

Western Valley

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Western Valley

Thursday 09th May 2024 at 19:00, The District Centre, 1 Gentian Mews, Didcot

Meeting started 19:00

APM_24.1. Welcome, apologies and administration

Cllrs Peacock, Chair of the Parish Council welcomed everyone to the first Parish Meeting of Western Valley.

Apologies has been received from Parish Councillors Knowles, Williams & Dearlove

There were approximately 7 people in attendance.

APM_24.2. Report from the Parish Council

Cllr Peacock gave a short summary of the parish council report, including:

- As a parish we are one year old, formerly part of Harwell, but last year we became our own parish, made of parts of the Harwell parish to the East of the A46.
- We exist to improve the parish for our electors, and we have been working on the following items:
 - Medical Provision
 - Public Transport
 - Anti-social parking
 - Speeding
 - Allotments
 - Burial Ground / Cemetery
 - Parish Office
 - Noticeboards
- It has been a successful first year, with an excellent first internal audit, and thank you to everyone who has supported the council this year.

APM_24.3. Reports from Organisations

APM_24.3.1. District Councillors

Cllrs Dewhurst & Gascoigne gave a short summary of their report, including:

- A summary of Vale of White Horse District Council's responsibility.
- Heath Centre – the monies have been released to go to formal planning application. The BOB ICB (integrated care board), they put a business case together at the beginning of the year, which was

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an important milestone as to whether the health centre was even needed. The original s106 agreement for land what to be updated to allow a third party developer to come in and build the centre.

- New Joint Local Plan process is in progress, a joint plan with South Oxfordshire District Council. All future development will need to be inline with that plan, so it is really important to get the plan correct first time, the preferred options consultation was completed in Spring 2024. The draft local plan will likely come out for consultation in Autumn 2024, with it coming in to effect in the new year.

APM_24.4. Questions from Electors

The Chair asked those in attendance if there were any questions.

APM_24.5. End of Formal Meeting

The Chair thanked people for attending and invited them to stay for light refreshments.

Meeting Closed: 19:18