

Oxhill Parish Council
Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting
held on Tuesday 8th February 2022 at 7.30pm
in Oxhill Village Hall

Councillors Present

Cllr Stuart (Vice-Chair), Cllr Connolly, Cllr Rivers-Fletcher and Cllr Robertson

Clerk to the Council, Mrs C Coles, three villagers and Cllr Chris Mills

22/17. Apologies for absence

Cllr Harbour (holiday)

22/18. To receive Declarations of Interest under the Council's Code of Conduct relating to business on the agenda

No interests were declared.

22/19. To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 11th January 2022

The minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed.

22/20. To note any matters arising from the minutes not included on this agenda for report only

The CIL application form for funding for the village hall has been submitted to SDC.

22/21. Public Participation Session

Mr and Mrs Morgan of Appletree Cottage, Blackford Way were at the meeting as they are having building work done at their property. They are unable to site traditional builders skips on their front driveway and asked if the Parish Council could consider them using the green space (village green) located next to Merrilees on the Main Road. They will put netting up around the skip and ensure the pathway is kept clear. The skip will be covered at night. The excavation works should take 3-4 weeks. They have agreed to make good the area if any damage is done and will try to minimise mess and disruption. Everyone agreed in favour to their request.

Mr Moore asked if a letter of thanks could be sent to Severn Trent Water following recent work done in the village. The employees were polite, friendly, finished the work on time and did not close the road. The Parish Clerk to send a letter.

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

A full report had been received from Cllr Chris Mills.

The main points included:-

Council tax will increase by 3.75%. This will fund Adult Social Care, Children's Social Care and increase the capacity in SEN and Disabilities

Make a difference to the lives of children and young people

Join New County Taskforce to achieve good health for all

Warwickshire joins the region's virtual forest

Creative Dementia Workshops (Twitter and Facebook)

Highway Code changes 2022

Mitigating the impact of COVID 19 on ethnically diverse communities

Ofsted Report

Children and Young People in Coventry and Warwickshire are invited to take on a heroic challenge to win £2500 for climate change funding for their school.

The full report can be found on the village website.

A report was received from Cllr Feilding and circulated.

The new blue bins for WDC have been ordered along with food caddies for both SDC and WDC. Delivery of the food caddies is likely to be around April/May time. The new fleet of trucks has been ordered. The Garden Waste Scheme will increase by £2 to £42. SDC has a number of contracts with service providers that are inflation rate linked. The LGA have made changes to the Code of Conduct which has to be signed off by WDC and SDC.

22/23. To discuss the proposed repair work to the notice-board outside the pub

The cost to repair the notice-board outside the pub is £400.00. It was agreed to accept this price and the work be done. There is another board near the village hall which is not used.

Action: Cllr Stuart to submit a request for money from Cllr Mills Priority Fund. This could be used for another notice-board.

22/24. To receive a report on tree planting

Mr Moore gave the following report. He first thanked the Parish Council for donating the money for the trees. 20 mixed native trees were ordered and delivered. They were good value and of good quality. They were all allocated to families and all were planted. Alistair ordered 11 specimen trees and families can purchase these. There are five people on the reserve list. Delivery is mid February. More than 20 families turned up on the day. A vote of thanks was given to Grenville Moore for organising the event.

Action: Mr Moore to write an article for the Oxhill News and the Parish Clerk to send to Clerks and Council Direct Magazine.

22/25. To discuss the purchase of seeds for climate mitigation

Cllr Stuart would like to purchase 100 packets of Bee Friendly seeds at a cost of £24.99 plus postage. It was agreed she could purchase them. They will be given to villagers as an incentive to attend the climate change event in April. Any packets left will be donated to OWLS.

Action: Cllr Stuart to purchase the seeds.

22/26. To receive an update on planning

The following update was given:

21/03992/FUL, Full planning application for a comprehensive security strategy including CCTV, fencing and a Managers dwelling at Windmill Farm, Red Horse Vale Ltd. No objection by PC.

21/03578/FUL, Alterations to existing dwelling to include rear single storey extension, open front porch, render to all external walls, replacement doors and windows and alteration to roof at Fithers Field, Whatcote Road. Granted by SDC.

22/27. Financial Report

The following payments were approved under statutory powers:

£283.20 to Trees Direct

£18.00 to WALC (Training Course)

22/28. Councillors Reports

The speed stickers for wheelie bins are being used on Whatcote Road and Green Lane. Cllr Rivers-Fletcher is looking at the feasibility of purchasing a moveable VAS. The insurance company have confirmed there is adequate cover.

The bridge behind Old House, Back Lane has been replaced.

Action: Cllr Connolly to send a letter of thanks and chase other reported repairs which are still outstanding.

Cllr Stuart has spoken to the appropriate people about parking near the Chapel.

Action: Cllr Stuart to write a reminder for the Oxhill News and remind people to keep footpaths clear.

22/29. To note next meeting date and time

Tuesday 8th March 2022 at 7.30pm

There being no other business to discuss, the meeting closed at 8.35pm.

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