Up will be held on 19 April 2025 @10:30am **The Clerk will request some bags from CDC.**

1357 Play Area & Trees

Trevor Stewart has confirmed he will begin work on the play area once he has finished working on his current project.

Acremans are unable to commence the tree maintenance at the play area before the birds start nesting so the non urgent work will be carried out later in the year.

1358 Hanwell Traffic Issues

Chairman Spratt is still chasing his contact at OCC to arrange a meeting in the village to discuss the issues and explore solutions to the traffic issues faced by the village.

1359 Rewilding Area at Sports Field

The Parish Council are still waiting to receive a quote from a resident to construct the rewilding area at the sports field. The Clerk will remove this item from the agenda until a quote is received.

1360 Clerk Update

The website is undergoing some maintenance as there were some issues which were preventing documents and updates being loaded. The Clerk is waiting for the go ahead to resume using it. It was agreed that the Clerk should look at OCC website template as this has just been revised and consider this for the Village Website

Celia Chasey has kindly agreed to replant the village planters. The Parish Council are very grateful for the offer and will reimburse her for the flowers and materials.

The charges for dog waste bin emptying will increase from £1.95 to £2.05 per bin (for Parishes with less than 5 bins), w.e.f. 1 April 2025.

1361 Planning Applications

All other planning applications have been considered

1362 AOB

Howard Edge has confirmed that the mower needs a new collecting bar at the cost of £200 +vat. The Parish Council has authorised the repair.

This year is the 80th anniversary of VE day. A buffet lunch will be hosted by the Village Hall committee at the hall on Monday 5 May 2025. The Parish Council will support the event with a contribution towards costs.

The Village Hall committee are holding a repeat of the village history night on 25 April 2025

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The Village Hall committee will be applying for grants to upgrade the Village Hall. The PC has already completed the 2025/26 budget but will consider any request for assistance in the 2026/27 budget.

Cllr Brant advised as part of the Government's Local Government reorganisation, District Councils will be abolished within 3-4 years. A short consultation period was conducted between 16 December 2024 and 10 January 2025. Cherwell District Council has not been included in the first phase of devolution so will consider what other Councils decide before any decisions are made.

Cllr Brant raised the issue of the large pothole on the S bend in to Hanwell from the Southam Road end of the village. The issue has already been raised by residents via fixmystreet.com but nothing has been done to rectify the pothole. The Parish Council will also raise the issue and the Clerk will draft a letter to forward to Cllr Chris Brant

1363 Post Received - Distributed as received

1364 Next Meeting Date Wednesday 7 May 2025

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