

Oxhill Parish Council
Minutes of an Annual Parish Council Meeting
held on Tuesday 10th May 2022 at 8pm
in Oxhill Village Hall

Councillors Present

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

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

22/43. Elections

Election of Chairperson

It was proposed by Cllr Stuart and seconded by Cllr Rivers-Fletcher that Cllr Harbour be Chairman.

Signing of Acceptance of Office form

Cllr Harbour signed the form which will be kept on file.

Election of Vice-Chairperson

It was proposed by the Chair and seconded by Cllr Connolly that Cllr Stuart be Vice-Chair.

22/44. Apologies for absence

Cllr Robertson (holiday)

22/45. To receive Declarations of Interest under the Council's Code of Conduct relating to business on the agenda

No interests were declared.

22/46. To approve and sign the minutes of the meetings held on 8th February 2022 and 8th March 2022

The minutes of both meetings were approved and signed.

22/47. To note any matters arising from the minutes not included on this agenda for report only

There were no matters arising.

22/48. Public Participation Session

No matters were raised.

22/49. To receive a report from the County and District Councillor

The main points of the report from Cllr Mills included:

Papyrus Prevention of Young suicide in Warwickshire – Funding is available and been awarded to Papyrus to create “suicide-safer” communities, *Fraudsters target pre-payment meter customers and other scam alerts* - Fraudsters are targeting people who use pre-payment meters, Cold Callers are offering Marriage Allowance Tax Rebates, Action Fraud has received 196 reports about FAKE emails purporting to raise money for those affected in Ukraine, *Welfare Scheme* – help is available for those experiencing financial hardship, *Wellbeing support* – this supports the most vulnerable residents and *County Councillors Grants* – the fund is £8K to help fund worthwhile projects. The full report will be available to read on the village website.

The main points of the report from Cllr Feilding included:

The two most important issues affecting the District are the merger and Household Waste.

As a result of the merger process SDC has incurred one off costs associated to the end of April 2022 is £162K and savings are £110K. SDC has entered into a joint contract with WDC for the provision of waste collection service. Garden Waste Update – SDC have sold 39,000 permits and are on target to reach last years level of 49,000 permits sold which would raised £2m. This will be used to subsidise and offset the increased waste collection costs that they are facing and improve existing waste services. Material Recycling Facility (MRF) - The new centre currently under construction just outside Coventry will be fully operational by October of next year. It will be the most advanced facility in Europe and is a joint venture between eight local authorities. The full report will be on the village website.

22/50. To receive an update on the Climate Mitigation Event and planning future events

The meeting was well received and attended by 35 people. Alcester Parish Council have asked if Oxhill can support their event. Cllr Stuart will help with this. A climate change group with other Parish Council's is being set up with support from Cllr Chris Mills. Thanks was given to Cllr Stuart for her work.

22/51. To discuss weed killing around the village

One month ago certain parts of the village had weed killer put down which is not environmentally friendly.

Action: Cllr Mills agreed to look into this.

22/52. To adopt the LGA Model Code of Conduct (details circulated)

The LGA Model Code of Conduct was adopted with immediate effect

Action: Councillors to sign new Register of Interests forms.

22/53. To discuss the trees on Leys Field

A local contractor will be contacted to cut the trees. Work may not be done until September.

22/54. To receive an update on speeding

Cllr Rivers-Fletcher had circulated a written report. The Parish Council bought their own speed gun. Other villages have their own equipment. There is a change of view with local authorities and Vehicle Activated Speed Signs are being accepted. The question about poles and where to site them has been asked. '20 is Plenty' was discussed but it is not enforceable.

Action: Cllr Rivers-Fletcher to forward an article for the newsletter.

22/55. To receive an update on planning

New

22/01037/TEL56, Telecommunications equipment at Church Farm, Whatcote Road. Under consideration. The position has changed and this mast will provide 4G for the village. Other sites have been discounted.

Action: The Parish Clerk to ask for a picture of the mast.

Old

21/03992/FUL, Comprehensive security strategy at Windmill Farm, Red Horse Vale. Granted by SDC.

21/02855/FUL, Change of use of an existing building at Church Farm, Whatcote Road. Granted by SDC.

22/01073/DDT, Fell 1 hawthorn (tree failing at base due to historic root loss. Replacement planting required) at White House, Main Street.

A new application was received after the agenda had been issued.

22/01277/FUL, Extension and alterations to bungalow to form a four bedroom at Braddon, Green Lane. Under consideration.

Action: The Parish Clerk to ask for a picture and street scene.

22/56. Financial Report

The following payments were approved under statutory powers:

£149.00 to WALC (membership)

£26.00 to Oxhill Village Hall (Climate Mitigation Event)

£159.23 to Zurich Municipal

£28.80 to TEEC (website)

£16.75 to Parish Clerk (SLCC Membership)

£2316.00 to Cotswold Marquees (Platinum Jubilee Party)

£284.00 to Cool Trailers (Platinum Jubilee Party)

To discuss use of CIL funds for village hall work (details circulated)

Two payments for work to the village hall were presented. Work has been carried out to the foundations of the village hall. The costs are £439.16 for underground drainage parts and associated material and £2820.00 for blockwork to be built up. It was agreed to use the CIL fund to pay for these invoices.

Action: Jo Collings to forward the building control inspection reports.

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To approve and sign the Certificate of Exemption, Section 1 and Section 2

The documents were approved and signed by the Chair and Responsible Financial Officer (RFO).

22/57. Councillors Reports

An Article 2 document was received from Cllr Feilding re the role of the Councillor. There has been a difference in opinion as Councillors did not think that in the past Cllr Feilding has acted in the best interests of the village. There will be District Council elections in 2023.

Action: Councillors to email the Clerk whether they wish Cllr Feilding to attend future meetings.

Leys Field – SDC will not sign the paperwork off and no further maintenance work is being carried out.

Action: A letter to be sent to SDC.

22/58. The following correspondence was received and circulated:

Cllr Chris Mills, Ukraine and signposting

22/59. To note next meeting date and time

Tuesday 12th July 2022 at 7.30pm

There being no other business to discuss, the meeting closed at 9.20pm.