

Wheatley Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Monday 3rd December 2018

Present: Cllrs Bell (RB), P Bignell (PB), A Cooper (AC), P Gregory (PG), P Harrison (PH), P Hood (PHO), D Lamont (DL) (Chair), T Newman (TN), A Sercombe (AS), R Street (RS), P Willmott (PW). OCC Cllr Tim Bearder (TB).

Officer: Michelle Legg, Clerk to the Parish Council (Clerk) **Members of Public:** approx. 1

No	Item	Action
108.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Cllr Newman. Cllr Street arrived approximately 10 minutes after the start of the meeting	
109.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Cllr Lamont, Wheatley Playing Field Trust. Cllr Willmott, Wheatley Playing Field Trust and Wheatley Rugby Club.	
110.	MINUTES from Parish Council meeting on Monday 5 th November were signed as a true record of the meeting. ACTIONS – all had been completed	
111.	TO CO-OPT TWO PARISH COUNCILLORS – no candidates came forward	
112.	TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR TOBY NEWMAN with Cllr Newman’s absence there was no update available	
113.	TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE CLERK – previously circulated <ul style="list-style-type: none">i) Disabled Parking. The Chair shared his frustration on the lack of movement and requested to write to Margaret Reed.ii) Budgets & Preceptiii) OCC update covered repairs to London Rd/Old London Rd and to install weight restriction signage at the A40 side of the village.iv) Meeting arranged with Wheatley Primary School on Wed 5th Decemberv) Tree works – now completevi) Salt bins – Howe Close installed and other bins filled with salt.vii) Parish Office closure over festive period. Office will be closed after parish surgery on 22nd Dec until Wed 2nd Jan.viii) 4th VAS. Awaiting confirmation with contractor.ix) Replacement Tree/Cherry Tree for Crown Rd is being investigated with arborist as to suitable species and locationsx) Outdoor tasks and play area works – Repairs carried out in all three recreation areas. Leaves continue to be collected.	
114.	TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM WHEATLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN John Fox confirmed OBU application has been turned down at SODC planning committee and praised the support and work of both Holton and Wheatley Parish Councils. Further meetings are planned with WNP and representatives from both councils to help progress the Neighbourhood Plan.	
115.	TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON BURIAL GROUND PROJECT AND TO APPROVE PROPOSAL FOR £6,000 BUDGET FOR PRELIMINARY WORK An update had previously been circulated detailing conversations and advice given by CDS at a recent meeting. The results of the free desktop survey were anticipated in the coming days.	

The long term financial commitment was a concern for the council and would need to be communicated to the community as precepts would need to rise. This would occur once the initial report findings and any further investigations had been carried out

The proposal for an allocated budget of £6,000 was proposed by Cllr Gregory and seconded by Cllr Hood. 10 votes were received in favour 10 with 1 abstention.

Cllr Lamont proposed, seconded by Cllr Street to take the meeting out of session at 20:05 this was approved and the floor was opened up to the public.

OCC Cllr Tim Bearder

Cllr Bearder introduced himself and shared his focus for the coming months, including the Expressway.

Cllr shared his concerns over the lack of traffic measures to improve traffic in and around Wheatley in the Growth Board report.

The meeting was taken back into session at 20:10

116. TO RECEIVE EXTERNAL AUDITORS REPORT

Received and noted.

117. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ABOUT WHEATLEY PLAY DAY 2019

Next meeting will take place on 12 Dec. Grant applications have been made to SODC Cllrs funds. An application will be made to OCC Cllr fund.

Village organisations have been contacted to see if they would be interested in providing refreshments at the event and would be able to raise funds for their organisations.

118. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ABOUT OXFORD-CAMBRIDGE EXPRESSWAY AND RESOLUTION THAT THIS COUNCIL FULLY SUPPORTS THE MAIN OBJECT OF THE EXPRESSWAY ACTION GROUP, NAMELY ITS OBJECTIONS TO THE BUILDING OF THE PROPOSED EXPRESSWAY WITHIN THE B3 CORRIDOR.

Cllr Harding had circulated an update and map detailing the areas concerned and provided further information. Any interchange at the M40 junction would create further sets of junctions on major roads, bringing with it noise and pollution.

Cllr Street also shared his comments from the event. Historical and biodiversity information is being collected. Highways England mentioned that traffic surveys were meant to be taking place.

Resolution proposed by Cllr Wilmott, seconded by Cllr Harding. This was approved unanimously and was followed by a proposal by Cllr Hood, seconded by Cllr Cooper to create a traffic/infrastructure advisory group. This was unanimously approved

Action: Cllr Harding to organise the meeting.

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119. TO CONSIDER REQUESTS FROM RESIDENTS FOR:

- i) the Sun to be listed as an Asset of Community Value. Although sympathetic to the issue, previous experience has taught them then an application would not be successful. **Clerk to write to resident**
- ii) a perch/bench for bus stop by Morland Surgery. **Clerk to confirm costs and present these to finance committee.**

Clerk

120. TO RECEIVE UPDATE/MINUTES AND ACTIONS FROM

- i) Open Spaces Committee – next meeting takes place on 14th January
Consultation for Farm Close Road Rec planned during December and January, Cllr Hood offered to help with leaflet drops in the surrounding areas.

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- ii) Finance Committee – minutes circulated and next meeting to take place on 17th December, where the proposed budget will be drafted.
- iii) Planning Committee – next meeting taking place on 12th December.
- iv) Pavilion Working Group – awaiting response to planning application. Cllrs Lamont and Willmott to attend the next Holton Parish Council meeting.
- v) Village Square Working Group – no meeting will take place until the disabled parking has been installed.
- vi) Community Bus Working Group – meeting scheduled for January 2019.

121. RECEIVE UPDATES/REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL BODIES

- i) Merry Bells. Next meeting 6th December. Queries arose around the rent review as rent increase letter received.
- ii) OALC – recent update circulated by the Clerk and Cllrs reminded to read this useful document
- iii) Wheatley Playing Field Trust – Annual Report has been written and sent to auditor. Once this has been confirmed details will be circulated. Meeting is taking place to discuss improvements to the cricket wicket. Cllr Gregory requested an update on the state of the buildings. Minor repairs have been undertaken.
- iv) Howe Trust – Winter maintenance has begun. Raised beds are being installed and Roy Davies has stood down as Chair, replaced by Alan Hicks
- v) Neighbourhood Action Group – nothing to note
- vi) The Maple Tree Centre – everything is going well
- vii) Littleworth Playing Fields Working Group – lost momentum since David Locke has moved on.
- viii) Wheatley Charities – nothing to note.
- ix) Christmas Fair Group. Feedback has been positive and thoughts were being considered for a summer event too. Cllr Hood asked for a message of thanks to be sent to Lucy Collinson and the organising committee. **Clerk to arrange**
The Clerk confirmed that £65.25 was raised on the evening by the parish council game.

122. CORRESPONDENCE AND ANY URGENT ITEMS REQUIRING ATTENTION

Clerk

- i) Response from SOHA had been circulated.
- ii) Dog fouling in Elton Crescent is being addressed thanks to information from residents
- iii) SODC Oxfordshire Housing Growth Deal agreement. A response from the council will be provided
- iv) Cllr Harrison asked for some consultation to be carried out over 20mph limit in the next edition of the newsletter
The Clerk reminded the council that the SID was available to record actual speeds of cars in the village.

Meeting closed at 21:27

DATE OF NEXT MEETING 7TH JANUARY 2019