

Wheatley Parish Council Virtual Meeting Agenda

Monday 4th January 2021

Present: Cllrs Barrett (RB), P Bignell (PB), A Cooper (AC), C Coxon, (CC), P Gregory (PG), R Harding (RH), D Lawrence (DLA), D Lamont (DL), T Newman (TN), A Sercombe (AS)(Chair), A Shepherd (Ash), R Street (RS), L Tully (LT) (arrived at 7.45pm), P Willmott (PW).
SODC Cllr A Kantor and OCC Cllr T Bearder

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

Members of Public: 1

The meeting started at 7.30pm

120. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

The outgoing Chairman, Cllr Lamont opened the meeting for this item. Cllr Secombe had been nominated to take on this role. The council approved this appointment unanimously.

Cllr Sercombe thanked Cllr Lamont for his dedication, and it was appreciated that he was staying on as a councillor to share his wisdom and experience.

121. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Cllr Tully would be joining the meeting late.

122. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Cllr Lamont Wheatley Playing Field Trust, Cllr Willmott - Wheatley Playing Field Trust and Wheatley Rugby Club

123. TO RECEIVE MINUTES from the Parish Council meeting on Monday 7th December 2020 were approved and signed by the Chair, as a true record of the meeting. There were no outstanding actions that were not covered later in the meeting.

124. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR TIM BEARER

Cllr Bearder reported that he was the first passenger on the new #46 bus route. Bus stops were similar to the previous stops. Timetables are available online and can be printed and available at some The Clerk was frustrated by the lack of foresight and engagement from Thames travel on promoting the service. Cllr Tully asked for accessibility information for the new service. There was space for a buggy and **Cllr Bearder will confirm this.**

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125. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON COMMUNITY BUS PROJECTS

This will be running in the background and a lead volunteer is in place.

126. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM SODC CLLR KANTOR

Cllr Kantor had previously circulated a report to the council. She also addressed the COVID-19 increase which is impacting resources.

Civil parking enforcement will be progressed. Cllr Lamont asked for detailed consultation with communities before this is implemented. Cllr Newman asked for clarification on what activities SODC will be undertaking. This could not be confirmed at this moment.

Cllr Willmott thanked Cllr Kantor for supporting the Wheatley Playing Fields Trust with a grant. She still has some funds available from her community grant fund. Cllr Kantor sent

The meeting was opened to the public at 20:00, but there were no members present wishing to raise any issues, so the meeting resumed at 20:02.

127. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE CLERK

- i) Bus Stop repairs carried out
- ii) Tree work in Church Rd Rec carried out but am waiting for SSEN to complete work on trees surrounding unsheathed cables.

- iii) New #46 bus service starts 4th January 2021
- iv) Letters to residents in Farm Close Rd delivered 4th Jan 2021.
- v) Precept request submitted to SODC
- vi) Annual appraisals to be carried out in January. Dates to be arranged
- vii) Updated training completed on Fix My Street reporting
- viii) Youth Club – meeting scheduled for 7th Jan with OPA.

Cllr Gregory raised the issue of trees at Kelham Hall Drive. The Clerk confirmed that she had not had any response from the site managers and would chase again. It was noted that a repair to the lighting had been carried out.

- 128. TO DISCUSS PARKING ISSUES AT PARK HILL** following the start of demolition work at 1,3,5 Park Hill. A resident had raised concern, which was instigated by the closure of laybys. The Clerk had re-circulated a previous report on the issue. Cllr Newman spoke about a site meeting with developers, site managers and site owners where the developers had shown support for carrying out repairs whilst they were on site. **The Clerk will investigate this further.**

Clerk

- 129. TO RECEIVE UPDATES ON STRATEGIC PLAN & ACTION PLAN**

Noted

- 130. TO CONSIDER PLANS FOR ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2021**

The council were keen to look at this. Cllr Coxon offered a science-based session, other options included local authors (travel), TVP representative or Dame Street on delivering the Olympics. The council will consider this further at the next meeting.

- 131. TO RECEIVE UPDATES FROM COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS**

- i) Finance Committee – update from meeting on 21st December. Cllr Sercombe gave an update on the response and apology from TVP on traveller incursions. These incidents have been given a higher priority with TVP officers. Cllr Gregory also provided information on traveller incursions on educational grounds or play areas will become a criminal offence in the coming months.
- ii) Planning Committee – minutes circulated, next meeting 13th January.
- iii) Open Spaces Committee – next meeting 18th January 2021. Clerk asked for any agenda items to be forwarded this week
- iv) Staffing Committee – meeting planned for end of January/early February
- v) Brookes Development Working Group – Chair to join these meeting and **Cllr Lamont to pass on details and dates.**
- vi) Holton Pavilion Project – group were waiting for a full updated budgeted cost
- vii) Littleworth Playing Fields Working Group – nothing to report. New fencing and gates have been installed by the car park area.
- viii) Traffic Working Group – Terms of reference had been circulated to the working group for consideration. After volunteer counts had to be suspended, data counters are likely to be used.
- ix) Youth Council – no progress to date due to C-19

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- 132. TO RECEIVE UPDATES/REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL PARTNERS**

- i) Expressway Action Group – nothing to report specifically. Cllr Harding asked for the Oxfordshire Growth Boards Vision included in March meeting.
- ii) Howe Trust – 71 full Christmas meals were delivered by the trust, the majority of these were within the village. This highlighted the hidden issue of food poverty and deprivation. The scheme was supported by the three local schools. 50% of those with pupil premiums came forward. However further work to identify others who do not have school aged children would be needed.
- iii) Maple Tree Centre – report circulated.
- iv) Merry Bells – Cllr Tully volunteered to fill this role.
- v) Neighbourhood Action Group – nothing to report
- vi) Oxford Brookes Residents Association – minutes from meeting circulated

- vii) Wheatley Charities – nothing to report
- viii) Wheatley Neighbourhood Plan – Awaiting referendum, although a deviation from the plan may result in public consultation. Council awaits further information.
- ix) Wheatley Playing Field Trust – Grant received from SODC Cllr Kantor. Accounts displayed on Charity Commission website.

133. CORRESPONDENCE AND ANY URGENT ITEMS REQUIRING ATTENTION

(previously circulated)

- i) SODC – various updates; Community support over Christmas, Councillor grant info released, response to Chancellor’s spending review, Grants for ‘wet-led’ pubs, Adoption of Local Plan, Infrastructure spending (CIL).
- ii) OCC – updates. Climate Action Framework, OCC Cllr Priority fund, unauthorised encampment update, Climate Action Framework, TTRO Oxford Laybys, road closures
- iii) OALC update circulated and Cllrs reminded about development opportunities.
- iv) NALC – updates circulated
- v) Wheatley Park School – link to Prize giving, link to school newsletter
- vi) Pulse – funding opportunities
- vii) Shotover Preservation Society newsletter
- viii) Thames Valley Police – cyber security alert, deputy PCC update

134. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- i) Newsletter deadline 14th January for delivery 30th January 2021
- ii) Clerks working pattern may change slightly due to current lockdown restrictions.
- iii) Work still to be completed along Old Road for the BT cables

Meeting closed at 21:04

DATE OF NEXT MEETING 1ST FEBRUARY 2021