

OXHILL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A REMOTE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
HELD ON 4TH MAY 2021 AT 7.30PM

Present

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

Christine Coles Parish Clerk, District Councillor John Feilding and four villagers

21/48. Welome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Cllr Chris Williams who is unwell. After 22 years of service Cllr Williams is not standing for re-election. The Chair has written to Cllr Williams to thank him for his help and support to the village over the years.

21/49. Report from Parish Council

It has been a reasonably busy and active year. The first bus shelter was built and installed. Two new waste/dog bins were purchased and installed. The local footpath map was issued to residents via the Oxhill News. A new community website was designed and made available to village groups. There is ongoing support for the village hall. Several planning applications were reviewed and responded to as appropriate. One application at Whitehill was objected to. This will be subject of an SDC Planning Committee meeting when a meeting can be organised.

21/50. Presentation of accounts for year ending 31st March 2021

The draft accounts were presented by the Parish Clerk. Income for the year totalled £16,725.09. The precept and CIL money represented a large amount of income. Payments totalled £7,804.17. The balance at year end on 31st March 2021 was £22,835.25. The internal audit is currently being undertaken.

21/51. Report from County Councillor Chris Williams

WCC is pleased to report a record number of pupils returning to an education setting for the summer term. An update was given on Covid 19. The vaccine rollout is a continued success. The dire scenes from India reinforce the importance of infection control and social distancing practises as we learn to live with Covid. The rate of infections across the district are continuing to fall. There have been no further Covid related deaths across Stratford District over the last three weeks. Lateral flow tests for people without symptoms has carried out 28,834 tests with 87 positive results. The home testing service is still available.

21/52. Report from District Councillor John Feilding

There is new LGA Code of Conduct which is still being approved by all parties.

Cllr Feilding would like to see footpaths and bridleways improved. This would allow children to walk and cycle to school safely. Cllr Feilding mentioned the road in the Leys. The Parish Council are unsure if the road has been adopted or not. Cllr Feilding will find out.

21/53. Open Forum

A villager spoke about the layby on Whatcote Road which is muddy and sandbags have been left by the highways contractors. The sandbags are covered in grass. Cllr Stuart advised that work has been done as a pipe was blocked which has now been cleared and this should allow the water to flow through. She has removed sandbags herself when dry.

The new bus shelter was discussed as it has recently been installed. It has been concreted in but the Village Hall Committee were told this would not happen. The Chair replied that there was agreement for the bus shelter to be loose but a passing contractor advised it had to be secured. If it needs moving at a later date the contractor will pay the costs.

Meeting finished 8pm.

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