

**Oxhill Parish Council**  
**Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting**  
**held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 7.30pm**  
**in The Old Chapel**

Councillors Present

Cllr Harbour, Cllr Connolly and Cllr Robertson

Clerk to the Council, Mrs C Coles, County Cllr Chris Mills, District Cllr John Feilding and seven villagers

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for coming.

**22/85. Apologies for absence**

Cllr Rivers-Fletcher (holiday) and Cllr Stuart (holiday)

**22/86. To receive Declarations of Interest under the Council's Code of Conduct relating to business on the agenda**

No interests were declared.

**22/87. To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

The minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed as a true and accurate record.

**22/88. To note any matters arising from the minutes not included on this agenda for report only**

There were no matters arising.

**22/89. Public Participation Session**

A house is up for sale with land adjacent to the property, behind and to the side of the Old Chapel. The Parish Council would like to buy the land if they can. This depends on whether the family can get planning permission for the land. A pre-planning application would have to be submitted to SDC to find out if planning permission could be given. The owners of Fern Cottage suggested they could jointly own it with the Parish Council if it came up for sale. There is interest in the land.

The path from the Church to the bridge is extremely muddy. It was agreed to purchase wood chippings which can be put down. An approximate cost of £300.00 was approved to buy the wood chippings. Councillors to be careful where they are put.

**22/90. To receive a report from the County and District Councillor**

The main points from Cllr Mills included:-

Latest COVID-19 behaviour message from UKHSA, The Sure Start Maternity Grant, Warwickshire SENIAS Review, Support Fund, Green Business Grant, Cost of Living Advice, Stratford Energy Support Fund, Loneliness, Reporting Abuse, Domestic abuse cost of living support, Adult Safeguarding, What3words App when calling emergency services and Avian Influenza– Dead Bird Warning.

*Action: Cllr Mills to get the statistics on domestic abuse for a resident who asked what they were.*

Cllr Feilding reported that work has started on the South Warwickshire Local Plan which will run until 2050. There was anti-social behaviour recently in a neighbouring village concerning an Orbit property.

**22/91. To discuss The Proposed AD plant in Tysoe**

Cllr Mills sits on the Planning Committee and therefore did not contribute to this discussion. Tysoe are most affected and Tysoe Parish Council have led the initiative on this. Stansgate Planning Consultants have been appointed to represent all the villages. Tysoe has a Neighbourhood Plan which may carry some weight

If the plan is approved and the Ward Member objects, the application will go to committee. SDC have a green agenda and a selling point is renewable energy. The location is not ideal and a survey of the area has not been done. The Planning Officer is carrying out an Environmental Impact Study. SDC will make the final decision on planning grounds.

Cllr Feilding has asked lots of questions re excess gas and the area being an AONB. He has asked there to be a site visit if the application goes to committee. He feels they are being naïve about guarding the site.

Comments can still be submitted via email or on the SDC planning portal. The consultation finishes on 17-18 November. The Facebook page will be updated this coming week.

**22/92. To receive an update on planning**

New

22/03084/FUL, Replace existing double garage with room over with extension for annexe accommodation at Gateways, Main Street. No objection by PC.

Older

22/03044/FUL, Replace existing glass roof and wall frames with new UPVC frames and replica tiled roof at Little Windmill, Whatcote Road. No objections by PC.

22/02388/FUL, Single storey flat roof side and rear extension, new render to dwelling and change of roof materials from concrete tiles to slate at The Paddocks, Green Lane. No objection by PC. Granted by SDC.

**22/93. Financial Report**

*The following payments were approved under statutory powers:*

£600.00 to Oxhill Village Hall (grant)

£294.00 to Tysoe Children's Group Ltd (newsletter copying)

£70.00 to J Collings (Christmas Tree)

£79.96 to J Collings (tree decorations)

£92.00 (Speeding material)

*To acknowledge the grant from Cllr C Mills*

A grant of £600.00 has been received from Cllr Mills for the refurbishment of the noticeboard. The Parish Council thanked Cllr Mills for the contribution.

*To approve a pay rise for the Clerk*

It was agreed to increase the Clerks annual salary by 8% and effective from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022. The Clerk thanked the Parish Council.

*To consider and agree a financial contribution of £150.00 to employ a specialist Planning Consultant*

It was agreed to give a contribution of £150.00 to employ a specialist Planning Consultant for the Proposed AD plant in Tysoe.

**22/94. Councillors Reports**

Warwickshire County Council have advised that the Parish Council can replace the damaged bridge as it will relieve their budget. The cost of the bridge is £1050.00 & VAT and materials costing approximately £500.00. A lot of labour will be involved but there are many skills around the village. Farmers have suitable equipment to help with the project.

*Action: Cllr Mills to ask WCC if he can use his delegated budget to help with the costs.*

**22/95. The following correspondence was received and circulated:**

Highways, Temporary Closure of Oxhill Road 14-17<sup>th</sup> November.

**22/96. To note next meeting date and time**

17<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 7.30pm in The Old Chapel

There being no other business to discuss, the meeting closed at 8.30pm.