



## WHEATLEY ANNUAL PARISH MEETING MINUTES MONDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2023

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The meeting was held in the Merry Bells and Chaired by Wheatley Parish Chairman Alison Sercombe., with the Clerk (Michelle Legg) present.

**Members of Public:** Approx. 13 in total including parish councillors A Cooper, J Heath, P Gregory, T Newman, A Sercombe (Chair), A Shepherd, L Tully, P Willmott.

The event was opened at 7pm and closed at 8.40pm

1. Cllr Alison Sercombe welcomed the community to the meeting.
2. Minutes from Annual Parish Meeting 2022 were approved and signed as a true record of the meeting.
3. Cllr Sercombe gave a precis of the annual parish council report that was available to attendees and attached to the minutes.
4. Clerk update – gave a precis of the parishes financial position for 2022-23 and the year ahead. This information was available to attendees and attached to the minutes
5. Update from South Oxfordshire District Council Cllr Alexandrine Kantor included a summary of the local organisations that had benefited from SODC grants.
6. Update from Oxfordshire County Council Cllr Tim Bearder included an update on parking review for Wheatley. OCC officers are working on three proposals that will be presented to the parish council and the wider community.  
The rental charges for the Maple Tree Centre have been suspended and the organisation has also benefited from a grant from OCC.

Cllr Bearder shared concerns over the Brookes development and other developments in the wider vicinity (Bayswater Brook, Northfield, Grenoble Rd).

He was aware of the state of the village roads, which is similar across the county. There is a £30 deficit in funding for highways.

7. Open Floor and Q & A – Topics raised:
  - Parking on yellow lines, especially at Co-op and the school  
Self-funding parking enforcement is being undertaken. Residents were unsure of how many visits the village was receiving. Cllr Bearder to investigate.  
Work includes education as much as enforcement.
  - 20mph zones  
This could help reduce speeds and is being looked at by the parish council's Traffic Working Group, no recommendations are being made at the moment.  
Police can still target hot spots. (Co-op and outside primary schools)
  - Parking enforcement  
Concerns raised over where cars will go if a CPZ is implemented.  
The parking charges at Thornhill is still creating a park and ride in Wheatley, where cars can be left all day with no additional costs to the owners.

- Concern over increased traffic through village following the implementation of traffic filters in City.  
Cllr Bearder expects that the implementation of the filters will reduce traffic.
  
  - Adult Social Care  
Concerns were raised over the level of care, where carers are delayed due to traffic delays.
  - Customs centre at Wornhall  
Cllr Bearder had no update on this.
  - Oxford City Cemetery Provision near Horspath  
Cllr Bearder confirmed that Horspath PC had not been informed. He confirmed that a planning application is pending.
8. Cllr Sercombe welcomed guest speaker, Supt Lewis Prescott-Mayling to the meeting. Supt Prescott-Mayling then gave an engaging presentation on Neighbourhood policing within Thames Valley Police, and the local area.