

**Oxhill Parish Council**  
**Minutes of a remote Parish Council Meeting**  
**held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 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 five villagers

**21/19. Apologies for absence**

Cllr Chris Williams (unwell), Cllr Seccombe

**21/20. To receive Declarations of Interest under the Council's Code of Conduct relating to business on the agenda**

No interests were declared.

**21/21. To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held 12<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

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

**21/22. To note any matters arising from the minutes not included on this agenda for report only**

*Church Farm Enforcement* – The Chair wrote to SDC who have advised they have other work to attend to which is a higher priority. There is still plenty of time for enforcement to act. Cllr Feilding spoke to Clare Eynon in SDC Enforcement too.

*Gilks Lane repair work* – Highway work is being carried out on 25<sup>th</sup> February.

*Leys Field* – Cllr Feilding to find out who will sign the development off. Grenville Moore has discussed the other issues with SDC Enforcement.

*Financial Regulations* - The Chair has drafted a document which has been sent to WALC. To be discussed at the next meeting

*Bus Shelter* – The wood has now arrived and the bus shelter will be installed later this month or in March.

**21/23. Public Participation Session**

Mr Bicknell asked Cllr Feilding if he had an update on the Wixey planning application? Cllr Feilding did not know. Mr Bicknell spoke about the possible ban of HGV's along Main Street and said that larger vehicles would use Green Lane as an alternative route. He had no opinion on the phone mast pre-application.

**21/24. To receive a report from the County and District Councillor**

Cllr Feilding noted that there is a contact in Avon Dassett who can provide support for the Census. He spoke about roadside waste. If it's collected, Street Scene can be contacted who will pick it up. Waste left in ditches is the responsibility of landowners. Cllr Feilding mentioned the Gypsy and Traveller Site policy. There are 61 sites in the county. The gypsy encampments are owned by families and are being encouraged to take in more travellers. Local elections will take place on 6<sup>th</sup> May. SDC are short of people to man the polling stations. Expenses are paid. A lot of CIL money is going towards cycleways in Stratford as they are not used as they should be. A member of the public is a keen cyclist and supported the bridlepath network. Bridleways get used by a lot of horse traffic. Generally people do support access to the countryside.

**21/25. To discuss/agree the Climate Change Action Plan**

Cllr Stuart had circulated an action plan which was adopted. It is a working document and will be put on the new website.

**21/26. To discuss the new website**

The new domain name is available but the website is not ready to be launched yet. The supplier are working their way through the list of jobs before the site goes live.

**21/27. To receive an update on the defibrillator**

It is 3 years since the defibrillator was installed and a training session should be arranged. There are 12 people in the village who were trained before. The village hall can be used in certain circumstances but it was felt not right to hold a physical session now. New pads are needed including a spare set and the battery will be checked.

*Action: The Chair to order two sets of pads and check the battery. The Parish Clerk to contact WALC to ask for advice on online training sessions.*

**21/28. To discuss an alternative to the use of green bins**

The green bin charge come into force in April. WCC can supply 3 food waste caddys per household. They would be collected free with the recycling bins. WCC have a variety of composting bins available for residents to buy at discounted prices. The early bird discount offer is only valid until 28<sup>th</sup> February. Severn Trent offer free resources. Composting could be considered to reduce green bin waste. Grass cuttings can be put in compost bins.

*Action: Cllr Rivers-Fletcher to contact the grass contractor to ask if he can offer a solution.*

**21/29. To discuss access to HGV's along Main St. - restricting access for 7.5t+ vehicles**

This matter first came up when highway work was being done in the village. If HGV's could not use Main Street they would use Green Lane and the road is not wide enough. Green Lane is not salted either. The edges of the roads in the village are breaking up which Highways are aware of. A 20mph speed limit would be ideal through the village and especially Main Street.

**21/30. To receive an update on planning**

The following applications had been received:

- *Pre-application consultation proposed telecoms installation by Clarke Telecom.* The Parish Council are supportive of the proposal but disagree with the siting of the mast. It is too large and not acceptable in a rural location.

*Action: The Parish Clerk to send a reply before Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February.*

- *DISCN/00760/20, Discharge of condition at Auchneiven House. Change of stonework.* Supported by PC.
- *20/02972/FUL, Retrospective installation of a ground source heat pump situated within a modular plant room building at Oxhill Manor.* Granted by SDC.

**21/31. Financial Report**

*The following payments were approved under statutory powers:*

£60.00 to WALC, Training Course for the Chair

£19.76 to L Stuart (website)

**21/32. The following correspondence was received and circulated:**

- WCC, Temporary Closure of Gilks Lane 25<sup>th</sup> February
- SDC, Garden Waste Subscription

**21/33. To receive Councillors Reports**

Dog poo was discussed. There was an article in the recent Oxhill News. More signage could be placed near the church. A leaflet drop and free dog bags were discussed but felt not to be worth pursuing.

Cllr Connolly gave an update on the first aid training course and one will be booked in the next few weeks.

Cllr Stuart spoke about Solar Together which is a group buying scheme in Warwickshire. The scheme is open to applicants for solar panels, battery charging and car charging points for residents. Car charging points could be considered at the village hall to generate money.

*Action: The Chair to circulate the email.*

**21/34. Date and Time of next meeting**

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 7.30pm

There being no other business to discuss, the meeting closed at 8.35pm.