



Wheatley Parish Council Minutes Monday 3rd April 2023

Present: R Barrett (RB), P Bignell (PB), A Cooper (AC), P Gregory (PG), R Harding (RH), T Newman (TN), P Ramsdale (PR), A Sercombe (AS) (Chair), A Shepherd (AS), R Street (RS), L Tully (LT), P Willmott (PW).

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

Members of Public: 4

The meeting opened at 7.30pm and closed at 20:45

2022 Item
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- 225. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Cllr Heath’s apologies were received and approved by the council.
- 226. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** –Cllr Willmott and Cllr Ramsdale- Wheatley Playing Field Trust and Wheatley Rugby Club.
- 227. TO RECEIVE MINUTES** from Parish Council meeting on Monday 6th March 2023 were approved by the council and were signed as a true record of the meeting.
- 228. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON OUTSTANDING ACTIONS** from Parish Council Meeting on Monday 6th March 2023
- 194/2022-23 – Meeting with WPFT and Cllrs to be arranged.

Public participation began at 7.32pm

Resident – Would like to see the Lock-up cleaned.
Thanked the council for their work this term.

Public participation ended at 7.34pm

- 229. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR TIM BEARDER**
Cllr Bearder echoed the public’s comment and thanked the parish council.
He reminded the council that 20mph applications are still being accepted.
Cllr Tully asked for improved HGV signage in village and reiterated issues caused by vehicle damage. Cllr Bearder mentioned a Freight Strategy and would ensure Wheatley were informed.
Cllr Newman asked questions about the burial ground in Horspath, asked for info regarding Item 236 and would like to see improvements to the road surface on Littleworth Rd.
Cllr Barrett asked why certain roads were given priority repairs – details of timescales to be shared.
Cllr Willmott questioned who wrote the specification for pothole contract, as the service on the continent are far better.
Cllr Cooper thanked Cllr Bearder for hedge clearance and raised issue regarding ditches along London Rd as they are filling up with debris and silt.
Cllr Sercombe was concerned about the junction of London Rd and Old London Rd, by the Triangle, following a near miss and likely increased traffic
- 230. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR ALEXANDRINE KANTOR**
Cllr Also thanked parish council and welcomed everyone to her SODC surgery this coming weekend.
Issues with missed bin collection have been addressed and residents reminded to report missed bins to Biffa/SODC.
Reminded everyone of the need to bring ID on polling day 4th May
- 231. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE CLERK**
- i) Clerk attended SLCC HR Summit

- ii) Feedback from Cllr Development Day – Feedback was positive and welcomed. Suggestions for topics, locations were sought. Cllr Sercombe would like to evolve the council’s values.
- iii) CIL confirmation sent to SODC and monies to be received in April.
- iv) Tenders for funding feasibility study circulated.
- v) Nominations for candidates closes 4th April.
- vi) Litter Crew, 25 bags, 3 fly tipping reports from 11 volunteers
- vii) Cuppa, cake chat event was well supported.
- viii) Site meeting at cadet hut did not take place. Online meeting scheduled for 17th April and site meeting to be rearranged.
- ix) Newsletter printed and circulated. 6 advertisers removed, 2 increased their advert size, 3 decreased and welcomed 6 new advertisers. All delivery rounds are now covered by volunteers.

232. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE CHAIRMAN – brief update given

233. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM WNP COMMITTEE – examiner appointed. Chairman and Vice Chairman/Chairman of Planning Committee are liaising with WNP Committee on initial responses to Examiner.

234. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM WHEATLEY PAVILION PROJECT – Tender circulated and awaiting responses by 19th April

235. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE REGARDING LOCAL PRODUCE MARKET- Report had been circulated. Cllr Street mentioned that the local Ukrainian residents would like to have a stall and were advised to contact the parish office.

236. TO CONSIDER RESPONSE REGARDING INCREASED TRAFFIC CAUSED BY CUSTOMS HOLDING CENTRE AT WORNALL PARK
Councillors were concerned with the implementation of the facility but felt that there was insufficient information to take any further action.

It was agreed that the Clerk would reach out to the local Clerk.

Clerk

237. TO CONSIDER VOLUNTEER AWARDS FOR 2023 – A report had been circulated. Cllrs Sercombe, Newman, and Gregory offered to join the working group and councillors approved the Clerks report. Meeting is to be arranged with Emma Wilson Trust.

238. TO CONSIDER RESPONSE REGARDING SCRAPPING OF SPARE SEAT SCHEME
The council agreed for Cllr Ramsdale to raise this within the traffic working group and for Cllr Sercombe to write to OCC Cllr Bearder and OCC officers.

239. TO RECEIVE UPDATES FROM COMMITTEES/WORKING GROUPS (exceptions only)

- i) Finance Committee – meet 17th April
- ii) Planning Committee – minutes circulated and meet again 12th April and 3rd May.
- iii) Open Spaces Committee – minutes circulated and meet again 22nd May. Site meeting in Littleworth took place.
- iv) Staffing Committee – meeting to be arranged.
- v) Wellbeing Committee – meeting to be arranged – proposed 17th April.
- vi) Brookes Development Working Group – nothing to report.
- vii) Holton Pavilion Project - meeting to discuss repairs to take place.
- viii) Communications Working Group – meeting to be arranged.
- ix) Littleworth Playing Fields Working Group – proposal will be presented in May.
- x) Traffic Working Group – meeting to be arranged.
- xi) Youth Council/Club – meeting with OPA took place 01.04.23. Consultation currently underway seeking opinions of young people.

240. TO RECEIVE UPDATES/REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL PARTNERS (exceptions only)

- i) Community Larder – reduction in supplies have dropped.
- ii) Good Neighbour Scheme -
- iii) Howe Trust – recent updates in the newsletter

- iv) Maple Tree Centre – report circulated.
- v) Merry Bells Management Committee – meeting is next Thursday.
- vi) Oxford Brookes Residents Association – Cress Nichols have purchased the site.
- vii) Thames Valley Police – Supt Lewis Prescott-Mayling will be joining the Annual Parish Meeting
- viii) Wheatley Charities – nothing to report.
- ix) Wheatley Playing Field Trust – Wheatley Oaks festival in June. Artificial cricket wicket and floodlights will be installed in the summer holidays.
- x) Wheatley Ukraine Refugee Group – updates circulated. Village have been supporting refugees to settle in their properties.
- xi) Wheatley Windmill Preservation Society – First open day at end of April.
- xii) Harringtons meeting update – no updates

241. CORRESPONDENCE AND ANY URGENT ITEMS REQUIRING ATTENTION

(previously circulated)

- i) SODC – various updates; holiday activities, waste and recycling
- ii) OCC – unauthorised encampments, household waste charges,
- iii) OALC – Monthly updates, training opportunities
- iv) Various - village newsletters – available from parish office
- v) Community First Oxfordshire –
- vi) NALC - events and updates
- vii) Letters from residents (roads, ivy)

242. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION - none

Date of next meeting Monday 15th May 2023