

Wheatley Parish Council Virtual Meeting Minutes

Monday 1st February 2021

Present: Cllrs Barrett (RB), P Bignell (PB), M Booth (MB), A Cooper (AC), C Coxon, (CC), P Gregory (PG), R Harding (RH), D Lamont (DL), D Lawrence (DLA), T Newman (TN), A Sercombe (AS)(Chair), R Street (RS), L Tully (LT) P Willmott (PW).
SODC Cllr A Kantor and OCC Cllr T Bearder

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

Members of Public: approx. 8

The meeting started at 7.30pm

- 135. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Cllrs Cooper, Shepherd
- 136. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – Cllr Lamont Wheatley Playing Field Trust, Cllr Willmott - Wheatley Playing Field Trust and Wheatley Rugby Club
- 137. TO RECEIVE MINUTES and ACTIONS** from Parish Council meeting on Monday 4th January 2021 were signed, by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting. **Chair**
- 138. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR TIM BEARER**
Positive response from community bus and usage has been
A legal challenge has been made against the Local Plan, as organisation felt undue pressure was applied to SODC Cllrs by actions of Secretary of State.
Footpaths have been repaired. The quality of the repairs was concerning but they do seem to have settled down.
Cllr Lawrence asked for details on consultation for Wheatley registration office. **Cllr Bearder to find out and report back.** **TB**
- 139. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM SODC DISTRICT COUNCILLOR CLLR ALEXANDRINE KANTOR**
Cllr Grant deadline has been extended and asked the council to consider applying. Garden waste services still suspended due to staff shortages. SODC continue to prepare for elections in May 2021.
- 140. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE CLERK**
- i) Appraisals to be completed by first week in February
 - ii) Planning application has been lodged with SODC for interpretation board in memorial garden
 - iii) CCLA account £65,000 deposit made
 - iv) Trees along f/p along Station Rd/Farm Close Rd, further letters delivered to residents and communications circulated warning of temporary footpath closure. Contractors will have completed a visual inspection of wildlife/birds by the end of the week.
 - v) Cullum Rd Rec basket swing awaiting replacement seat.
- 141. TO DISCUSS WHEATLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN (WNP)**
- i) Update from WNP Committee - previously circulated.
 - ii) To consider a response to SODC consultation on WNP. Cllr Lamont proposed a formal response in support to the reintroduction of the sections **Clerk to liaise with Cllr Sercombe and to prepare a response.** **Clerk/AS**
- 142. TO DISCUSS TRAFFIC ISSUES WITHIN THE VILLAGE**
- i) to receive an update from Littleworth traffic working group. Cllr Carmen gave an update on the work of the group.
 - ii) to discuss locations for traffic monitoring devices across the village. Potential locations were considered. OCC have offered advice to discuss most suitable

locations.

Some data had been collected through the neighbourhood plan, but some concerns were raised over whether this would be relevant now.

The council has already agreed for cover costs for two, although locations do need to be confirmed. (Farm Close Road, Jackies Lane, Leyshon Rd were suggested)

- iii) consider a proposal from Cllr Lamont committing £5,000 towards 20mph restriction survey work (Local Government Rating Act 1997/GPC). This was seconded by Cllr Newman and unanimously approved .\

THE MEETING WAS OPENED TO THE PUBLIC AT 20:03

REPRESENTATIONS FROM RESIDENTS IN WREN CLOSE AND FARM CLOSE ROAD REGARDING PLANNED TREE WORKS

Representative voiced concerns from residents about the proposed tree work.

Cllrs thanked those in attendance for their opinions.

Cllr Willmott clarified that the council needs to carry out the work as detailed in the report.

Cllr Booth confirmed that the item has been raised within the agendas and minutes of previous meetings. The community can view these documents and attend the meetings.

Cllr Lamont gave a statement over the council's responsibility for safeguarding people and property.

CHIEF INSPECTOR GUY ELKINS DEPUTY LPA

Introduced himself to the council and residents present. Rural crime (hare coursing, traveller incursion, commercial burglaries remain key areas. Response times will improve. Community engagement will also improve.

Resources remain tight, C-19 enforcement has increased.

Cllr Newman asked for confirmation on the change of law for traveller incursions and increased bike thefts. There was no update on any change in legislation, and suggestions on bike safety and security were offered.

Cllr Booth raised county lines as an issue and asked for confirmation on this topic.

Residents and councillors asked to report issues, so that resources can be allocated.

Any issues around young children and drugs, please use 999.

The Clerk raised illegal and inconsiderate parking issues; these should also be reported but on 101.

143. TO CONSIDER REPORT ON COMMUNITY FRIDGE/LARDER (GPC)

The council were in support of the initiative. The Howe Trust had shown some interest, so an update on this will be presented at the next meeting. **Clerk to update**

Clerk

144. TO CONSIDER AN WELLBEING COMMITTEE/WORKING GROUP

The council were in support of this and agreed to proceed. Terms of Reference to be drafted for discussion and approval.

**AS/PW/
Clerk**

145. TO DISCUSS THE COUNCIL'S STRATEGIC PLAN & ACTION PLAN

- i) To receive an update on current action plan - noted
- ii) To receive recommendations following review of the Strategic Plan and Action Plan, following recent review. - noted and approved

146. TO CONFIRM DATE FOR ANNUAL PARISH MEETING (1ST APRIL-1ST JUNE) 2021 UNDER CURRENT LEGISLATION.

A date of early April was recommended, providing this was not contravening purdah.

147. TO APPROVE POLICIES AND CORE DOCUMENTS

- i) Tree Policy- following a review from Open Spaces Committee - approved
- ii) Retention and disposal policy - approved

148. TO RECEIVE UPDATES FROM COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

- i) Finance Committee – next meeting 15 Feb **AS**
- ii) Planning Committee – minutes circulated, next meeting 13th January. **TN**
- iii) Open Spaces Committee – minutes circulated from meeting on 18th January. **AC**
- iv) Staffing Committee – meeting planned for early February. **AS**
- v) Brookes Development Working Group **AS/DL**
- vi) Holton Pavilion Project - Cllr Lamont, gave an update on progress made in liaising with companies who can complete the design and build statements to aid funding applications. Virtual meetings are being set up to discuss proposals **DL/PW**
- vii) Littleworth Playing Fields Working Group - meeting scheduled for February. **PW/RH**
- viii) Littleworth Traffic Working Group – covered in Item 142. Terms of reference have been circulated to group **CC**
- ix) Youth Council & Youth Club - Scoping meeting with OPA to support a second grant application was useful and a subsequent grant application is being made by OPA that would provide Youth services to the village. **TN/Clerk**

149. TO RECEIVE UPDATES/REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL PARTNERS

- i) Expressway Action Group - nothing to update.
- ii) Howe Trust – excess donations funds being donated to WPS mental health support, Wheatley Primary support for parents in need, additional raised beds and Shetland ponies have been rehomed in a paddock.
- iii) Maple Tree Centre – support sessions are continuing within current restrictions
- iv) Merry Bells – movable seating has been removed to aid social distancing
- v) Neighbourhood Action Group - nothing to report
- vi) Oxford Brookes Residents Association – letter circulated regarding process for returning students.
- vii) Wheatley Charities – nothing to report.
- viii) Wheatley Neighbourhood Plan – covered earlier in the meeting
- ix) Wheatley Playing Field Trust - surviving through lockdown with the help of government grants.
- x) Wheatley Windmill Preservation Society – c1800 thresher has been donated to the group. This was a donation from a local family. Mill owner has had some plans prepared for a new shed/store area. A temporary car park for open days is being explored.

150. CORRESPONDENCE AND ANY URGENT ITEMS REQUIRING ATTENTION

(previously circulated)

- i) SODC – various updates; COVID-19 support for businesses and community, Climate Action, consultation opportunities.
- ii) OCC – COVID-19 updates, laybys reopened on A40, drainage issues, Winter Grant
- iii) OALC training opportunities, Armed Forces Covenant, updates. Cllrs reminded of training opportunities.
- iv) NALC – updates and open letter from Chair Sue Baxter
- v) Pulse – funding opportunities and updates
- vi) Thames Valley Police – security alerts, New LPA,
- vii) Police & Crime Commissioner updates
- viii) Frontier Estates – correspondence relating to development.
- ix) OCVA – training opportunities.

151. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- i) Newsletter delivered and is being distributed by volunteers.

Meeting closed at 21.40pm

DATE OF NEXT MEETING 1ST MARCH 2021