



## Minutes of the Hanborough Annual Parish Meeting

At the Hanborough Annual Parish Meeting held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2017 in the Pavilion Main Hall, the following were present:

Dr Lidia K. Arciszewska                      Mr Peter Brittin                      Mr Niels Chapman (Chair)  
Mr Rod Fraser                                  Miss Penelope Marcus                      Mr Michael Rogers                      Ms Lucy Tritton

**In attendance:** Mr Adrian Edwards, Responsible Financial Officer (RFO), Mr Jon Gammage (Clerk), District Councillors Colin Dingwall and Carol Reynolds.

**Apologies for absence** were received from Cllrs Steve Page and Thomas Pringle.

**Members of the public attending:** 7 members of the public were present.

**1. The Chair welcomed** everyone to the meeting and commented on the low turnout which was probably due to large number who attended the ordinary meeting the week before. Councillors and officers introduced themselves to the meeting.

**2. Approval of the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 22nd March 2016.**  
Minutes of the meeting of 22nd March 2016, were approved and signed as a correct record.

### **3. Matters arising from the minutes:**

A correction to the minutes was noted, the reference to the A409 was corrected to A4095.

### **4. Report from District & County Councillors.**

#### **4.1. District Council Report.**

Cllr Dingwall reported as follows:

My name is Colin Dingwall I have been your district councillor for the past 11 years.

I am a cabinet member at WODC with responsibility for 20/20 vision, Innovation, Broadband and Housing. WODC is in excellent health and has produced another balanced budget for 2017/18 whilst continuing to maintain all our services to residents with our 20/20 vision program providing an evolution in the way back office services are provided by sharing services with other councils of all political persuasions. This has provided efficiency without cuts.

We are still the 2nd lowest tax charging district in the country with band D at £90 pa or £1.70 week

We still maintain free parking and provide all services without cuts including grants to many outside organisations such as Citizens Advice and to parish councils of £350k pa which Hanboro has benefited from in past years to help provide the new pavilion tennis courts etc. This work has enabled us to maintain West Oxfordshire's position as a great place to live and work.

We are continuing our constant drive for efficiency so as to be able to increase the services we offer to residents.

The Local Plan which will help protect against all of the speculative development we have been suffering and fighting against has been submitted and is due to be heard on the 9th May with a 2nd reading in July. I apologise on behalf of the council for the lack of a LP we are in the same position as many other councils on this issue but we have been fighting to keep overall numbers low and our new plan has less than half the houses than our neighbours in South, Vale, Cherwell and Oxford City.

Our local economy is thriving our unemployment figures are low we are a very attractive location which puts all the more pressure on development for us to fight against. Our biggest battle in future is to prevent the economic vortex which is Oxford City from sucking us in. My stance is to promote development along the A40

to Carterton where there are road improvement schemes and not along the A4095 where there are none and can be none because of the linear design of Hanborough and Bladon.

Broadband is now totally under our control we have provided £1.6 million for the project to provide high speed broadband to all and our procurement process is well under way so we hope to select a contractor and be in the ground by the end of this year.

Local issues:-

We are leading the fight with the parish council to provide a footbridge over the railway and have contacted GWR Network Rail and CEG to seek support and will be looking at all section 106 agreements for the district now and in future to see if there are any funds which could be allocated.

I have requested County Highways review their opinion on the proposed development north of main road by Pye as it was originally all one site with the south and this should be taken into consideration when assessing traffic movement.

Cllr Reynolds reported on her work with Councillors to move the Riely Close recycling point to a more suitable site. It was hoped that the station car park could accommodate them but it seems that lease arrangements don't allow for this. Alternatives are being sought and she remains committed to finding a new home for them. Cllr Reynolds also reported that she is also working with Councillors and GWR to increase the size of the station shelter.

**4.2. County Council Report:** No report received.

### **5. Chairman's summary of the years activities.**

The Chairman presented a summary of some of the visible improvements made in the parish which include the new planters at the entrance to Riely Close and new bollards in the Parade carpark. Discussions continue with land owners on ways to improve the layout and access to the car park. As this is privately owned council can only encourage improvements. Parish Council (PC) currently cut grass on PC owned land including the cemeteries, and will shortly be taking on areas currently cut by Oxfordshire County Council (OCC). This will give us local control over frequency of cut and avoid the very long grass seen at times in the last couple of years. Council has also provided grants to support the Methodist Hall improvements making this a more dementia friendly location. The website has been improved through the year and the Keep In Touch With Hanborough email list has continued to grow.

Planning applications continue to dominate the work of council and in all cases of major development, PC view has been mirrored by WODC. Unfortunately at appeal the Planning Inspector has been less in line with local views. Going forward it is hoped that OCC Highways are finally starting to accept that the incremental increases in traffic will lead to unacceptable levels of congestion. PC has also worked with developers, OCC and education providers to keep the school on one site rather than accept the remote playground granted by the Planning Inspector. A referendum held in the parish showed clear public support for this approach which is now being worked on by the HPFA. The new playground which HAPI has worked so hard to fund and design will be installed in The Pit area and Pye have offered, as a good will gesture, to prepare the area for this development which should be completed by the end of the summer. PC is not against all development and will support sustainable developments when proposed. Our work goes on after applications are granted as PC works with developers to influence design and layout of new developments.

Looking to the future PC is working with CountryFile at Blenheim to avoid a repeat of last years traffic chaos, is committed to improving the footpath over the railway bridge and considering how to best support vulnerable residents.

### **6. Finance Report.**

The RFO reported that there will be an increase in the precept from £73,000 to £76,102 this year, which, allowing for a small increase in the number of households, represents a 5% increase on 2016/17 for Council Tax payers.

The latest figures show that the Council had a surplus on the budget of around £9,070 in the year ended 31st March 2017 (A deficit budget of £5,000 had been set and the Parish had a surplus of £4,070).

This is due to the following major factors:

Income from the Cemetery was £4,100 above budget.

Expenses under budget included:

Professional and audit fees (£2,285), Repairs (£1,654), Grass Cutting (£3,000).

Expenses over budget included:

£7,189 was spent on the Special Projects Fund against a budget of £5,000. This was £2,000 for planters and £5,189 towards the new children's playground.

Grants to other organisations was £1,137 over budget, due to a grant of £2,756 given to the Hanborough Herald.

The Council continues to build reserves against any potential major expense, such as major repairs to cemetery walls, and is also setting money aside for the eventual refurbishment of the tennis courts so that the facility can be properly maintained for the community.

Reserves at 31st March 2017 total around £80,000, ring fenced funds representing just over half of that total.

The Council has set a deficit budget of £4,131 for 2017/18. In addition, £16,375 is to be transferred to ring fenced reserves which will reduce general reserves to below £20,000 at 31st March 2018.

## 7. Police report

PCSO Mick Anderton submitted the following report.

Apologies that none of the Woodstock Neighbourhood Policing Team are able to be present at this year's Annual General Meeting of the Long Hanborough Parish Council. There were 65 reported incidents in the Long Hanborough area.

During the Dates 01/04/16 – 31/03/17 (last years figures in brackets)

Crime Related Incidents (Domestic/Adult protection etc)	27 (33)
Criminal Damage to Motor Vehicle	1 (1)
Assault	6 (3)
Harassment	1 (1)
Making off without payment	4 (4)
Theft of pedal cycle	1 (1)
Criminal Damage	1 (1)
Theft	7 (3)
Burglary other than in a dwelling	4 (2)
Shoplifting	3 (6)
Theft from Motor Vehicle	5 (1)
Burglary in a dwelling	1 (1)
Theft of Motor Vehicle	2 (2)
Drink Driver	1 (0)
Drug Possession Cannabis	1 (0)

CRI include incidents such as Domestic Incidents, where no criminal offences occurred but details of those spoken to/see are recorded in case of future problems. Adult and Child protection CRIs are also included. Here is we are informed of vulnerable members of the community we create a CRI and then pass on the details to partner agencies (social services etc). Overall there is a slight rise in recorded crime. Four of the five theft from motor vehicles occurred on the same night on Roosevelt Road in December. More thefts are being reported at the train station and from Hanborough Business Park

Councillors were concerned about the low level of visible policing in the area.

**Action:** Invite Police to a future Parish Council meeting.

## 8. Reports from Community Groups & Organisations

Cllr Tritton reported on the Hanborough Great Get Together on June 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm to 6:30pm which is a national celebration of what we have in common. The weekend marks the anniversary of the murder of Jo Cox MP who inspired us when she said we had more in common than divides us.

## 8. Any Other Business

No further items of business were raised.

The meeting was closed at 8:30pm with an informal opportunity to meet Councillors.

The Chairman. 17<sup>th</sup> April 2018.