

Oxhill Parish Council
Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting
held on Tuesday 6th September 2022 at 7.30pm
in Oxhill Village Hall

Councillors Present

Cllr Harbour, Cllr Connolly, Cllr Rivers-Fletcher, Cllr Robertson and Cllr Stuart

Clerk to the Council, Mrs C Coles, Cllr John Feilding, Cllr David Roache – Chair of Tysoe PC and four villagers

22/71. Apologies for absence

Cllr Chris Mills (holiday)

22/72. To receive Declarations of Interest under the Council's Code of Conduct relating to business on the agenda

No interests were declared.

22/73. To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 12th July 2022

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

22/74. To note any matters arising from the minutes not included on this agenda for report only

There were no matters arising.

22/75. Public Participation Session

There were no matters to discuss.

22/76. To receive a report from the County and District Councillor

The main points from Cllr Mills included:-

Act on Energy, Pensions struggling with household costs, Local Welfare Scheme, Extra support for secondary school application, Applying for a Secondary School Place in Warwickshire, Applying for a Secondary School Place in Warwickshire, Hope – Young adult mental health journeys, Emergency duty foster carers, Safer Streets Warwickshire, Latest COVID-10 behaviour messages from UKHSA, Children aged 5 and above who are eligible to have the Covid 19 vaccination, Pregnancy and vaccinations, Green Shoots 2 – Less than a month, Community Risk Management Plan. The full report can be viewed on the village website.

Cllr John Feilding gave the following report:-

The Local Plan is being developed which will run through until 2050. The two reasons for starting the process early and running through to 2050 are to provide more options regarding the creation of new or enlarged existing settlements and have early dialogue with the range of infrastructure providers that will need to be involved. The critical infrastructures are roads, schools electricity, water supply and health services. Cllr Feilding will not be standing again in 2023.

22/77. To discuss the proposal to build a Bio Ethanol plant

There is no official application to consider yet. A meeting is being held on 12th September to discuss this proposal in more detail. The strongest points are traffic, an increase in large vehicles using narrow roads and danger and damage to the local roads. Tysoe PC are putting together a checklist of environmental issues which SDC have agreed to look at. There is a medieval settlement at Hardwick Farm and various listed buildings situated close by. Tysoe are looking to join up with

neighbouring villages and work together. They are fairly confident an application will be forthcoming.

Parishes within Cherwell which will be affected along the A422 have been contacted. Traffic movement and pollution are the main concerns. Lighting will be a concern as there are no trees. Its not sure if the application will fall under SDC or WCC.

Cllr Feilding referred to a presentation on the planning points from the ACORN EIA Screening Report. He will forward to the Parish Council and portfolio leaders.

Gill Stewart attended the meeting. She previously worked as a Planning Consultant and helped Parish Council's oppose plans. Core Strategy policies will help and SDC will balance the application. She recommended asking to see a Landscape Visual Impact Assessment. She did not discourage individual comments from villagers at the correct time.

The Chair thanked both Gill Stewart and Cllr Roache for attending. Cllr Roache left the meeting at 8.11pm.

22/78. To discuss deteriorating footbridges

There are two bridges which are in need of repair behind Fithers Field. 1 has been repaired and 1 is awaiting urgent repair. Warwickshire County Council have a limited budget for the year and will look at this in the 2023 financial year. The bridge to be repaired has been closed.

Action: Cllr Robertson to ask if the Parish Council can help fund the process to speed the repair up.

22/79. To discuss ideas and projects for future spend

Money may be put towards a planning consultant when more costs are known about the proposed Anaerobic Digester in Tysoe. A village asset may be purchased. Money may be spent on the bridge repair if it is allowed.

The kissing gates have been purchased. A working party will be needed to taken down the rails. It was agreed to allocate £500.00 to dig post holes and do additional ground work.

22/80. To receive an update on planning

New

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 objections by PC.

Old

21/02589/FUL, Proposed redevelopment of existing pig farm to create 10 new dwellings at Hogwood Farm, Pillerton Priors. Refused by SDC.

22/01624/FUL, Conversion of detached garage to 1 bed short term rental property at Stablecroft, Green Lane. No objection by PC.

22/01429/FUL, Alterations and improvements to Tehidy, Green Lane. Granted by SDC.

22/81. Financial Report

The following payments were approved under statutory powers:

£480.00 to I MacPherson (refurbish noticeboard)

£511.20 to Parish Clerk (hours)

£127.80 to HMRC

£58.50 to Parish Clerk (mileage)

£18.48 to Parish Clerk (expenses)

£788.65 to Main Line Timber Ltd (kissing gates)

To discuss a request to use the CIL funds to pay for new windows in the Village Hall

The remaining balance of CIL money is £3899.44. The Village Hall Committee are purchasing new windows for the hall. It was agreed that the remaining balance of £3899.44 should be put towards the cost of the new windows.

22/82. Councillors Reports

Cllr Connolly has chased Ed Fox re quotes to cut trees back.

Cllr Rivers-Fletcher gave a brief update on speeding. He is waiting for the police to carry out a speed check on Whatcote Road. The 20mph limit is a national campaign but WCC do not have a policy.

There is subsidence along Green Lane. The road was going to be repaired when building work finished but its ongoing.

Action: Cllr Stuart to send photos to the Clerk to report.

Online banking has been set up.

Stratford District Council have changed their policy and allow solar panels on listed buildings. There is a 12 month waiting list for solar panels.

22/83. The following correspondence was received and circulated:

SDC, Cabinet Structure August 2022

WCC, Temporary Closure of Oxhill Road, Kineton 19th – 21st September

22/84. To note next meeting date and time

Tuesday 8th November 2022 at 7.30pm (apologies received from Cllr Stuart)

There being no other business to discuss, the meeting closed at 8.50pm.