

Hamstead Marshall Parish Council

Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday, January 19th, 2015 in the village hall.

Present:

Cllr John Handy
Cllr Peter Benest
Cllr Stuart Morton
District Cllr Andrew Rowles
District Cllr Anthony Stansfeld
Sarah Bosley, parish clerk

50. Accepted apologies

Cllr Jon Phillips
Cllr Anne Budd
PCSO Joanna King – Thames Valley Police

51. Declarations of Interest

None

52. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on November 17th, 2014 were agreed as a correct record and signed.

53. Matters arising

Item 34: Anthony Stansfeld clarified that WBC has put the housing allocation plan in place through public consultation. This is making it more difficult for developers to just put applications in. With regards to the Zippos Circus site in Enborne – there is still a consultation process to go through before a final decision is made. He also reported that the RAF does not need permission to do practice landings if they keep to a maximum number per year. Representatives from RAF Odiham did visit Enborne Parish Council to give details on what they do.

54. Planning

Planning decisions

Application number	Location	Description	Decision
14/02614/LBC2	West Barn Bothy	Insertion of wood-burning stove and flue and air brick	Approved

14/02908/HOUSE	Chapel Cottage	Demolition of timber garage and replace with a single building with double garage and garden room	Granted
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The clerk reported that WBC had told her that the conditions relating to landscaping at the rail crossing had not been formally discharged, as required. A new application is now needed to allow the work to be completed.

55. Relief in Need Charity

It was proposed by Cllr Benest and seconded by Cllr Handy. It was resolved that the governing document of the charity will be amended to bring it up to current legal standards, as well as changing the way the funds are allocated. It will state that all councilors are automatically trustees of the charity.

56. Accounts

Proposed by Cllr Benest and seconded by cllr Morton. It was resolved to approve the following payments:

Payee	Description	Amount
Sarah Bosley	Salary for January (539)	£136
Sarah Bosley	Salary for February (540)	£136

The precept request was signed by the clerk to be sent to WBC requesting the same amount as last year; £3,400, as agreed at the last meeting.

The district councillors present reported that member's bids for capital projects must be in by February. There would be another round in September/October. It was discussed that Sue Watts be informed to see if there is any major project at the hall needed. The layby on the main road through the village was also discussed. Clerk to contact WBC to see if they can suggest and quote for improvements.

57. Any other business

The clerk read out a report from the local PSCO, Joanna King, which pointed people to a website, www.immobilise.com, to register property. This helps identify it if it is ever stolen. She also reported:

Since the beginning of December there have been no reported crimes in Hamstead Marshall. There has been a slight increase in thefts from cars at Coombe Gibbet lately though.

A successful rural operation was completed in December and one arrest was made. There will be further operations as we come to the time of year when hare coursing and poaching can become a problem for landowners.

There is a new member of the Hungerford Neighbourhood Police team; PC Richard Hughes.

The latest update from the superfast broadband project is that cabinets P1, P2 and P3 on the Kintbury exchange have all been upgraded to a fibre to the cabinet solution. It was not clear how much of the village would benefit.

58. Close of meeting

The meeting closed at 8.40pm. The next meeting is on Tuesday, May 19th, 2015.

Date:

Signed:

Print name: