

EAST HAGBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DULY CONVENED AND HELD ON
MONDAY 6TH OCTOBER 2025**

1) Attendance, apologies, declarations of pecuniary interest and vacancy:

Present were Chairman I. Duff, Vice Chairman P. Dixon, Cllrs C. Gover, R. Jaboor, N. Milner, D. Rickeard and C. Shaikh

In attendance was L. Lloyd (Clerk).

I. Duff indicated there is 1 vacancy for a parish councillor.

2) Item for Decision: To consider and resolve to approve additional footpath connection works from FP12 to FP13 at a cost of £2,900+VAT:

Councillors discussed the pros and cons of resurfacing the sloped path to the Causeway (FP13). The site has been reviewed by SCS Oxon Ltd and tarmac has been proposed as the best option for user accessibility along this short connecting path. There are exposed roots along part of the stretch which are aesthetically pleasing but unfortunately also a trip hazard. Councillors spoke in favour of the resurfacing, which will benefit all users of this popular route to the central village. C. Gover agreed with the proposal for disability access reasons at this specific location, but voiced her concerns about urbanisation and that this treatment should not be extended to additional rural footpaths. N. Milner suggested that a clearer understanding of the accessibility requirements for rural footpaths would be useful to ensure potential improvements are appropriate and practical for the existing footpath network within the parish.

L. Lloyd noted that as the contractor and equipment is still on site while the approved Footpath 12 resurfacing works are underway, a reduced quote for £2655.00+VAT has been confirmed, representing an efficient extension of the existing project.

Following discussion, a vote was taken: 6 in favour, 1 against.

Resolved: That the footpath connection works be awarded to SCS Oxon Ltd at a cost of £2655.00+VAT.

The meeting closed at 6.29pm.

Signed.....Dated.....