Minutes of a meeting of Oxhill Parish Council held on Tuesday 8th September at 8.00pm in the village hall.

The meeting, chaired by Carol Taylor was attended by Councillors David Hill and Sue Hunt. 0ne member of the public attended.

Minutes – Minutes of the previous meeting were read, agreed and signed.

Matters arising – The footpath outside Peacock Cottages on Main Street. The highways department has been previously contacted, since which a incident has occurred resulting in minor injuries. Highways will be contacted again, the incident reported and the urgency of the repairs expressed.

The blocked footpath between Gilkes Lane and Beech Road has been investigated by the Highways department who are unable to find a record of the path being a public right of way or an adopted high way therefore no further action is to be taken.

The resurfacing work to the road between Honnington and Idlicote- it is the High way departments intension to patch and surface dress the remainder of the road, that was not resurfaced during recent works, to be addressed during next summer’s programme. The reported pothole on this stretch of road- A defect has been raised and potholes will be filled shortly.

The Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities – The coordinator of the village website has agreed to update the current website and upload the appropriate documents as and when necessary. He has already begun the process and changes have been made. The Parish Clerk will check to ensure that these enable the Parish Council to comply with the requirements of the Code.

Rural Community Housing – A presentation was given by the visiting speaker Sarah Brooke- Taylor, the information presented with be considered by all members of the council before a decision to proceed with the process will be made. In light of recent events and proposed planning decisions it was generally thought to be worthwhile.

Leys field- During a recent village meeting it was suggested that the option of a group of interested parties be formed to purchase the Leys Field. Having considered the various options available and the powers available to the Parish Council this would need to be an independent group. The Parish Council will endeavour to work closely with any future developer to ensure that they are informed of the wishes and needs of the Community. These have already been previously identified by the Village Plan, however, the survey from the Rural Community Housing may add clarity and up to date information about the needs of the Community at the present time and will be discussed futher.

Funds available for play equipment on a Community space – Stratford District Council have been contacted to acknowledge that although there may be a project where this grant would be used it is a little too early to commit to the funding.

Planning –Applications for permission have been granted for a single dwelling at Short Meadow, Whatcote Road, Proposed accesses for the new dwellings on the Green Lane and pruning for the Yew tree at Flexloe House, Main Street.

The planning Department at Stratford District Council has been contacted to clarify the term ‘back land development’ in light of current and possible future planning applications.

Finance – Internal audit has been returned and will be available to the village web site and to view at Peacock House, Oxhill.

Any Other Business

Radar Gun Training – The coordinator will be contacted to establish what the current situation is.

Concerns were raised with regard to the number of accidents observed by regular road users of the road from Oxhill to Tysoe where the road bends adjacent to Kirby Farm. There are currently no warning signs to indicate the severity of the bend. Highways will be contacted to see if warning signs can be erected to warn drivers and therefore reduce the number of accidents.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm

Date of the next meeting 8pm on Tuesday 10th November 2015 in the Village Hall.

Lis Stuart

Parish Clerk