

Oxhill Parish Council
Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting
held Tuesday 14th November 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 (arrived after another PC meeting) and four villagers

The Chair made the following statement before the meeting began. ▲

I would like to remind people that this is a public meeting not a public participation meeting. We have an item on the agenda for public participation, which is your opportunity to speak. We are fairly relaxed and want people to engage, so if there is an item on the agenda that you passionate about and may want to speak about, please let me know during the public participation item on the agenda and I will come back to you at the time. If later you would like to contribute to an item please indicate that you would like to do so and I will include you at the appropriate time so that the Parish Councillors discussions are not interrupted.

23/84. Apologies for absence

None

23/85. To receive Declarations of Interest under the Council's Code of Conduct relating to business on the agenda

No interests were declared.

23/86. To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 12th September 2023

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

23/87. To note any matters arising from the minutes not included on this agenda

There were no matters arising.

23/88. Public Participation Session

No matters were raised.

23/89. To receive a report from the County and District Councillor

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

Cost of Living Challenges support, Wellesbourne Market Illegal Sales, Young People Vaping, Keeping Children Safe, Children Social Care Costs/Capital Financing Costs, Cherry Tree House, New Warwickshire Primary Schools, Keeping Warm in the Winter, Brake Road Safety Week 2023, Warwickshire Safeguarding, Winter Vigilance Campaign, Older Male Domestic Abuse, LGBTQ+ Male Domestic Abuse, Commonwealth Games Inclusive Communities Fund, High Sheriff Tree Planting and High Sheriff Award nominations. The full report will be put on the village website.

23/90. To receive an update on speeding

Cllr Rivers-Fletcher gave the following update. There is a new Police Road Safety Officer called Gary Strain. The police are only concerned with Community Speedwatch groups. Details have been sent of new rules for police action in speeding situations. The lack of resources means that the situation in Oxhill will not get any police attention despite the checked speeds being in the range for action.

The village of Binton have their own VAS and Cllr Rivers-Fletcher has contacted them. Possible locations were discussed but would need the support of the local people living nearby. The locations for a new VAS would have to be approved and sited by Highways. Cllr C Mills supported the PC and agreed that money could be used from his delegated budget in 2024.
Action: Cllr Rivers-Fletcher to contact Highways.

23/91. To discuss the defibrillator and training

New pads have been purchased for the defibrillator and the local First Aid Responders have suggested a training course on a weekday evening or Sunday morning and installing a Public Access Bleed Kit. The heating element in the cabinet is working ok now.

Action: The Chair to look at dates.

23/92. To receive an update on planning

- 23/02858/TREE, Fell 1 x ash at Fern Cottage, Main Street. No objections.
- 23/02941/TREE, Apple x 3 – reduce to old heights removing approx. 4 metres at Fexloe House, Main Street. No objections.
- 22/0935/FUL, Construction of anaerobic digestion facility, comprising silage clamps, digester tanks, lagoons, administrative buildings, landscaping and access at land adjacent to Hardwick Gorse, Tysoe Road, Kineton. It was agreed to submit the comments noted before.
- 23/02508/FUL and 23/02509/LBC, Proposed single storey rear extension and alterations and refurbishment to main house at Oxhill House, Main Street. No objection by PC.
- 23/02516/FUL and 23/02517/LBC, Proposed single storey rear extension to existing barn to form garage, alterations to form new door and window opening along with associated landscaping and new greenhouse and covered seating area at The Barn, Whatcote Road. No objection by PC.

Determined

- 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. Refused by SDC.
- 23/01520/FUL, Demolition of existing storage building and erection of a replacement storage (B8) building at Windmill Farm, Red Horse Vale Ltd, Banbury Road. Granted by SDC.

23/93. Financial Report

The following payments were approved under statutory powers:

- £151.19 to TEEC (website hosting and domain)

To agree adding another signatory to the bank account.

It was agreed to add Cllr Storey to the bank account.

Action: The Parish Clerk to make the changes.

23/94. To receive the following correspondence

- Email from villager re footpath to The Sett and response given.
- D-Day 80, 6th June 2024 – WALC. The Parish Clerk to circulate.
- Cllr Littlewood, Home Upgrade Grant Scheme. The detail was put in the newsletter.
- Tysoe CE Primary School, Safety concerns about building.

23/95. Councillors Reports

Cllr Connolly spoke about the footpath behind Fithers Field which is in a poor state of repair. A new one could be constructed similar to the work carried out before but its too wet at the moment. The PC will wait for the better weather.

The Chair and Cllr Robertson are meeting the WRCC Rural Housing Enabler on 21st November to look at potential sites.

The 30mph sign on Tysoe Road is missing.

Action: The Parish Clerk to report.

Cllr Rivers-Fletcher reported that PC Speedy has been stolen. A note will be put in the Oxhill news.

23/96. To note next meeting date and time

Tuesday 9th January 2024 at 7.30pm

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

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