

- iv) Conifers and stumps removed in Farm Close Road
- v) Invite made to TVP – should be in attendance at the December meeting
- vi) Play area inspections to be carried out by ROSPA in coming weeks.

The meeting was opened up to the public at 19:53

Cllr Hood left the meeting to assist a member of the public and return shortly after.

REPRESENTATIVE FROM MAPLE TREE

A representative asked for answers to two questions

1. How many people had attended the centre?
This was responded by a show of hands and many councillors had visited the site and were aware of the work of the centre.
2. Clarification on decision for Maple Tree Centre grant application.
In answer to this question the Chair of the meeting asked the Chair of the Finance Committee to respond. Cllr Sercombe gave a summary of the meeting- (Item 101i.)

Cllr Hood voiced her support for the centre and welcomed support to bring the topic back to full council.

Cllr Willmott supported the work of the centre but had questions to the centre representatives regarding late submission of financial reports to the charity commission.

He was also aware that the parish council have been left in this position due to OCC cuts, to which the parish council is by far the greatest single financial contributor.

Cllr Newman asked whether the Maple Tree Centre would consider a Parish Council Trustee. This would be part of a future decision between both parties.

The meeting was taken back into session at 20.17

101. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM WNP COMMITTEE

An external examiner has been appointed.

Legal advice was sought before attending the OBU appeal. Three representatives attended as third party members and were cross examined. Recommendations will be presented to the secretary of state.

Cllr Lamont asked for clarification on the length of the external examiner, this will be updated when information is available.

102. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON OBU PLANNING INQUIRY

Cllr Newman circulated and spoke to a detailed report to the council on the application, subsequent inquiry and Section 106 agreement.

Cllr Bignell asked for clarification on 'affordable homes'. Figures were quoted but costs not available.

Cllr Hood asked for clarification on the access to the main road, this was confirmed as being a full access road.

103. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON WHEATLEY/HOLTON PAVILION

Cllr Willmott had circulated documents on the history of the site and updates on the pavilion project.

A new project team will be required to deliver the project. A discussion took place about who should join the project group. Cllrs Booth, Gregory, Lamont, Newman, Tully, Willmott offered to sit on the project team, with support from the Clerk and Shepherd.

21:35 Cllr Hood proposed that standing orders be suspended in order to continue the meeting This was seconded by Cllr Lamont and councillors were in full support.

- 104. TO REVIEW PARISH COUNCIL'S STRATEGIC PLAN - Noted.**
- 105. TO REVIEW POLICIES**
- i) Learning and Development policy - approved
 - ii) Social Media Policy – amended to include GDPR - approved
 - iii) Publication Scheme - approved
 - iv) Retention and Disposal Policy – approved
- 106. TO ADOPT REVISED FINANCIAL REGULATIONS**
Cllr Harding has asked for further clarification on some points so deferred to next meeting. Clerk to liaise with Cllr Harding on these changes **Clerk/
RH**
- 107. TO CONSIDER REQUEST FOR XMAS FAIR ADVERTISING BOARDS IN CHURCH RD REC.** This was approved earlier in the meeting
- 108. TO RECEIVE UPDATE/MINUTES AND ACTIONS FROM:**
- i) Finance Committee – minutes previously circulated from 21.10.19
 - ii) Open Spaces Committee – meeting next 18.11.19
 - iii) Planning Committee – minutes previously circulated, meeting next 13 Nov 31 Acremead being heard at SODC on 6.11.19. Planning appeal for Hillary Way, date tbc.
 - iv) Staffing Committee – meeting next 14.11.19
- 109. TO RECEIVE UPDATES/REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL PARTNERS**
- i) Community Transport Scheme – Clerk provided an update on project with OCC.
 - ii) Expressway Advisory Group – updates to be circulated. Highways England have put decision on hold. **Clerk/
RH**
 - iii) Howe Trust – meeting attended and nothing to note
 - iv) Littleworth Playing Fields Working Group. No update from diocese.
 - v) Maple Tree Centre – awaiting feedback on comments.
 - vi) Merry Bells – car park post and wall have been reported. Clerk had attended meeting regarding 50th birthday celebrations.
 - vii) Neighbourhood Action Group – nothing new to report
 - viii) OALC – latest update circulated.
 - ix) Oxford Brookes Residents Association – minutes previously circulated. But Cllr Bignell was unable to attend. Other volunteers were sought.
 - x) Village Square Improvement Group. Meeting on Wed 6th Nov.
 - xi) Wheatley Charities – nothing to update
 - xii) Wheatley Playing Field Trust – discussion continue with governing bodies. £1,000 contribution for flood lighting to tennis courts.
- 110. CORRESPONDENCE AND ANY URGENT ITEMS REQUIRING ATTENTION**
- i) Remembrance Service details
 - ii) Emails re Maple Tree Centre
 - iii) SODC updates – Capital grants, additional waste collections
 - iv) Royal Mail plans to close Wheatley sorting office. Cllrs supported writing a letter to management supporting the importance of retaining a sorting office at
 - v) Urgent items to be considered – no others to report.
- 111. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**
- i) Wheatley News deadline for content is 12th Nov
 - ii) SSE undertaking repairs in village during mid-November
 - iii) Cllr Bignell reported that leakages. Advised to report to Fix my street.

**Meeting closed at 21.55
DATE OF NEXT MEETING 2ND DECEMBER 2019**