

Draft Minutes of Hinton Waldrist Parish Council meeting held at the Village Hall on Wednesday 21 May 2014 at 8.15pm.

Present: Mr Peter Evans (Chairman), Mrs Debbie Cordery, Mrs Alison Geary, and Michael Banks, acting as temporary clerk.

Also Present: Mr Anthony Williams.

14/1: Co-option of members for 2 casual vacancies: Mr Michael Banks and Mr Anthony Williams were co-opted and welcomed as members of the council.

14/2: Appointment of Chairman: Mr Peter Evans agreed to continue as chairman for the next three months. A tribute from Dr Tian Davidson was read, thanking him for his diligence and hard work.

14/3: Appointment of Vice-Chairman: It was decided not to make an appointment for the time being, but try more delegation of specific projects to other members of the Council.

14/4: Standing Orders and Internal Controls: It was decided to take no action until it had been established whether this was mandatory or optional. Agreed to ask Dr Davidson for clarification.

14/5: Apologies for absence: received from Dr Tian Davidson, Mrs Judith Willis, Mr Hugh Hamill and PC R Maris. In fact Mr Hamill arrived in time to participate in items from 14/11 onwards.

14/6: Declarations of Interest: There were no declarations of interest.

14/7: Public questions and Statements: None.

14/8: Minutes of Last Meeting: Council approved and authorised the signing of the minutes of the 11 March 2014 as a true record of the meeting.

14/9: Reports from County and District Councillors: The Chairman stated that Mrs Tilley had informed him that there were no matters to report.

14/10: Report from the Police Constable Officer: The Chairman stated that no report had been received.

14/11: Potential major scale development in Hinton Waldrist: The Chairman stated that no application for planning approval had yet been received by the District Council. He had written to both SmithsGore and to the Charity in an attempt to clarify the situation. He had asked in particular whether there were any clauses in the previous sale of the land which effected the use of the land for building. He had just received a reply stating that there was no restriction on the use of the land: he was however not convinced and would pursue the matter further, in particular trying to obtain sight of the original plans that accompanied the 1943 conveyance documents. It was possible that the absence of a planning application was due simply to the large number of housing projects that the Charity was pursuing at the moment.

14/12: Housing Plans in Oxfordshire: The Chairman stated there was an on-going dispute over the figures quoted in the documents issued so far and this was still to be clarified.

14/13: Accounts of 31.3.14: Accounts for the year ended 31.3.14 were reviewed and approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman. They are being handed to Mrs Audey Gibbens as independent examiner.

14/14: Town and Parish Forum – 17th June 2014: It was confirmed that Mrs Willis will

attend this meeting.

14/15: Training sessions for Chairman's role, Finances and Planning: It was agreed that Michael Banks would attend the meeting on planning matters on 10 July. No-one expressed interest in attending the other two meetings.

14/16: Speeding through the village: It was pointed out that the biggest deterrent to people speeding was to pass on the registration numbers of regular offenders to the police so that they can be warned. It was decided to purchase a set of posters (approximately £60 per 100 copies) carrying reminders of the speed limit for attachment to wheelie bins to see if this had any effect.

14/17: Parish Website: Although this site developed by Martin Tailor has no direct link to the Parish Council, they approved of it and it was decided to pass on information from the Council to the site on a regular basis.

14/18: Delegation of duties regarding planning applications: It was agreed to delegate to the Clerk and the Chairman responsibility for responses to "normal day to day" planning applications with deadlines between Council meetings.

14/19: Matters arising from 14th January 2014 and not appearing elsewhere on the agenda: 1: No report has yet been received on the Community Led Plan. 2: Mrs Clark still hoped to obtain and erect signs for the Smart Water Scheme. 3: It was found impossible to arrange a Big Lunch this year, but the Chairman said he was determined to arrange one for next year. 4: The last date for applying for the Prince's Countryside Plan grant has now passed. 5: The Chairman has responded to the Minerals and Waste Local Plan, stressing the commitment until 2030 to extend existing soft sand quarries rather than open new ones.

14/20: Planning

a) **Considered since last meeting:** P14/V0361/LB and P14/V0360/HH, Manor Farmhouse High Street: **Planners' decision granted.**

b) **New Applications:**

P14/V0411/LDE, Badgers Bank Duxford. Certificate of lawful development. **Council's response: no information to the contrary.**

P13/V2709/HH, Long Ground, Duxford. **Council's response: No objections. Planner's decision granted.**

P14V0818/HH, Long Ground, Duxford. **Council had concerns about the lack of balance which would result between two semi-detached houses, the over development of the site and also questioned the accuracy of the plans submitted.**

P14/V0683/FUL, 3 Laggots Close (End of terrace 3 bedroom house). **Council's response: No objections.**

14/21: Traffic Measures at A420/Pinewood Rd, Longworth. (*In the light of the recent fatality.*) It was accepted that the junction has proved unsatisfactory but that it did not reach the necessary criteria for major improvements: it was felt however that signs such as one advising cyclists to dismount might be worthwhile. The only other possibility was to ban right hand turns from the two minor roads on to the A420 but this would have considerable local repercussions.

14/22: Financial report. A cheque for £244.44 was authorised to cover the Clerk's salary and expenses April-May.

14/24: Matters for report: No matters were raised.

14/25: Date of next meeting: The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Tuesday 17th June 2014 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. The next Parish Council Meeting was arranged for 15th July at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Thanks were given to Mr Mike Banks for standing in for the Clerk for this meeting.

Signed by Mr Peter Evans – Chairman

Dated: 15 July 2014