

Oxhill Parish Council
Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting
held Tuesday 9th July 2024 at 7.30pm
in The Village Hall

Councillors Present

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

Clerk to the Council, Mrs C Coles, District Cllr Littlewood and two villagers

24/51. Apologies for absence

None

24/52. To receive Declarations of Interest under the Council's Code of Conduct relating to business on the agenda

No interests were declared.

24/53. To approve and sign the minutes of the meetings held on 7th May 2024

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

24/54. To note any matters arising from the minutes not included on this agenda

There were no matters arising.

24/55. Public Participation Session

No matters were raised by members of the public.

24/56. To receive a report from the County and District Councillor

The report from Cllr Littlewood included:

Successful work on behalf of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Severn Trent and planning. The full report will be available to read on the village website www.oxhillcommunity.co.uk.

Cllr Littlewood had circulated another email about expected changes to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) under the new Government. To protect settlements there needs to be a Neighbourhood Development Plan, Parish Plan or Local Housing Needs Survey. Oxhill have a Parish Plan dated 2014 but it needs updating. A Housing Needs Survey was carried out last year. Neighbourhood Plans last for five years and are a planning consideration.

Action: Cllr Stuart to send out more information on Neighbourhood Plans. To be discussed in more detail at the next meeting.

From the floor, a villager noted that he felt the Planning Department at SDC took no notice of Parish Council's.

24/57. To receive an update on the removal of the fallen tree on Beech Road

The tree has been removed and the branches taken away. An invoice has been received. Total cost £240.00 with VAT.

24/58. To receive feedback on the defibrillator training and agree a donation

Two training sessions were held in the village hall and 30 people attended. It was noted that training will be arranged every two years. A bleed kit is going to be put in the existing cabinet.

A defibrillator runners scheme was discussed which is an annual cost of £120.00. The next training will be arranged in 2026. It was agreed to give a donation of £250.00 for the training.

24/59. To receive an update on the grant application for a replacement footpath bridge on the cattle grid road

Cllr Connolly gave the following update. The closure to submit forms was 30th June 2024. A completed application has been submitted and the cost of full installation has been applied for.

24/60. To discuss the Charity/group donations applications from First Responders, Choir, Shipston Home Nursing and the village hall

Funding request forms had been completed for each application.

The application from the First Responders is to purchase a new vehicle costing £35K and replacing a vehicle which is ten years old. It was agreed to give a donation of £1K.

The application from the Community Choir of Oxhill, Tysoe and Shenington is an open and inclusive choir. They asked for a donation of £100.00 to be able to set up a website to enable members and new members easy access to the music they sing. It was agreed to give a donation of £100.00.

Shipston Home Nursing – It was agreed to give a donation of £250.00.

The Village Hall are trying to raise funds to pay for defective workmanship. They have not contacted the Parish Council.

Other future expenditure is the purchase of A VAS which would provide data on speeds. The pole is in place already.

Action: Cllr Rivers-Fletcher to get costs and talk to nearby residents.

24/61. To receive an update on planning

24/01328/PVN, Install 30kw on a steel framed concrete fibre agricultural shed at Straw Shed, Church Farm, Whatcote Road. No objection by PC.

24/62 Financial Report

The following payments were approved under statutory powers:

£18.00 to Parish Clerk (SLCC membership)

£28.80 to TEEC (planning tracker on website) *

£40.00 to Parish Clerk (ICO payment)

* The Parish Clerk to ask TEEC if there are statistics showing usage.

To discuss increasing the savings ring fenced for Chapel Field

It was agreed to transfer £7K from the main account to the savings account. Proposed by the Chair, seconded by Cllr Roberts and all voted in favour.

To receive an update on bank signatories

Cllr Clare Storey is now set up to authorise payments.

24/63. Councillors Reports

The missing and damaged 30mph signs have not been attended to.

Action: The Chair and Parish Clerk to meet and report all the highway signs which need replacing.

24/64. To note next meeting date and time
10th September 2024 at 7.30pm

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.20pm.

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