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Minutes of the High Wych Ordinary Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 12th October 2022 8pm in High Wych Memorial Hall

Note: this replaced the September 13th meeting that was postponed upon the death of QEII

Clr Tom Payne (TP)*

Clr Keith Jordan (KJ)*

Clr John Andreotti (JA)*

Clr David Smith (DS)

Clr Gareth Emanuel (GE)*

Clr Stacey Butcher (BS)

* *Denotes present*

Present: 1 members of the public, Clr Ian Devonshire, Clr Eric Buckmaster

Clerk: Colin Marks, Clerk to the Parish Council

The Chairman opened the meeting at 8pm.

ACTION

22.063 Apologies for absence

1. Councillors: Clr Dave Smith (away): **Accepted**
2. Others: PCSO Amanda Higham

22.064 Declarations of Interest and requests for dispensations

1. **Interests:** None
2. **Dispensation requests:** None received

22.065 Approval of 27th July 2022 Minutes

1. **RESOLVED: to approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 27th July as drafted.** The Chairman signed the Minutes.

Clerk

The meeting was not suspended for public comments

22.066 Chairman's announcements

The Chairman said the Scarecrow Festival went ahead in spite of the death of HM QEII. This was appreciated by the Parish Council and recorded thanks to the organisers.

The events and stalls which were due to be in the Church and its grounds were moved onto the Playing Fields at the last minute leaving the Church available for prayer and contemplation. This had the positive result of relieving the overload of the pavements in High Wych Road.

22.067 Casual Vacancy

No co-option applications have been received to date.

22.068 East Herts Rural Police Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT)

1. A report from PCSO Amanda Higham was read to the meeting:

Stats from 1/8/22 – 8/10/22

Crime remains low, crimes of note as follows:

1 x Burglary (non dwelling)

1 x Criminal damage

1 x theft of motor vehicle (subsequently recovered in Met Police area and reunited with the owner).

Speed enforcement continues in High Wych Road with three traffic offence reports submitted last week. A morning of action is planned at the location.

We are hoping to get into the local schools for some education around Halloween and firework safety in the coming weeks.

Our next Priority Setting Forum will be Thursday 15th December, 6-7pm in Bell Street car park if anyone would like to attend. Local officers and councillors will be in the area to talk with

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people and ask their views on what local officers should work towards for the next 3 months.

PCSO 6666 Higham and PC 2277 Marshall

Attendance at the quarterly priority setting meetings was considered by the Parish Council.

2. Criminal behaviour patterns: Cllr Ian Devonshire said that on the whole, reported crime in the District is going down.

22.069 Reports by County and District Councillors

County Cllr Eric Buckmaster's October County report is included in these Minutes as Appendix B.

District Cllr Ian Devonshire reported that ongoing delays in EHC Development Management making planning decisions remains a problem due to staffing and resourcing difficulties.

22.070 Planning

1. New Applications:

3/22/1655/LBC	Vine Cottage, High Wych Ln: Demolish garage; erect extensions RESOLVED: No objections	Clerk
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2. Decision Notices. As detailed in Appendix A below – for information only

3. Other planning matters, including items received too late for the agenda

1. Late applications:

1. **3/22/1973/HH & 1974/LBC The Tallet, Slough Rd:** Link extension between house and garage; window and door alterations; convert loft space in garage; retaining wall and steps. **RESOLVED: No objections** Clerk
2. **3/22/2078/FUL Greenleys, Slough Rd:** Demolish barn and nissen huts; erect 1 new dwelling and 4 commercial units. **RESOLVED: No objections** Clerk

2. The Harlow & Gilston Garden Town Annual Review 2021/22 was noted.

3. Herts Draft Minerals & Waste Plan consultation: It was agreed that Cllr Tom Payne would look at responding to the HCC 2022 Minerals & Waste Consultation (deadline extended to 31st October), taking note of the Stanstead St Margarets response. TP

22.071 Finance

1. Treasurer's Report for 12th October 2022

The account balances as at 28th September 2022

Current Account balance	£835.79	
Deposit Account balance	£15,500.00	
Petty cash	£ 0.00	
Total	£16,335.79	

DS/Clerk

Accounts Reconciliation as at 28/09/2022

	Current Account	Deposit Account	Total
Actual bank balances	£835.79	£15,500.00	£16,335.79
Balance as per books			£16,132.39
Difference			£203.40
Cash to pay in			£60.00
Cheques to pay in			£30.00
Scheduled payments	HMRC PAYE		- £293.40
TOTAL			- £203.40

Unanimously **RESOLVED: to approve the Treasurer's Accounts Report and Bank Reconciliation for 28th September 2022**

General Reserve is forecast to be £3,079

Forecast

The forecast has been reviewed to enable the Council to allocate as much funding as

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possible to the Playing Fields Upgrade including reducing the Playing Fields Maintenance amount from £1,000 to £500 and the Car Park Development amount from £2,500 to £500.

Playing Fields Development

Given the decision by EHDC to reduce the Section 106 grant to £50,000, it is proposed to raise a 10 year PWLB loan of £25,000 to enable this project to proceed. This will involve a cost of approximately £3,000 per annum and follows the final repayment of the current loan for the resurfacing of the Car Park (£1,536 p.a.).

The proposed PWLB loan for the Playing Field development was considered at agenda point 22.073.2

2. Payments (gross) All expenditure made under The General Power of Competence

	Value	VAT incl
Philip Knott: grass cutting	145.00	
Clerk: Mileage	10.80	
Clerk: telephone and home working allowance	11.00	
Clerk: postage	2.05	
Clerk: salary July	234.80	
Color-Board: Litter picking July	96.00	16.00
HMRC: Income tax	58.80	
Clerk: salary August	234.80	
Color-Board: Litter picking August	96.00	16.00
Philip Knott: grass cutting	145.00	
D Smith: Poppy wreath	17.00	
HMRC: Income tax	58.80	
Clerk: salary September	234.80	
HMRC: Income tax	58.60	
Total (gross)	£ 1,403.45	
VAT included <i>To be reclaimed under VAT Act 1994 (1), (3)</i>		£ 32.00

Unanimously **RESOLVED: to approve all payments as per the Treasurer's report, including the Clerk's expenses of £11.00**

DS/Clerk

3. Financial impact of admin changes after May 2023

Cllr Dave Smith had previously stated his intention to not stand for election in May 2023. This would particularly impact all the financial aspects of the work he does as Treasurer. The Clerk outlined those aspects, including the additional hours required to manage the accounts, and changes to the banking and payroll arrangements. To that end, the Clerk provided a comparison of the hours worked at another council with comparable admin requirements. It was agreed that for discussion at the next meeting, particularly for the 2023/24 draft budget, the Clerk to get quotes for outside payroll servicing and online banking arrangements.

Clerk

The Clerk also reported that the Parish Council laptop will not be able to support Widows10 after 2025 and is probably already not able to support updates. Having discussed it with Alex Geller, the recommendation is that the Council should consider getting a new laptop which at current prices would probably cost about £800, including software and set-up. The working life of a business computer is 3 to 5 years and so the current laptop, being about 6 years old, has very well. It was agreed to take no immediate action but to keep the situation under review to ensure the Clerk is able to continue working, particularly since the laptop will be vital when he takes over the treasurer's role in May.

Clerk

22.072 1. Highways

1. Pavement parking in High Wych Lane. There are no changes to ongoing issues and it was agreed to remove this as a standing agenda item unless specific new matters are reported.
2. Overgrown hedges, update: The Chairman confirmed he had spoken to the Manor of Groves manager who will check about trimming back its hedge on Bakers Lane.

Clerk

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Noted: The allotments hedge is the responsibility of the HW Allotments Association.

3. Road closure notices: TRO20562, 5-9 Broadfields was noted.

2. Footpaths and other Public Rights of Way (PRoW)

1. Modification Order for footpath near Broadfields, recording the continuation of the Footpath to the Public Rights of Way map: Ongoing with Cllr Tom Payne: This continues to be a low priority for PRoW. TP

2. Footpath Broadfields to High Wych Lane: Clarion ownership ongoing with Cllr Tom Payne. TP

3. Other Parish Matters

1. High Wych Memorial Hall and car park

It was noted that a clothing/shoes recycling bin is being installed at the car park. KJ

2. Bus shelter

1. No updates from EHDC regarding the replacement of the bin by the bus shelter. DS

2. Litter bin replacement: Cllr Ian Devonshire said he would get a price from EHC for a new litter bin/combi bin. ID

Cllr Andreotti reported he had discussed the Village Stores notice board issues with the Stores owner and it was agreed that the Parish notice board would be retained at the Stores in return for the Stores advertising board being retained on the bus shelter. The Clerk confirmed he had received a phone call from the Stores owner confirming he is happy with that arrangement. **RESOLVED: that the matter has been satisfactorily concluded as reported to the Meeting and that no further action is required.**

3. Commemorative Village sign

1. No update on when it will be installed - still awaiting the wooden post which is being cut to size by a company in Gilston. DS

2. The lease for the land has been completed and is with the Clerk. Clerk

4. QEII Platinum Jubilee "Queen's Green Canopy" (QGC) trees initiative

The Chairman to put location suggestions to councillors for consideration. HCC will provide free trees for the scheme if requested. TP

5. Sawbridgeworth Trust

Nominations have been invited to fill a vacancy for the Parish Council representative 4-year term on the Trustee Board following the end of former Cllr Bridget Parrish's term of office. Cllr Eric Buckmaster agreed to get more information; the Council to consider a nomination at the next meeting. Clerk/
ALL

22.073

1. Playing Fields and buildings

1. Harlow Theatre Company update

1. Cllr John Andreotti reported that work is being finalised.

2. Play area

1. New equipment and S106 funding: It has been confirmed that the maximum Section 106 funding will be £50k. This is considerably less than what is needed to fulfil the proposed refurbishment. This was discussed at length and the Chairman said he believed that the shortfall could be met from current reserves and by looking at funding options other than a PWLB loan. He suggested a £70k budget is possible. Doing the work in stages was considered and although it would spread the cost, it would increase the overall cost and the amount of admin work required. It was agreed to look at the other funding options, including via the precept and a short term loan, which the Clerk confirmed would be possible given the Parish Council's present General Power of Competence status (in place until it will have to be reviewed after the May 2023 election). It was agreed that keeping the public informed is a priority. KJ

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2. Annual RPII inspection: Due to be undertaken W/C 25th July.
The Clerk reported that the inspection was missed due to a contractor error. It will be done asap, but no date has been given

Clerk

3. Boundary hedge

It was agreed not to progress this project since it would not be financially viable.

2. Allotments report

1. The renewal of annual tenancies and allocation of new ones is well underway and no issues were reported.
2. Water issues: These were raised with Cllr Dave Smith in July/August and were referred to the HWAA AGM. The problem is that allotment plots nearest the standpipe get more pressure which adversely affects the water pressure on more distant plots.
3. Cockerels on the allotments: It is understood these have now been removed to comply with legislation.

TP/
Clerk

22.074 Correspondence: The list of correspondence was noted as it appeared on the Agenda:

- Parishioner: re allotments water (22.073.2.2)
- Cllr Eric Buckmaster: £300 granted to the PC in error (Cllr Dave Smith to confirm position)
- Parishioner: request for more dog bins (dealt with by Cllr Tom Payne)
- Sawbridgeworth Trust: re nominating a High Wych PC representative (22.072.3.5)

DS

22.075 Late items and items for future agendas

1. Late items: None requested.
2. New laptop and Financial/Treasurer arrangements

22.076 Date and venue of next Meeting:

8pm, Wednesday 16th November at Allen's Green Village Hall.

Clerk

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.45pm.

Signed.....

APPENDIX A

22.070.2 22.070.2 PLANNING DECISION NOTICES for information only as at 6th October

3/22/1701/HH	23 Mabeys Walk: Garage conversion with gable end and skylight	GRANTED
3/22/1205/FUL	Sayes Park Farm: Cladding glass house with painted weatherboard	GRANTED
3/21/2997/VAR 3/21/2998/LBC	Carters Barns: Variation of Condition 2, 3/19-2224/LBC.	GRANTED
3/22/1798/PNH H	Templewood, High Wych Rd: Single storey rear extension. <i>Presumption that permission is not required.</i>	NOT REQUIRED
3/22/1314/FUL	Bonneys Row, High Wych: Redevelopment of site; remove existing dwelling, replace with new; landscaping.	REFUSED
3/22/1193/FUL	Fryars Farm, High Wych: Change of use to residential	REFUSED
3/22/0076/HH	Andor, Slough Road: remove conservatory. Loft conversion & new extension. REFUSED and APPEALED	APPEAL DISMISSED
3/22/1714/HH	Parkview, High Wych Ln: Remove link conservatory; replace with link extension. Add window and bike store.	Awaited
3/22/1617/HH 3/22/1618/LBC	Four Lanterns, High Wych Lane: Internal alterations; replace existing outbuilding.	Awaited
3/22/1183/FUL	Sayes Park Farm: Change of use grain silo to Class B1	Awaited
3/22/0737/HH	Great Pennys Barn, Actons Lane: Erect cart lodge	Unknown
3/22/0718/FUL	Land at Primrose Cottage, High Wych Rd: Change of use to provide 6 pitches for travelling community	Awaited

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3/21/3035/FUL	Mountfitchet, High Wych Rd: APPEALED: Ref 22/00058/REFUSE	Appeal awaited
3/21/1400/FUL	Sayes Park Farm: Change of use – barns to residential	Unknown
3/21/0824/FUL	Land at Leaky Cauldron Corner: Erect 4 No. 4-bed dwellings	Unknown
3/20/0633/FUL	Crumps Farm APPEALED Ref 00/00008/REFUSE	Awaited

APPENDIX B

County report for October 2022

Cllr Eric Buckmaster

Caution – deer crossing

With the UK deer population at high levels, we are reminding drivers to be extra vigilant on the roads this autumn. At this time of year the male fallow deer is unpredictable and can travel several miles a day in search of a mate, crossing roads in the process. The most common times for the male deer to roam are at dawn and dusk, which in late September and October coincides with the morning and evening rush-hours.

The deer population in Hertfordshire, which mainly consists of fallow deer and muntjac deer, is widespread across the county with particular concentrations in pockets of woodland countryside. Although deer are present in residential areas it is where major roads pass near wooded areas, with traffic moving at high speeds, that there is a particular risk of collisions with crossing animals. For more advice on staying safe on the road visit <https://bds.org.uk/information-advice/about-deer/the-deer-rut>

Give some time to help disabled children Caring people are urgently needed to provide regular breaks and activities for disabled children.

Hertfordshire County Council is keen to recruit Shared Carers, who regularly give up some time each year to provide fun activities or a short break to a child with learning or physical disabilities. By doing so, they also provide a much-needed break for the family.

There are currently approximately 70 disabled children benefitting from Shared Care in the county but many more could be helped if more people offered respite. Shared Carers can choose the number of hours care they provide care. In return, they are paid generous allowances to cover expenses.

Some of the activities current Shared Carers provide include taking the child to the park or doing a fun craft activity at home. People are also needed who can look after a child overnight or for a weekend. Shared care can be flexible, and applicants will have a package worked out to suit them, whether it be a few hours a week or month.

To find out more about becoming a Shared Carer, visit www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/sharedcare or ring 0800 917 0925.

Hertfordshire's Family Centre Service receives prestigious UNICEF reaccreditation for best practice in their Baby Friendly Initiative Hertfordshire's Family Support Service have recently been assessed by UNICEF and reaccredited for the UNICEF Baby Friendly Initiative (BFI), as continuing to deliver high standards of care to pregnant women and new mothers. Hertfordshire's Family Centre Service is committed to helping support families with all infant feeding and to develop close, loving relationships with their baby. This reaccreditation demonstrates the high level of commitment from the Family Centre Service to support mothers with feeding information, to enable them to do this as safely and responsively as possible. There is lots of support in Hertfordshire to provide new mums with the help they need to make the right choices for them and their baby. Hertfordshire County Council is thrilled and proud to be delivering and upholding the very high standards of the UNICEF Baby Friendly Initiative, most importantly its dedication to promoting breast and responsive feeding. Visit www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/breastfeeding for more information.

Gritters on standby as winter approaches From Saturday 1 October Hertfordshire County Council's fleet of over 58 gritters are on standby, ready to spring into action and salt the county's roads when freezing weather approaches. Gritter crews and decision makers from our highways team will be ready around the clock to cover nearly half of Hertfordshire's entire road network – that's more than 1,500 miles (2,500km), or the equivalent of salting from Hertford to Berlin and back. We send out our gritters when road surface temperatures are forecast to be 0.5°C, or below.

We will, where practical and accessible, grit roads to schools, care homes, doctor's surgeries, key pharmacies and libraries, as well as all the county's A and B roads, bus routes (including school bus routes), roads with a 10% gradient or steeper and at least one route into every village. You can do your bit by parking sensibly and not blocking roads.

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We supply salt to schools if they request it, to help them stay open during icy weather. We will also supply district, borough, parish and town councils on request, so they can use their local knowledge to identify exactly where best to use the salt during severe weather. Community groups and residents associations can also access free gritting salt and, last year, some 220 local groups took advantage of this. Application forms can be found at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/applyforsalt and must be received by the county council by Monday 31 October. For more information about Hertfordshire County Council's winter service programme, including the routes that we grit, or to receive real-time updates direct to your computer or mobile phone, visit www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/salting and follow the 'salting decisions' link. You can also find information on how to clear snow and ice yourself.

The following are updates from my County and District Portfolios

Hertfordshire's New Business Waste Service is Now Open Hertfordshire County Council has recently opened its first Business Waste Service. Located at Ware Recycling Centre, the service is designed to allow SME's the opportunity to dispose of waste generated from their trade activities in a transparent and compliant way. Waste including wood, hardcore, green garden and plasterboard, can be disposed of at competitive prices. Some items, such as cardboard, scrap metal, can be disposed of for free. All bookings are subject to a £4.99 weighbridge charge.

Bookings can be made online and there is no need to set up an account. Payment can be made by debit or credit card, as well as Google Pay and Apple Pay, with the Business Waste Service open Monday to Friday, 10am to 5.30pm.

Eric Buckmaster, Executive Member for Environment, Hertfordshire County Council, said:

"We are delighted that our first Business Waste Service is now open, offering local businesses the opportunity to dispose of waste in a compliant and affordable way.

"Our new Welwyn Garden City Recycling Centre, which is due to open in spring 2023, will provide an equivalent facility, ensuring more businesses across the county will have access to this vital service."

The commercial waste service can also be used by residents who have too much construction, demolition and excavation waste. Paying for the excess material could mean that they avoid having to hire a skip.

For further details visit [Business waste | Hertfordshire County Council](#)

Minerals and Waste Plan Regulation 18 Consultation still open

Currently formally under consultation until end Sept. However the Council has agreed to stakeholders that responses may be made late owing the the time taken during the period of national mourning. The plan allocates 3 sites for minerals extraction, Briggens, Hatfield Aerodrome, the land adjoining coopers Lane. Coopers Lane has been through Dev Control but Decision notice is yet to be issued. 2.7 yrs and 3.5m tonnes. Hatfield Aerodrome has had a new planning application submitted but yet to be determined.

Waste. Waste Disposal comes under my County Portfolio along with recycling centres. I also chair the Herts Waste partnership. We are researching ways that can more closely align the 10 Districts and County in terms of contractual arrangements. The East Herts/North Herts shared service proposals is a great example will help in securing better deals when going out to tender. Some of the new proposals come from the Environment Act and the awaited response from government on the Resources and Waste Strategy, eg Deposit return scheme, and Extended Producer Responsibility. It's expected that all authorities will have to provide weekly food waste. We did some compositional analysis of contents of black bins and found that around 25 to 30pc was food waste. Weekly food collections will mean more can effectively be recycled with less going to residual waste, and 3 weekly cycles. East Herts recycling rate last year was around 48pc but we should be aiming much higher and this will help.

Your Tree Our Future' scheme empowers Hertfordshire residents to grow a more sustainable county through tree planting.

Hertfordshire County Council is offering residents the chance to claim free trees as part of its 'Your Tree Our Future' scheme which will see 100,000 trees given away over the next four years. The scheme will help the council to deliver on several of its Sustainable Hertfordshire ambitions as planting trees has a positive impact on air quality, helps reduce the carbon in our atmosphere, supports biodiversity and can help communities adapt to the impacts of climate change. In addition, access to natural features has been linked with benefits to physical and mental health.

The 'Your Tree Our Future' scheme was created as part of the county council's Tree and Woodland Strategy, which sets out how the council will increase tree cover in the county. The scheme will be delivered in partnership with all ten district and borough councils.

Cllr Eric Buckmaster, Executive Member for The Environment at Hertfordshire County Council said: "As part of our Sustainable Hertfordshire Strategy, we have committed to enabling our residents and businesses to take positive climate action, and the Your Tree Our Future scheme is a fantastic opportunity for them to get involved."

Hertfordshire residents can visit www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/yourtree where they will be able to choose from a selection of eight different native species, or a hedgerow pack, which will be provided on a first come first served basis. Residents who have successfully requested free trees

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will receive an email from the council with details of how to collect them from a local pick-up point in December 2022.

East Herts

3G Pitch Set To Open Grange Paddocks in Bishop's Stortford is set to welcome the opening of its new 3G artificial football pitch in the coming weeks as the last pieces of the new surface are laid this week. Covering an area of over 7,000 square metres, the choice of infill for the football pitches AstroTurf carpet will be made up of cork and marked out for use by all ages including tots, mini, youth and over 18's.

The facility will be open all year round with solar panels, on the roof of the leisure centre, contributing to power the floodlights for evening games and training in the winter months. Cllr Eric Buckmaster, Executive Member for Wellbeing at East Herts Council, visited the site this week. He said "This new modern 3G pitch will be available all year round for football matches and training, which is great news for keen footballers in Bishop's Stortford and surrounding areas. "Following consultation with The Environment Agency, , we opted for an organic cork infill on the new surface which will biodegrade and not cause harm to the surrounding parkland and nearby river@@

"I am delighted we have been able to deliver this in time for the new football season and look forward to seeing it in full use in the not-too-distant future."

Anyone interested in finding out more about when the 3G pitch is available should email Everyone Active at Grange Paddocks who will be co-ordinating bookings: grangepaddocks-pitches@everyoneactive.com.

New Wildflower Meadows in East Herts- Help boost habitats for variety of wildlife including pollinators in decline

Opportunities to create new wildflower meadows have been identified across the district to help boost habitats for a variety of wildlife - including pollinating insects such as bees, butterflies, flies, moths and beetles that are in decline.

The initiative is supported by Hertfordshire County Council's Countryside Management Service, in partnership with East Herts District Council. Locations include:

- Parsonage Lane Play Area and The Shearers Field (Bishop's Stortford)
- Millmead Play Area and Sadlers Farm (Hertford)
- Vantorts Close (Sawbridgeworth).
- King George V Playing Field and The Bourne Play Areas (Ware)

Parks where we have created wildflower meadows in the past include Southern Country Park and Hartham Common.

All the sites are being prepared for the wildflower seeds to be sown and will be carefully managed, including regular mowing to control dominant grasses and growth of nettles and thistles, to help the wildflowers germinate and flourish.

It is anticipated that by 2024 these new wildflower meadows will be established in their natural surroundings and be a vital source of pollen. The seeds are mixed but are likely to include Common Knapweed, Lady's Bedstraw, Oxeye Daisy, Self-Heal and much more.

Signage will inform residents about what is happening in the area, and also act as a polite notice not to trample the ground whilst it is cultivated.

To find out more about the parks and open spaces managed by East Herts District Council visit <https://www.eastherts.gov.uk/sports-leisure-and-parks/local-parks-and-open-spaces>

Award for Stanstead Abbots Station New River Line Initiative

I have been informed that we came away with an award for our Art @ the Station project at the national Community Rail Awards last week. We were in the largest category with eleven schemes shortlisted we are proud to receive a third.

Art @ The Station is a community art project that resulted from the COVID-19 lockdowns. Designed to give the whole community something to work on creatively together, those engaged with the project successfully revamped a disused signal box at St Margarets Station into a large outdoor art gallery. Local participation was at the heart of the project. Funding was provided by local businesses, and posters calling for submissions were displayed across the community and on social media, encouraging engagement from artists and schools in the area. The final 12 pieces were selected by a committee and installed at the station, giving St Margarets a signal box to be proud of once again. Art @ The Station successfully breathed new life into a previously disused building, something hugely beneficial in this time of post-pandemic recovery. Creating a space to engage and entertain passengers can help stations become more interesting, attractive, and welcoming places. By appealing to those who may not traditionally visit an art gallery, this project has offered a hook for the local community, instilling pride and ownership of the project, and encouraging more people to return to their local station and travel by rail.

Cllr Eric Buckmaster October 2022

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COUNCILLOR ACTIONS ARISING

Cllr David Smith

- Make payments as approved
- HTC and HWMH ongoing liaison
- Village sign post
- East Herts PCC grant made to PC in error

Cllr Tom Payne*

- Check MoG Bakers Lane hedge
- QEII Jubilee tree initiative: location options
- HCC Minerals & Waste consultation response
- Liaise with Sam Clark on Modification order for footpath and adoption of FP from Broadfields to High Wych being adopted by HCC
- Footpath from Broadfields to High Wych Lane: confirm ownership with Clarion
- New play equipment Working Group
- Allotments

Cllr John Andreotti*

- Continue to monitor Highways parking issues
- Car park matters
- New play equipment Working Group

Cllr Stacey Butcher*

- New play equipment Working Group

Cllr Keith Jordan*

- New Play Equipment Working Group
- follow up Section 106 funds for play area

*Cllrs Tom Payne, John Andreotti, Stacey Butcher, Keith Jordan under delegated powers granted to the Clerk: Taking forward the new play area proposals.

Clerk

- Send planning comments as agreed
- Allotments renewal payments
- Financial implications post May 2023 election
- Missed RPII inspection – chase EHC
- Book Allen's Green VH for November meeting