



## Annual Parish Meeting Minutes, Monday, April 22, 2024.

**Present:** Cllr Sercombe (Chairman), Clerk, and approximately 26 members of the community including: Councillors Newman, Davis, Barrett, Tully, Street, Gregory, and Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) Cllr Bearder.

**Online:** 1 member of the public

**Apologies:** WPC Cllr Ramsdale and SODC Cllr Kantor

**The meeting opening at 19:00 and closed at 19:37**

### 2024 Item

#### 1 WELCOME FROM THE CHAIR

2 **TO RECEIVE MINUTES FROM PARISH MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 24TH APRIL 2023.** – were approved by those present and duly signed by the Chairman, as a true record of the meeting

3 **TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN, CLLR SERCOMBE** gave brief presentation on the work of Wheatley Parish Council in 2023 and the projects planned for 2024 and beyond. Points covered included:

- Christmas market and produce markets.
- Developing relationships with Crest Nicholson and Lagan Homes, developers for Holton Park and Miss Tomb's field
- Made Neighbourhood Plan
- Biodiversity
- Volunteer awards.
- Littleworth Field and Cadet hut
- Wheatley Playing Fields and Playing Fields Trust
- Play & Activity Day – 13<sup>th</sup> July.
- Christmas Market – 29<sup>th</sup> Nov

4 **TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE CLERK** – A preprepared, printed report was available to the public at the meeting and online

5 **TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM SOUTH OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL CLLR KANTOR** – no update as Cllr Kantor was not present

6 **UPDATE FROM OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL CLLR BEARDER** Gave a summary of Oxfordshire County Council's financial position and challenges. Cllr Bearder also gave a brief update on SODC too.

7 **OPEN FLOOR AND Q & A** Topics raised:

**Littleworth Field** – resident was concerned that the school would have insufficient space. Chairman confirmed that the school would have space, large enough for their needs.

Signed:

Date:

**Play & Activity Day** – is not just for kids.

**Jewson's site** - did the parish council have any update on new owners. WPC had not been notified, and may not be if no changes in use. Member of the public had concerns about extra or heavy lorries travelling over the bridge.

**Leaky dams at Littleworth Nature Reserve** – spoke about the recent work that the Freshwater Habitats Trust have carried out. Asked for an update on the footpath through the allotments. WPC are still trying to find a land surveyor to help mark out the boundary.

**Miss Tomb's field** – Chairman confirmed that environmental studies will have to be undertaken as part of the planning process. Public meeting taking place on Tue 30th April. Commercial and residential properties will be included.

- 8 PRESENTATION FROM HOME IMPROVEMENT AGENCY (HIA)** – Cllr Sercombe welcomed Stuart Jenkins, who gave a brief presentation on the services the HIA provide and the assistance they can offer to residents.