

Oxhill Parish Council
Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting
held Tuesday 12th September 2023 at 7.30pm
in The Old Chapel

Councillors Present

Cllr Stuart (Chairperson), Cllr Connolly, Cllr Rivers-Fletcher, Cllr Robertson and Cllr Storey

Clerk to the Council, Mrs C Coles, County Cllr Mills, District Cllr Littlewood and four villagers

23/66. Apologies for absence

None

23/67. To receive Declarations of Interest under the Council's Code of Conduct relating to business on the agenda

No interests were declared.

23/68. To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 11th July 2023

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

23/69. To note any matters arising from the minutes not included on this agenda

There were no matters arising.

23/70. Public Participation Session

A villager spoke about the problem going over the cattle grid.

Action: The villager to send a photo to Cllr Mills.

23/71. To receive a report from the County and District Councillor

The main points from the report of County Councillor Mills included:

Suicide Prevention, Help from WCC, Migrant Communities Grant Fund, Domestic abuse accommodation, safe device charging, Support for students in prison, Supporting young people and their mental health, Taking care of your memory, Reducing chances of developing dementia, Caring for someone with dementia, RAAC in Warwickshire schools, Support for children and young people returning to school this September, Secondary School applications. The full report will be put on the village website www.oxhillcommunity.co.uk.

The report from District Councillor Littlewood included:

The Performance Monitoring Review for Q1 2023/24 shows that many targets have been missed. A new resolution to reinstate a parking permit for residents of the District of retirement age has been completed. There is approval to procure a guest house/hotel accommodation to meet statutory duties with regards to homelessness. SDC have endorsed the Cotswold AONB Plan 2023-25. Ellen Badger Hospital – Lobbying WCC to engage with SWHT to reinstate local care beds.

Cllr Connolly asked if the Ellen Badger Hospital is being rebuilt? There is lobbying to reinstate local care beds as health provision in the District is critical.

A member of the public asked if there was an answer on the AD planning application at Tysoe. Plans have been resubmitted. It's a large application with lots of objections.

It might go to committee. The site south of Oxford has been withdrawn and the one at Evenley has gone to appeal.

23/72. To note the results of the Housing Needs Survey

The survey results have been received. 185 forms were distributed and eight received. One response was discounted as not information was given so the following information is based on 7 responses. All 7 live in the parish. The Results are as follows:

Need

- 1 is difficult to heat
- 1 is struggling to afford
- 2 are starter/first homes
- 4 want to downsize

Current dwelling size and type

- 5 bedroom – 1
- 4 bedroom – 3
- 3 bedroom - 1
- 2 bedroom – 2

Dwelling Tenure

- 2 private rent
- 3 owner occupier
- 2 with parents

Dwelling type and size preferred

- 3 out of 7 would like a 2 bed
- 3 out of 7 (older) would prefer a bungalow or 2/3 bed
- 1 would prefer a house

Preferred Tenure

- 1 housing association rent/shared ownership
- 1 housing association/ private rent/ownership
- 1 owner occupier/private rent
- 4 owner occupier

In November 2022 6 households with an Oxhill address were registered on the list. Currently there are no names registered with the District Council waiting list (Home Choice Plus). It was agreed to put the document on the website.

Action: The Parish Clerk to ask WRCC if the document gets sent to SDC Planning and if feedback is given to the people who filled it in. The Parish Clerk to put the survey on the website.

23/73. To receive an update on the footpath to the Sett

The Chair gave the following update.

There is no funding from Highways. The estimated cost is £18K to put in a 16m footpath. The survey costs £500.00 which is non refundable. The project may not be feasible depending on underground services. There are two possible funds. The Councill Discretionary Fund which would have to be approved by Highways and may be unsuccessful. There is a Councill Grant fund which opens in March and closes in June. The money is shared around all parishes and therefore a donation would be small. The purpose has to fit the specific criteria of the fund.

Action: Gill Stewart to contact Cllr Mills to see if there are funds available from the Discretionary Fund. The Councillor Grant Fund and criteria to be forwarded when next available in March 2024.

23/74. To discuss parking on the pavements on Main Street

A few complaints have been received about parking on the pavement as footpaths are blocked. It is all about being courteous.

Action: The Chair to write a note for the Oxhill News asking people to be courteous. Cllr Mills to forward a poster used by Kineton to the Chair.

23/75. To receive an update on the new village notice-board

The new noticeboard is ready and awaiting erection on the green near the village hall. The WCC grant form has been completed. The board will be shared between the Parish Council and village hall. The noticeboard outside the pub will remain an open one. The board outside the church is falling apart. It was proposed by the Chair and seconded by Cllr Robertson that the older board outside the village hall should be donated to the Church.

23/76. To discuss the Parish Facebook login for the Community website

The Parish Council are trying to set up a page but an account may need to be created. This is work in progress.

23/77. To discuss a village welcome pack

Welcome packs have been given out in the past by Mr Moore. Mr Harbour has an old one which he agreed to pass to the Chair.

23/78. To discuss fly tipping on Green Lane

Grass clippings have been put on the Heritage side of the road and the piles were getting higher. There is concern as the grass cutting season is not over. The Parish Council contacted SDC who produced a letter which could have been sent. The situation has improved recently.

Action: The Chair has written a piece for the newsletter.

23/79. To receive an update on planning

- 23/02098/TEL28, Replacement of antennas at 14.00m x 3 and the installation of associated ancillary equipment on the monopole at Site Reference 55177, Windmill Farm. For information only.
- 22/02830/OUT, Erection of 1 no. self-build dwelling including access (all other matters reserved) at Wixey Transport, Kineton Road. Refused by SDC.
- 23/00518/FUL, Proposed redevelopment of existing pig farm to create 10 new dwellings (resubmission of refused application 21/02589/FUL) at Hogwood Farm, Banbury Road. To be considered by the SDC Planning Committee on 13.09.23. The Chair is attending the meeting but will not speak. As an adjoining parish if the Parish Council wanted to speak the time would be shared with the agent. A joint response with Pillerton Hersey has been prepared. The Chair will be able to sit with the Chair of Pillerton Hersey to answer questions.

23/80. Financial Report

The following payments were approved under statutory powers:

£1193.00 to Tysoe Childrens Group Ltd (newsletter copying)

£552.12 To Parish Clerk (hours)

£138.00 To HMRC

£34.97 to Parish Clerk (expenses)

£58.50 to Parish Clerk (mileage)

£650.00 to Mr I Lauchlan (new notice-board)

To discuss opening an additional interest bank account

A 32 day account will pay interest. It was agreed to move £15K into an interest account.

Action: The Parish Clerk to open the new account.

23/81. To receive the following correspondence

- WCC, New Mobile Library service
- SDC, 5 Year Polling Place and District Council Review – SDC
- Cllr Littlewood, Boundary Commission Changes

23/82. Councillors Reports

The bridge on the footpath behind Fithers Field has been reported. It tilts over but is not an immediate danger to walkers.

The owners of Fithers Field are trying to find the owners of the cottage next door as they have drainage issues. The Parish Council to recommend leaving a note at the property.

A planning application for a traveller showpersons site has been submitted to Pillerton Hersey PC (23/0132/FUL). Some concerns have been raised already about the need for children to get to school, no pavement, drainage issues and if the site meet the criteria?

Action: Councillors to read the application paperwork.

23/83. To note next meeting date and time

Tuesday 14th November 2023 at 7.30pm

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.58pm.

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