

# Wheatley Parish Council

## Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018 in Merry Bells at 7.30pm

**Present:** Cllrs Bell (RB), Cooper (AC) Gregory (PG), Harding (RH), Harrison (PH), Hood (Pho), Lamont (DL) (Chair), Shields (MS), Tully (LT), Willmott (PW) and OCC Cllr Kirsten Johnson (KJ) who arrived at approx. 20:40.

**Officer:** Michelle Legg, Clerk to the Parish Council (Clerk)

Members of the public: approx. 5

No	Item	Action
193.	<b>APOLOGIES for Absence</b> – Cllrs Bignell and Foster	
194.	<b>DECLARATIONS of Interest</b> – Cllr Willmott - Wheatley Playing Field Trust and Wheatley Rugby Club Cllr Lamont - Wheatley Playing Field Trust	
195.	<b>MINUTES and ACTIONS from previous meetings held on</b> Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December signed by the chair as a true record of the meeting.  <b>Outstanding actions</b> Minute 177 Clerk keeps working with OCC on this issue and the latest email to be circulated. Earlier work to seek “adverse possession” after 11/12 years is not ideal considering the state of the lights. Minute 179 meeting with EA, PHO/DL to action by next meeting Minute 183 Clerk to chase HPC Clerk and Rd Hawkes. Minute 175 PG asked for a vote of thanks to the clerk for organising the WPC events at the Christmas Fair.	
196.	<b>TO CO-OPT ONE PARISH COUNCILLOR</b> Two candidates came forward: - Richard Street (Church Road) who has strong family connections to the village and a wealth of experience of business and charities. - Adrian Sheppard who has grown up in the village and has a background in local government/grounds maintenance.  A vote was taken with 6 votes received for Richard and 5 for Adrian, the Chair used his casting vote and Richard was co-opted onto the parish council and joined the table after signing his acceptance of office.	
197.	<b>TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR TOBY NEWMAN</b> SODC have been reviewing the public consultation feedback before the final local plan is put to the planning inspector. A public enquiry may take place after the plan is presented to the planning inspector in the summer. If the plan is agreed it would reinstate the 5 year land supply. SODC have suffered from an increased rate of planning appeals (6%) being lost, due to the 5 year land supply. If this continues to increase SODC may lose the capacity to manage its own planning decisions. Two judicial reviews are being undertaken and continue to undertake planning enforcement. Neighbourhood plans continue to be adopted across the district. Working to roll out safe shelters, cyber protection advice and changing places toilets (to support those with additional needs).	

Countywide rail travel in and around the district is being discussed with a view to reopen the branch line at Cowley. Train operator licence is up for renewal.

Cllr Willmott had concerns about the issues should SODC lose the capacity to manage its own planning decisions. Cllr Newman confirmed that should this happen there would be appropriate communication but although central government have chosen not to intervene it is unlikely to happen.

Cllr Bell asked for all the information to be shared and circulated to councillors by the clerk. **TN to circulate this information to the Clerk, who will circulate.**

**TN/  
Clerk**

**20:04 A proposal was made from Cllr Gregory, seconded by Cllr Lamont to take the meeting out of session.**

**This was agreed and opened up the meeting to the public.**

**Roger Bettess – update on Flood Alleviate and Floods and Drainage. (Agenda Item 9)**

Monsons are preparing more detailed plans for the Flood Storage project to the west of the village.

SODC and OCC have denied any responsibility of the culvert at west of the village. Roger Bettess has approached Thames Water who now will only talk to the land owner. Roger will contact and support the resident involved.

**Chris Sewell and with Cllr Lizzie Tully – Maple Tree update (Item 19 iv)**

24 families visited over the festive period with activities now scheduled every day of the week including two Saturdays a month.

Opening event 10.45am on Thursday 11 Jan. Councillors have been invited, and reminded to come along if they can make it.

Voluntary financial contributions are actively being made to support the activities, Staff are capturing data to show where families.

The building is now available to hire too.

Cllr Hood asked if there were plans by the group to support breakfast or afterschool activities. Chris confirmed that various options had or were being discussed and anyone interested

**Adrian Sheppard – Amended plans for railway**

Adrian Sheppard asked whether the council had reviewed the recent amendments. The Chair confirmed that this will be discussed at the planning committee on Wed 10<sup>th</sup> January.

**Christopher Spencer – Park Hill parking (Item 15)**

Raised concerns over any potential parking restrictions on Park Hill as they require parking access for their property.

If any barriers were to be placed on the area could collapsible bollards be considered, subject to agreement from OCC. Mr & Mrs Spencer offered to pay for this to enable them to continue to park in the area.

Cllr Gregory confirmed that any yellow lines would still facilitate emergency service access.

**The meeting was declared back in session at 20:28**

**198. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE CLERK**

Cullum Road Spinner - meeting with HAGS, Wed 10<sup>th</sup> Jan to confirm work to spinner, order has been placed

VAS - contacted Messagemaker re repair required to the upper Ladder Hill VAS clerk is awaiting a response.

We are trying to source a pole and installation for the new VAS for London Road

Staff contracts 3 out of 4 contracts have been signed along with the newsletter editor contract.

SODC S106 monies to be received from Taylor Wimpey. Applications can be made to SODC by organisations within the village. There is a 10 year timeframe to spend the money.

Work to tree in memorial garden to be completed and a compost area to be created in top right corner.

Tree work in Church Road will be undertaken w/c 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan. Closest residents have been contacted.

**199. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE WHEATLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

A written report was received from John Fox and noted.

**200. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM WHEATLEY PLAYING FIELDS TRUST**

All information lies with solicitors and waiting for the final lease to arrive.

**The Clerk to chase Robert Eden**

A grant application has been made to SODC Cllr Newman councillor fund. WPFT are awaiting confirmation of whether this has been successful.

**Clerk**

**201. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM PAVILION WORKING GROUP**

Cllr Wilmott apologised for anyone who could not access the building on Sunday. Cllr Lamont is putting the planning application for the full rebuild and should submit by the end of the month.

**202. TO DISCUSS REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL STREET LIGHTING IN AMBROSE RISE**

There were mixed views on the demand for the additional lighting in this area after some discussion Cllr Newman made a proposal that the request is refused, Cllr Bell asked for an amendment to the proposal to include "on the grounds that no other resident has come forward" this was seconded by Cllr Lamont.

A unanimous vote was received in favour of this proposal.

**Clerk to contact the resident involved**

**203. TO APPROVE THE 2018-19 BUDGET AND PRECEPT**

The finance committee had proposed that the budget for 2018-19 be agreed and TN confirmed that the proposal for the precept included maintaining the Band D charge at the same rate as 2017-18.

Proposal was made by Cllr Lamont, seconded by Cllr Hood to accept the finance committee's proposal. 10 votes were received in favour with one abstention.

**Clerk to confirm this with SODC officers**

**Clerk**

**204. TO DISCUSS PARKING ISSUES ALONG LITTLEWORTH ROAD AND LITTLEWORTH**

Cllr Hood provided an update on the situation on the parking issue at Littleworth Green and various suggestions were made.

Cllr Johnson provided an update from OCC. It was agreed to ask OCC for white lines to be installed and a site visit to be arranged with OCC rep and Cllr Gregory. KJ, Clerk and PG to liaise with OCC.

**KJ**

A further discussion took place on the issues surrounding the primary school and Sergeant Bobbett's response.

Cllr Tully has approached the New Club to see if they would make their car park accessible to families at drop off and pick up times she is awaiting a response.

Cllr Willmott was concerned over the lack of support from OCC. Cllr Harding confirmed that more OCC staff were now employed on the site, using more of the available parking spaces. It was agreed for Cllr Johnson to facilitate a meeting with all stakeholders. **KJ to arrange a meeting.**

KJ

Cllr Gregory reminded councillors of the issues that may arise from moving the cars elsewhere in the village.

**205. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM OCC CLLR JOHNSON**

Due to Cllr Johnson attending two other parish council meetings her report was received later in the meeting.

Cllr Johnson updated the committee that A2 Dominion has proposed marking out for visitor parking bays at Morland Close. As this is a public highway OCC were keen to keep this area clear and will monitor the situation.

Trees that were blocking properties in Beech Rd were removed.

Ox Cambridge Expressway discussion took place at OCC and Cllr Hudspeth has written to the government asking for a public inquiry. The EAG has stakeholder status and are working on detailed rebuttals against A34 proposal and are looking for Highway experts to help with their plans.

Rural Transport Initiative and Sandra Pearce OCC employee is looking at local solutions, including Littleworth. (Hail and ride, demand hubs). S106 monies may be able to support future proposals.

**Clerk to circulate the most recent update on Coopers Close**

**206. TO DISCUSS PARKING AND ACCESS ISSUES AT PARK HILL**

Covered in the open session

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**207. TO CONSIDER REQUEST FROM RESIDENTS AT 19 AND 12 TEMPLARS CLOSE**

Cllr Newman questioned whether engineering works which would constitute planning permission. It was agreed to ask the residents for more information and referred to planning committee with the chair agreeing to make a site visit.

Clerk

**208. TO CONSIDER A RESPONSE TO BRIZE NORTON AND LONDON OXFORD AIRPORT CONSULTATION ON CHANGES TO AIRSPACE ARRANGEMENTS**

It was felt that no response was required.

Clerk

**209. TO RECEIVE UPDATE/MINUTES AND ACTIONS FROM**

- i) Open Spaces Committee – no update, next meeting 15<sup>th</sup> January
- ii) Finance Committee –18<sup>th</sup> December previously circulated.
- iii) Planning Committee –13<sup>th</sup> December previously circulated

Clerk

**210. TO RECEIVE UPDATES FROM EXTERNAL BODIES**

- i) Merry Bells Committee – no report available
- ii) The Howe Trust - nothing to report
- iii) Wheatley Windmill Preservation Society – no report available
- iv) Maple Tree Centre

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**211. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC**

To propose that under Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph X of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the

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Act, namely private contractual and employment matters.

Proposal from Cllr Lamont, seconded by Cllr R Bell.

- 212. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE/MINUTES AND ACTIONS** from the Staffing Committee  
Minutes from meeting on 30th November previously circulated and an update provided by Cllr Harding. Focus will move to the appraisals.

**213. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED and previously circulated**

**RH**

Ox Cambridge Expressway update

Cllr Roberts resignation has been received and SODC contacted. WPC will look to fill this casual vacancy by co-option at the next meeting.

Other updates had been circulated to councillors

**214. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

**Clerk**

London Road wall next to the Taylor Wimpey (TW) site (Mill Green) has not been adequately repaired. TW have agreed to repair the western edge whilst maintaining a 1.5m access to the spinney. Discussions are also taking place between TW and OCC to look at improved access to the spinney.

Cllr Bell questioned the quality of the soil outside Taylor Wimpey development as it is a concern for future grass cutting.

Angela Knapp is holding a quiz night on 10<sup>th</sup> Feb and is asking whether any parish councillors would consider forming a team

- 215. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 5<sup>th</sup> February 2018**

**Clerk**

**Meeting declared closed at 21.42**