

Wheatley Parish Council Meeting Minutes

7th January 2019

Present: Cllrs Bell (RB), P Bignell (PB), A Cooper (AC), P Gregory (PG), R Harding, (RH), P Harrison (PH), P Hood (PHo), D Lamont (DL) (Chair), A Sercombe (AS), L Tully (LT) P Willmott (PW). OCC Cllr Tim Bearder (TB).

Officer: Michelle Legg, Clerk to the Parish Council (Clerk) **Members of Public:** 2

No	Item	Action
123.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Cllrs Newman and Street	
124.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Cllr Lamont, Wheatley Playing Field Trust. Cllr Willmott, Wheatley Playing Field Trust and Wheatley Rugby Club.	
125.	MINUTES from Parish Council meeting on Monday 3 rd December 2018, previously circulated, were signed as a true record of the meeting. ACTIONS had been completed or were covered later in the meeting.	
126.	TO CO-OPT TWO PARISH COUNCILLORS – no volunteers came forward. Parish Council elections will take place in May.	
127.	TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM OCC COUNCILLOR TIM BEARDER Cllr Bearder gave an update on his concerns over the Local Plan, consultation is now open and an open evening takes place in the Merry Bells on 21 st January 3-7pm Work continues to investigate bus provision between Littleworth, Horspath and Cowley. A meeting will be arranged later in January. He attended a meeting re OCC Strategy which covered parking enforcement and the Growth Deal, which has shaped the commitment for 100,000 homes across the county.	
128.	TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR TOBY NEWMAN No update was available.	
129.	TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ABOUT OXFORD-CAMBRIDGE EXPRESSWAY Minutes from the council's initial meeting of the advisory group had previously been circulated from which Cllr Harding provided further updates. 10 neighbouring parish councils have been contacted and has discussed including Holton Parish Council within in the advisory group. An article will be circulated in the next edition of the newsletter informing residents Cllr Harrison was concerned how we prioritise these issues given the confusing housing figures being quoted.	
130.	TO CONSIDER RESPONSE TO OXFORDSHIRE PLAN 2050 Cllr Harding and Lamont have registered themselves to respond to the consultation and advised other councillors to respond individually. Cllr Lamont suggested that he, Cllrs Harding, Cooper and Willmott met to draft a formal response on behalf of the parish council and will agreement meeting will take place on Wed 9 Jan.	

Cllr Lamont proposed, seconded by Cllr Hood to take the meeting out of session at 20:10 This was approved and the floor was opened up to the public.

John Fox – Wheatley Neighbourhood Plan

Written updates had been circulated ahead of the meeting. John & Cllr Lamont attended the launch of the consultation for SODC Local Plan which discussed why OBU site had been taken out of the Green Belt on the site which could see 300+ homes.

Cllr Lamont added that at least 5 other parish councils find themselves fighting against plans to take land out of the Green Belt to aid development and urged Cllrs to respond individually, whilst the council responds collectively.

Roger Bettess - Flooding & Drainage Group

Updated all that he has been in contact with SODC engineers and could confirm that maintenance work will be carried out on the flood alleviation behind Beech Rd, in conjunction with the land owner.

Work on the flood alleviation for the west of the village will be addressed by SODC in 'Spring'.

The meeting was taken back into session at 20:34

131. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM WHEATLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

John Fox had already given his update in the public session.

132. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE CLERK

- i) Disabled Parking – frustrations shared about the length of time it has taken to get this resolved. **Chair to email SODC Cllr.**
- ii) OCC update with no further details on highway repairs
- iii) Parking outside schools – thanks were given to John Watson School for the cones along the verge.
- iv) 4th VAS, Clerk to chase contractors
- v) Trees – Work complete.
- vi) HGVs – Further updates were provided on the suggestion to investigate ANPR cameras. Which now looks to be unsuitable for Wheatley.

Chair

Clerk

133. TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON BURIAL GROUND PROJECT

A meeting has been arranged with Wheatley Park School to discuss potential use of land close to the school, before approaching Oxfordshire County Council. CDS have provided results from initial desktop surveys which have narrowed the potential sites to two, with a preferred option based on cost of likely infrastructure.

Suggestions were made to investigate the purchase of the existing churchyard. Further details may be required as this may be a very short term option.

134. TO APPROVE PROPOSED BUDGET AND PRECEPT REQUEST FOR 2019-20

The Finance Committee had spent time reviewing and finalising the proposal supported with a 2.5% increase on Precept request for a Band D property. This was proposed by Cllr Lamont, seconded by Cllr Willmott. This was resolved with 10 votes in favour and 1 abstention.

135. TO RECEIVE UPDATE/MINUTES AND ACTIONS FROM

- i) Open Spaces Committee – next meeting takes place on 21st January. Pyracantha planting at Church Road Rec will be carried out in the next two weeks.
- ii) Finance Committee – minutes circulated, next meeting on 18th February.
- iii) Planning Committee – minutes circulated, next meeting 9th January
- iv) Pavilion Working Group – awaiting response from SODC planning officers/committee which is now overdue.
- v) Village Square Working Group – awaiting disabled parking to be installed
- vi) Community Bus Working Group – meeting to be arranged with Horspath PC by the end of month.

- vii) Wheatley Play & Activity Day – Second meeting took place before Christmas with continued interest for involvement. Next meeting planned for a Monday evening in February.

136. RECEIVE UPDATES/REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL BODIES

- i) Merry Bells. Meeting taking place on 10th January. Cllr Gregory asked if the droppable bollard could be made more visible. Clerk provided an update on the revised lease.
- ii) OALC – December update previously circulated including training.
- iii) Wheatley Playing Field Trust. Very quiet but tenders received for the field maintenance and WPFT hope to award contract by the end of the week.
- iv) Howe Trust – nothing new to update.
- v) Neighbourhood Action Group – nothing new to update
- vi) The Maple Tree Centre – fundraising continues to be of concern.
- vii) Littleworth Playing Fields Working Group – hoping to have draft documents on the formation of the trust at the next meeting
- viii) Wheatley Charities – nothing new to update
- ix) Christmas Fair Group – may look at a spring/summer event.

137. CORRESPONDENCE AND ANY URGENT ITEMS REQUIRING ATTENTION

- i) Delay to completion date of Better Broadband – moved to June 2019
- ii) South and Vale Voluntary and Community Sector Forum on Wednesday 13 March 2019
- iii) Chair reminded Cllrs of the upcoming elections and to consider whether they are wishing to stand again and to promote opportunities to friends and family as it would be great to have a democratic election for the village.
Clerk to recirculate election dates
- iv) Cllr Bignell raised concerns over inconsiderate parking by contractors in Kelly's Road. Advised to contact planning enforcement or TVP.

**Clerk
PB**

MEETING CLOSED AT 21:19

DATE OF NEXT MEETING 4TH FEBRUARY 2019