

OXHILL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF AN ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
HELD ON 10TH MAY 2022 AT 7.30PM
IN OXHILL VILLAGE HALL

Present

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

Christine Coles Parish Clerk

22/01. Welcome and Apologies
Cllr Robertson (holiday)

22/02. Report from Parish Council (Cllr Derek Harbour, Chair of Parish Council)

The Parish Council (PC) is the most local tier of government and Oxhill sits within the Ward of Red Horse, which in turn forms part of the Stratford District Council (SDC).

Like most public institutions, the Parish Council budgetary year runs from April to March, so it is common to look back at the year to celebrate successes, take on lessons learned and plan for the coming year. While District and Ward Councillors receive some form of allowance it is always worth remembering that your PC team is entirely voluntary and give up substantial amounts of time to help the community with common issues.

The Chair is currently Cllr Derek Harbour with Cllr Lis Stuart as Deputy Chair, in addition there are Cllrs Peter Rivers-Fletcher, Cllr Reuben Connolly and Cllr Malcolm Robinson. We are supported by Christine Coles, who is an experienced Parish Clerk.

Please remember that all PC meetings are public and members of the community are always welcome to attend. Each session has 10-15 minutes of 'open floor' time where people can raise any issues for discussion.

With all this in mind, what have we achieved in the last year?

1. Traffic calming – this still occupies a lot of time as we seek to lower the speeds at which people drive through and around the village.
2. Responding to multiple Planning Applications with some success, notably in stopping the proposed large development at the Wixey Yard, whilst accepting that a smaller development within the 'brownfield' area would potentially, be more acceptable.
3. Cllr Lis Stuart oversaw the popular Climate Change event and the PC provided limited financial support.
4. Improved budgeting and the establishment of investment funds to enable us to support improvements to the village infrastructure, ie the Village Hall and also support the Queen's Green Canopy appeal, the village plans to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee and a small donation to Shipston Home Nursing.
5. Developing a closer working relationships with the local Warwickshire Councillor who we hope will 'fight our corner' when required.

As the PC has to act as one entity rather than individuals and all decisions must be ratified in public at the bi-monthly PC Committee Meetings, it can take a while to see results on what might be considered as minor issues.

If you have an opinion on something or a new issue you want to raise, please email the Parish Clerk on the address below and it will be passed on to all Councillors appropriately. If you want to speak to a Councillor just ask and one will be assigned.

You can find information about (and minutes of) PC activities on the following site: www.oxhillcommunity.co.uk; and the Parish Clerk can be contacted via oxhillpc@btinternet.com.

- 22/03. Presentation of accounts for year ending 31st March 2022**
The draft unaudited accounts were presented by the Parish Clerk. Income was £14.2K and expenditure £9.3K. Balance at year end on 31st March 2022 was £27.6K.
- 22/04. To receive a report from the County Councillor**
There was no report.
- 22/05. To receive a report from the District Councillor**
There was no report.
- 22/06. Open Forum**
No matters were raised.
- Meeting finished 7.45pm.