

Wheatley Parish Council Minutes

Monday 2nd March 2020

Present: Cllrs P Bignell (PB), M Booth (MB), A Cooper (AC), P Gregory (PG), R Harding (RH), P Harrison (PH), P Hood (PHo), D Lamont (DL) (Chair), T Newman (TN), A Shepherd (AS), R Street (RS), L Tully (LT), P Willmott (PW). SODC Cllr A Kantor (AK).

Officer: Michelle Legg, Clerk to the Parish Council (Clerk) **Members of Public:** Approx. 9

The meeting opened at 7.30pm

No **Item**

- 154. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Cllr Sercombe and OCC Cllr Bearder.
- 155. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – Cllr Lamont, Wheatley Playing Field Trust, Cllr Willmott, Wheatley Playing Field Trust and Wheatley Rugby Club.
- 156. TO RECEIVE MINUTES from** Parish Council meeting on Monday 3rd February 2020 – previously circulated, were signed as a true record of the meeting.
- 157. TO CO-OPT ONE PARISH COUNCILLOR (FOLLOWING RESIGNATION OF CLLR FORSYTH).**
Carmen Coxon put herself forward and was co-opted onto the council and took a seat at the council table.
- 161. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM WNP COMMITTEE**
The chair took this item out of order so that information could be shared with the district councillor.

John Fox updated the council with information on the External Examiner's report which has now been received.

Provisional date for referendum is Thursday 21st May 2020.

- 158. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM OCC COUNCILLOR TIM BEARDER**
A report had been circulated ahead of the meeting. Cllr Bearder had previously provided cost information on enhanced HGV signage and following a discussion, Councillors agreed to purchase sufficient numbers for the village roads.
A40 toilets – recommendation is being made to close them
Improvements to cycle routes and suggested route over Shotover. Councillors were concerned that this would increase inappropriate use of motor cycles.
- 159. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM SODC COUNCILLOR ALEXANDRINE KANTOR** – Report was circulated with agenda and a discussion took place regarding SODC's Local Plan and upcoming SODC meetings.

Cllr Newman raised further questions regarding the councils approved budget, council tax increase and costs of new council office building.

The meeting was opened to the public at 20:18

Resident – weeds along Church Rd.

Questioned lack of willingness to weed spray.

Clerk clarified that weeds are sprayed by contractors who hold the appropriate licences. No-one should be spraying in public areas without a licence.

Residents– parking on Church Rd

Ongoing issues with inconsiderate parking, cars damaged by buses, broken kerbs and drainage. TVP had told the resident that they had devolved powers re parking. Cllr Kantor confirmed that SODC are unlikely to progress the parking enforcement until 2021. It was agreed to agenda this topic at the next full council meeting.

Resident – SODC Local Plan

Asked SODC councillors to have faith in examiners when the Plan is submitted.

The meeting was taken back into session at 20:40

- 160. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE CLERK**
i) Repairs to Lock-up – approved and contractor engaged.
ii) Church Rd Basket swing – contractor engaged
iii) Memorial Garden signage – to be ordered
iv) New IT system – work to begin 16th March and should be complete by April 2020
v) Youth Club - Unofficial response seems to show that we were unsuccessful. Clerk to meet with OPA to discuss alternative options that could be delivered.
- 162. TO APPROVE RESPONSE TO CUDDSDON AND DENTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN** – recommendation approved
- 163. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON SODC’S LOCAL PLAN** – discussed earlier in the meeting.
- 164. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON WHEATLEY/HOLTON PAVILION**
Update on the meeting with SODC officers regarding project and funding.
- 165. TO APPROVE RECOMMENDATION FOR GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT**
Council approved awarding contract to Company 2. **Clerk to notify contractor** **Clerk**
- 166. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON YOUTH COUNCIL**
School have engaged with the council and have a representative from the school body. 2 representatives from each year group, with exception of year 13. Elections to take place 1st May with first meeting on 22 May at 6pm at Wheatley Park School. Social Media accounts have been set up in anticipation.
- 167. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON SWIMMING POOL FOR WHEATLEY**
Working group have met with representatives of the school. Further updates regarding a potential ransom strip will be made at future meetings.
- 168. TO APPROVE WHEATLEY’S BIG TEA EVENT ON 1ST AUGUST 2020**
Approved
- 169. TO RECEIVE UPDATES ON PARISH COUNCIL’S ACTION PLAN** - noted
- 170. TO APPROVE RECEIPT OF CIL MONIES FROM SODC**
Approved to accept CIL money. **Clerk to notify SODC** **Clerk**
- 171. TO CONSIDER REQUESTS FROM COMMUNITY**
i) Charging points for electric vehicles.
Questions were raised over policing of any potential installation. Cllr Hood proposed that Open Spaces Committee look at this subject. Cllr Kantor offered her support. **Clerk to add to OSC agenda** **Clerk**
ii) Bus shelter/seat for the avenue
Approved purchase and installation of seating. **Clerk to action** **Clerk**

172. TO RECEIVE UPDATE/MINUTES AND ACTIONS FROM:

- i) Finance Committee – minutes circulated. Next meeting 20th April
- ii) Open Spaces Committee – next meeting 16th March
- iii) Planning Committee – minutes previously circulated. Next meeting 11th March. Support was given, with comments for Care Home at Park Hill. With regard to the applications for two separate power stations; Disappointment was noted with SODCs planning committee in granting permission for gas powered station behind the Farm Shop. It was agreed that the Chair would write to senior planning officers with concern over a perceived conflict of interest by SODC Cllr.
- IV) Staffing Committee – nothing to report. Meeting on 12th March.

173. TO RECEIVE UPDATES/REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL PARTNERS

- i) Community Transport Scheme – TB & Clerk to arrange a meeting with potential volunteers to see if a committee could be formed
- ii) Expressway Advisory Group – updates circulated
- iii) Howe Trust – nothing to note
- iv) Littleworth Playing Fields Working Group – nothing to note
- v) Maple Tree Centre – update circulated
- vi) Merry Bells & 50th celebrations – Clerk gave an update on other activities
- vii) Neighbourhood Action Group – no info to report
- viii) OALC – update circulated. Approve annual memberships £822.05. Approved
- ix) Oxford Brookes Residents Association – meeting taking place in the week
- x) Village Square Improvement Group – awaiting further quotes
- xi) Wheatley Charities – nothing to update
- xii) Wheatley Playing Field Trust – discussions taking place for walking football
- xiii) Wheatley Windmill Preservation Society – Cllr Newman and Lamont offered to share this role. WWPS have agreed not to submit an application to purchase under the ACV process.

174. CORRESPONDENCE AND ANY URGENT ITEMS REQUIRING ATTENTION

- i) Updates from PCC/TVP
- ii) Updates from SODC circulated
- iii) OCC – Road closures
- iv) OPFA – membership fee due £53.00 - approved
- v) Request for attendance for Sustainable tree planting meeting - **Cllr Newman TN**

175. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- i) Wheatley Newsletter – deadline for content 12th March for distribution 28th March.

**MEETING CLOSED AT 21:30
DATE OF NEXT MEETING 6TH APRIL 2020**