

Oxhill Parish Council
Minutes of a remote Parish Council Meeting
held on Tuesday 9th March 2021 at 7.30pm

Councillors Present

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

Clerk to the Council, Mrs C Coles, District Cllr John Feilding and three villagers

21/35. Apologies for absence

Cllr Chris Williams (unwell)

21/36. To receive Declarations of Interest under the Council's Code of Conduct relating to business on the agenda

No interests were declared.

21/37 To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held 9th February 2021

The minutes of the last meeting were approved and will be signed.

21/38. To note any matters arising from the minutes not included on this agenda for report only

Gilks Lane – Repair work was carried out in February 2021.

Defibrillator – The Chair has ordered two sets of new pads and a new battery.

21/39. Public Participation Session

Mr Connolly advised that he has had to put a traffic counter in place as part of a planning application he will submit. The average speed is less than 38mph.

21/40. To receive a report from the County and District Councillor

A written report was received from Cllr Williams. He mentioned the pre-election period from 19th March to 6th May which is known as purdah. He gave a full Covid 19 update. Council tax has increased by 2.99%. This is the lowest rise in Warwickshire and the country.

Cllr Feilding gave the following report. There is local support to complete the Census Form. Once roadside waste has been collected, Street Scene can be contacted who will send Biffa out to collect it. If bags are left, they will be treated as fly tipping. The NFU are in discussion about allowing footpaths to be diverted around the edge of fields. County Council elections are due on 6th May. There was a council meeting held today and the main item for discussion was the merger of two District Councils, Stratford on Avon District Council and Warwick District Council. At this stage council are being asked to consider whether it wants to adopt the proposed vision and make preparations for a submission to central government. Council Tax harmonisation was discussed. It is complicated as there are various levels of Council Tax across the whole of Warwickshire. There is a commitment to undertake meaningful consultations with the public. The savings arising joint working with Warwick DC have been included within the Medium Term Financial Plan which was considered in February.

21/41. To receive an update on the new website

The new website will be ready to go live soon. Various items such as the Countryside Code and contacts for people who have Defibrillator training will be included on the website. A training session will be held at a later date. A vote of thanks was given to Cllr Stuart for all her work.

21/42. To discuss highway issues

- a. Ditch by layby. This has now been resolved. There was a blockage in the pipe and soil has been dug out.

The culvert at Oxhill Farm Lane was discussed as it has been blocked by a big tree and some debris. Mr Welford has been looking at flooding of Manor Field although this problem has been there a long time.

21/43 To receive an update on planning

The following update was given;

- 21/00402/VARY, Variation of Condition 2 of planning permission 19/02884/FUL, dated 13.12.19 to change the roof design and external wall materials at Oxhill Village Hall. No objections.
- 20/02776/LBC, Repointing of external stone work, installation of wireless security system at The Old Post Office, Main Street. Granted by SDC.
- 20/02775/FUL, Extension of existing fencing and erection of gate at 2nd existing vehicular access to property, Repointing of external stone work, installation of wireless security system at The Old Post Office, Main Street. Granted by SDC.

21/44. Financial Report

The following payments were approved under statutory powers:

- £386.40 to D Harbour (battery and pads for defibrillator)
- £65.09 to Parish Clerk (expenses)
- £480.00 To Parish Clerk (hours)
- £120.00 To HMRC
- £29.00 to D Harbour (ink cartridge)

21/45. The following correspondence was received and circulated:

- VASA, Free vaccine transport for priority groups

21/46. To receive Councillors Reports

Cllr Stuart has obtained a free filing cabinet for the village hall. It is not lockable. A new lock will cost £15 which is cheaper than purchasing a new cabinet. The village hall have given permission for one cabinet to be stored in the hall. The Parish Clerk and Cllr Stuart both have paperwork stored at home.

Cllr Connolly noted that the trees in question on Main Street are not part of the verge but Leys Field.

Speeding was discussed again. Traffic uses the centre of the village and huge vehicles use Green Lane and Whatcote Road. All villages have a similar speeding problem. Cllr Rivers-Fletcher will write to Cllr Izzy Seccombe who may take up the problem with highways. Another speed survey may be done in the village later in the year.

Cllr Rivers Fletcher had asked the village via Facebook and the Oxhill News if anyone was interested in newspaper deliveries but there was no response.

Cllr Rivers Fletcher contacted Thomas Fox about a village scheme to get rid of garden waste. The detail will be put on the website and Facebook page.

21/47. Date and Time of next meetings

Tuesday 13th April 2021 at 7.30pm (Annual Parish Meeting)

Tuesday 4th May 2021 at 7.30pm (Annual Parish Council meeting)

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

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