

Wheatley Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Monday 4th February 2019

Present: Cllrs Bell (RB), P Bignell (PB), A Cooper (AC), P Gregory (PG), P Harrison (PH), P Hood (PHo), T Newman (TN), A Sercombe (AS), R Street (RS), Lizzie Tully (LT), P Willmott (PW) (Chair).

Officer: Michelle Legg, Clerk to the Parish Council (Clerk) **Members of Public:** Approx. 16

No	Item	Action
138.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Cllrs Harding, Lamont	
139.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Cllr Willmott, Wheatley Playing Field Trust and Wheatley Rugby Club. Cllr Newman for SODC Local Plan.	
140.	MINUTES Parish Council meeting on Monday 7 th January 2019, previously circulated were signed as a true record of the meeting. ACTIONS had all been completed although a response had still not been received from SODC.	
141.	TO CO-OPT TWO PARISH COUNCILLORS Simon Carr from Church Road came forward wishing to stand for co-option to the council. He gave a brief summary of his areas of concern and following a show of hands took a seat at the table.	
142.	TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM OCC COUNCILLOR TIM BEARDER Cllr Bearder had previously circulated an update and added to this that he had had a meeting with BBOWT re Planning/highways encroachment in the Wheatley division	
143.	TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR TOBY NEWMAN Cllr Newman gave his apologies for not being at the last meeting. SODC are working on their budgets, local plan drop-ins and Local Plan 2050. The expressway continues to be of concern for residents. Cllr Newman is anticipating further planning applications for OBU and Park Hill. Cllr grants have closed for 2018-2019 and Cllr Newman urges groups to apply in the next year as only half of his allocation had been used. He is also working with SODC officers in improving the leisure provision in Wheatley/Holton. Cllr Street questioned the housing figure included in the Local Plan.	
144.	TO CONSIDER REQUEST FROM WHEATLEY VILLAGE ARCHIVE FOR A HERITAGE BOARD IN CHURCH ROAD REC. With details circulated ahead of the meeting Cllr Newman proposed that the request is approved. This was seconded by Cllr Street, with Cllrs voting unanimously in favour.	
145.	TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM WHEATLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN An update had already been circulated but John Fox shared his concerns over the Local Plan and Expressway. Some WNP recommendations were missing from the Local Plan as statute had recently changed. Consultation for WNP is likely to take place in March 2019. John confirmed that WPC will be presented with the final submission for adoption before being submitted. John thought TVP were involved 8in the planning process. Cllr Newman confirmed that TVP are not a statutory consultee for planning applications.	

A proposal was made by Cllr Willmott, seconded by Cllr Hood to take the meeting out of session at 20:00. This was approved and the floor was opened up to the public.

Mr & Mrs Robinson – Farm Close Road

- Parking on zebra crossing – flagged by Cllr Newman to TVP
Would WPC install a traffic Bell or similar device on corner of Station Rd and Farm Close Road. Cllr Gregory suggested that the area is reviewed once the pedestrian crossing is installed.
Cllr Newman asked Cllr Bearder for his input as a highways matter.
- Pot holes along Station Rd were of concern. The Clerk confirmed that the worse pothole has been escalated to contractors, the others have been highlighted for a category 3 repair once funds are available from OCC.
- Weight limit issues with missing Ambrose Rose junction, which Cllr Bearder will chase
- Co-op Planning condition contraventions – large vehicles, early morning deliveries etc. Details should be

Tim Blightman

Concerned that new houses calculation in SODC Local Plan seems to be over 50% more than the actual need.

Geoff Stephens – Wheatley Windmill Preservation Society

Thanked WPC for listing the Wheatley Windmill as an ACV. During the moratorium (which ended on 3rd Feb) WWPS have not been aware of any purchasers coming forward. WWPS made a bid based on the mills heritage value, which was turned down. Many generous promises or donations have been offered.

The group are working to increase awareness of the mill and its historical and social value to the village and wider community.

The windmill will now be known as a 'rural museum'.

Cllr Wilmott closed the public session at 20:20

146. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE 'EXPRESSWAY & LOCAL GROWTH PLAN GROUP'

Since the last meeting the working group has added its support to the campaign against the B3 route. Posters have been displayed throughout the village. There is a co-ordinated approach with other parish councils and campaign groups.

Information has been shared with residents through the newsletter and residents have been sharing their concerns with Cllrs.

147. TO APPROVE RESPONSE TO SODC LOCAL PLAN

A draft response had been circulated by Cllr Willmott and discussed by the council.

Cllr Street highlighted items of concerns including loss of Green Belt, housing allocation, unmet need from OCC and the terminology used in the consultation forms.

Cllr Newman asked that any figures quoted to the public are correct and will go through the plan with members of the public on Saturday at the surgery.

Cllr Bell questioned the grounds of dismissing the sound and legal questions.

Cllr Hood was pleased that traffic and parking issues had been included in the draft response. These issues remain and will grow with any future development.

Cllr Newman stated that these issues would be addressed in detailed planning applications rather than the Local Plan.

John Fox was concerned that consultation process is hindered by the public having to pigeon-hole responses into three categories and asked for Cllr Newman to challenge this with SODC.

A proposal was made by Cllr Street, seconded by Cllr Cooper to approve the response.

Cllr Newman felt that it was perverse to ask for OBU site to stay in the Green Belt whilst WNP would be asking for Mrs Tomb's field to be taken out of the Green Belt.

Cllr Gregory did not want WPC and the village to lose sight of current issues and projects.

A vote was taken with 8 votes for the proposal, and 4 abstentions. **Clerk to respond to SODC with formal response.**

Clerk

Cllr Street asked for the parish council's response to be made available to the public. **Clerk to add this to the website and have printed copies available**

Clerk

148. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE CLERK

- i) Appraisals – completed for Outside Workers, awaiting signatures/comments
- ii) Trees – Work permit requested for work to Horse Chestnut in St Mary's Cl.
- iii) Investigating process for a faculty to complete tree planting in Memorial Gardens and emails sent to OCC to confirm planting of replacement tree in Crown Rd
- iv) Additional Hiams training complete (highway defects)
- v) Church Rd Rec – Pyracantha planting complete. Replacement benches ordered and awaiting delivery before RT will install and secure.
- vi) New look Wheatley Newsletter distributed. Comments welcome.
- vii) Cooper's Close update – work recently carried out by Barretts Homes is at the request of OCC. Remedial work on lights was also carried out before Christmas
- viii) OCC are also awaiting a proposed, revised dedication drawing from Barratt Homes following a request to omit an area of planted grass verge before being able to progress the s38 agreement.
- ix) Beechcroft parking – after more concerns over contractor parking Cllr Gregory approached the sales staff asking for the issue to be addressed on site. Unfortunately after a few hours vehicles were still parking on the footpath so I have contact Beechcroft directly and Thames Valley Police.

149. TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON BURIAL GROUND PROJECT

Update had been circulated. Awaiting results from Tier 2 surveys which will take place on Wed 13 Feb.

150. TO CONSIDER THE 2019 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Clerk had offered several dates for the event, after some discussion a provisional date of Wed 17th April was agreed.

Clerk to book venue.

Clerk

151. TO APPROVE RISK ASSESSMENT AND ACTION PLAN FOR 2018-19

Clerk had previously circulated the document summary and action plan. Cllr Newman, proposed, seconded by Cllr Gregory that these documents be approved. This was approved unanimously by the council.

152. TO REVIEW STATEMENT OF CONTROL FOR WHEATLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Having been circulated previously Cllr Street, proposed, seconded by Cllr Sercombe that the document be approved. This was approved unanimously.

153. TO RECEIVE A PROPOSAL FROM OSC FOR IMPROVEMENTS FOR FARM CLOSE ROAD REC.

Further time was required to provide information so this item will be moved to next meeting. It was noted that the consultation results, favoured a children's play area with much interest for planting.

PHo

154. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM ASYLUM/REFUGEE MEETING

Cllr Bell will be taking place on 16th February 2019.

155. TO CONSIDER REQUEST TO USE CHURCH ROAD REC FOR ST GEORGE'S DAY EVENT

Cllr Proposed, seconded by Cllr Hood that this be approved. This was approved unanimously by the council.

156. TO CONSIDER BEING INVOLVED IN GREAT SPRING CLEAN

Cllr Bell felt that WPC should be involved and Cllr Newman felt that the thoroughfares in the village should be prioritised.

Cllr Hood stepped forward to organise with the support of the Clerk.

**Clerk/
PHo**

157. TO RECEIVE UPDATE/MINUTES AND ACTIONS FROM

- i) Open Spaces Committee – minutes circulated from meeting on 21 January
 - a) Update on Grass Cutting Contract for 2019
Clerk had updated Cllrs on the current situation with the contract. Cllr Willmott proposed that the new team be given the opportunity to deliver this year, seconded by Cllr Hood and approved by the council.
Cllr Newman asked for the termination clauses to be reviewed in case the quality of the work is not adequate.
- ii) Finance Committee – next meeting takes place on 18th February
- iii) Planning Committee – minutes circulated, next meeting 13th February.
- iv) Pavilion Working Group – SODC Planning Officer has shared holding objections on the application (trees, Sport England comments). Clerk to arrange a meeting with Planning Officer.
- v) Village Square Working Group – no response from SODC to date
- vi) Community Bus Working Group – meeting postponed, awaiting confirmation on new date
- vii) Wheatley Play & Activity Day – next meeting 11 Feb at 6pm. £2,500 of funding has been secured with several further responses expected and other grant applications to be made.

158. RECEIVE UPDATES/REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL BODIES

- i) Merry Bells – PH has raised issues from previous meeting. Clerk requested signs being put on doors to main rooms.
- ii) OALC – Cllr Bell highlighted topics of interest.
- iii) Wheatley Playing Field Trust – 7 week tender process for playing field maintenance. Contract awarded to MK Watts alongside specialist contractors for Cricket and Rugby areas.
- iv) Howe Trust – 4 raised beds have been created.
- v) Neighbourhood Action Group – minutes from recent meeting were circulated. Cllr Sercombe had not been invited. **Clerk to chase this with NAG chair**
- vi) The Maple Tree Centre – 1st Birthday of the charity celebrated with cake. LT has been working hard to focus on their fundraising activities.
- vii) Littleworth Playing Fields Working Group – nothing to report as documentation requested has not been made available from ODST.
- viii) Wheatley Charities – no update available

Clerk

159. CORRESPONDENCE AND ANY URGENT ITEMS REQUIRING ATTENTION

- i) OALC update – previously circulated
- ii) Contact from SODC regarding Xplorer events (grass roots orienteering)
- iii) Concerns over illegal/inconsiderate parking have been passed to TVP. PSCO Ede will be holding a drop-in session on Wed 13th Feb.
- iv) Cllr Sercombe offered to take some of these issues to the TVP.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING 4TH MARCH 2019