HARWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Lands Committee of the Harwell Parish Council

Tuesday 28th January 2025 at 20:00, Harwell Village Hall

Public Session – Prior to the Start of the Meeting

MoP1: On South and Vale websites, it says garden waste bins will now be paid for by Standing Orders as a permit scheme rather than Direct Debits as a subscription scheme, and many parishioners are incredibly disappointed with this.

Members Present:

Chair (of the meeting)	Cllr T Pearson (TP)
Members	Cllr M Bajre (MB)
	Cllr R Hughes (RH)
	Cllr P Luper (PL)

Officers Present:

RFO	Mrs L White

Public and Press: 3

Meeting Started: 20:08

1. To receive apologies for absence. [LGA 1972 s85(1)]

None

2. Election of temporary chair

It was proposed to update the motion to "Elect a Chair for the year ahead", noting the updated committee membership as agreed at the full council immediately preceding.

Resolved: Approved Unanimously to elect Cllr Pearson as Chair of the committee for the remainder of the year.

The Chair signed the declaration of acceptance of office and it was received and countersigned by the RFO.

~~**3. In the absence of a chair, members to elect a temporary chair to preside over the meeting**~~

4. Declarations of Interests [LA 2011 s31]

Members to declare any interests, including Disclosable Pecuniary Interest they may have in agenda items that accord with the requirements of the Parish Council's Code of Conduct. (NB this does not preclude any later declarations)

None.

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5. To approve the minutes of previous committee meeting [LA 1972 Sch 12. Para 41(1)]

Meeting held on 26 November 2024.

It was agreed the minutes were an accurate record of the meeting and they were duly signed.

~~**6. Appointment of Chair**~~

7. Appointment of Vice-Chair

Resolved: Approved Unanimously to appoint Cllr Luper as Vice-Chair of the committee for the remainder of the year.

~~**8. The elected chair to sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and take over proceedings**~~

9. Allotments
To receive an update on any allotment matters

Update: Letters have been written to those delinquent in maintaining their allotments. This will be followed up.

Noting the decision of the Full Council to replace all the locks, a survey will be completed of those who have paid deposits, deposits returned to allotment holders who have given up their plot and ensure all deposits are held securely.

10. To consider and, if thought fit, approve the following motion: In view of the confidential nature of the business about to transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the public and press be temporarily excluded, and they are instructed to withdraw.

Resolved: Approved Unanimously to exclude the public and press.

11. Maintenance.
To discuss the current maintenance provision used by the Parish Council.

Resolved: Approved Unanimously to ask the Council for a budget to seek professional legal advice.

12. To confirm the next meeting 25th February 2025, at 20:00

Confirmed.

There being no further business to be transacted the Chair closed the meeting 20:45.

Cllr T Pearson
Chair of the Committee 06 March 2025