

Wheatley Parish Council Minutes

Monday 7th October 2019

Present: M Booth (MB), A Cooper (AC), P Gregory (PG), R Harding (RH), P Harrison (PH), P Hood (PHo), D Lamont (DL)(Chair), A Sercombe (AS), A Shepherd (ASh), R Street (RS), L Tully (LT), P Willmott (PW). OCC Cllr T Bearder (TB).

Officer: Michelle Legg, Clerk to the Parish Council (Clerk) **Members of Public:** 2

The meeting opened at 7.30pm

No Item

76. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Cllr Bignell, SODC Cllr Kantor

Councillors not present Cllrs R Forsyth (RF), T Newman (TN),

77. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – Cllr Lamont, Wheatley Playing Field Trust, Cllr Shepherd, Grounds Maintenance, Cllr Willmott Wheatley Playing Field Trust and Wheatley Rugby Club.

78. **TO RECEIVE MINUTES** Parish Council meeting on Monday 2nd September 2019 – previously circulated, were signed, by the Chair, as a true record of the meeting.

ACTIONS: All actions had been completed or were to be discussed in the meeting.

79. **TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR TIM BEARDER**

Cllr Bearder reported that he had been in liaison with the owners of the Sun regarding damage to their boundary wall. The Chair has also updated the council on his work to contact Transport Manager for BMW.

Cllr Harding asked for clarification on OCC's view on the Expressway, this resulted in a response from Highways England saying that they would be consulted.

Items 92 i) and 86 were discussed at this point whilst Cllr Bearder was present.

92. i) Community Bus

Recent meeting with OCC has provided the project group with two business models for consideration, with a proposed timetable operating 9-5. OCC have also offered to run a project trial for 10am-2pm and would provide MIDAS training. More information would be provided before an informed decision can be made.

86. **TO CONSIDER RESPONSE TO OCC'S CONNECTING OXFORD PROJECT**

Cllr Bearder confirmed that this is a consultation asking for thoughts on environmental transport. The Chair urged councillors to revisit this and respond.

The chair opened the meeting up to the general public at 20:02

Wheatley Neighbourhood Plan

John Howell MP asked for all current Neighbourhood Plans to continue.

SODC has suggested that the emerging Local Plan is scrapped. All unsure of how this will impact the WNP committee. A meeting is planned with SODC officers before their consultation period ends and the plan is submitted to the examiner.

OBU appeal starts 22 Oct and will last for 8 days. Representation at this must be recorded at 10am on the first day. This will be discussed further at the Parish Council's Planning Committee on Wed 9 Oct.

The meeting was taken back into session at 20:30

80. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM SODC DISTRICT COUNCILLOR CLLR ALEXANDRINE KANTOR

in her absence Cllr Kantor had supplied an update, this was noted.

81. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE CLERK

- i) Tree Work – conifers in Farm Close Road have been cut down. Stumps still to be ground out. OSW to clean area.
- ii) OCC highways - Repairs to re-reported to Area Steward. Access audit High St, Church Rd and Bell Lane completed with a list of items passed to officers.
- iii) Breame Oak Coping Stones - installed
- iv) Village Newsletter – circulated and being delivered to residents
- v) Memorial bench – a plain metal bench has been authorised. Order ASAP
- vi) Christmas Tree – ordered and will be installed in time for Christmas Fair
- vii) Lock – up – Application and plans submitted to SODC. Clerk thanked MV/SS for drawing up the plans.
- viii) Councillor Training – Budgeting and Financial Management Training attended
- ix) S106 meeting – No immediate plans or details on how District Council will spend their allocation so this is currently accessible to the PC. An application to help fund new play area to be made in the coming days. Arts officer has provided information on ideas for community art projects.
- x) The Sun Café & Bar wall – repairs to wall carried out.
- xi) Neighbourhood Plan – SODC consultation deadline 18th Oct.

82. RESOLUTIONS FROM EXPRESSWAY ADVISORY GROUP

Cllr Harding proposed the resolution **“that this Council fully supports the resolution of South Oxfordshire District Council to oppose the building of the proposed Oxford to Cambridge Expressway and to support the building of rail and other public transport connections instead”** This was seconded by Cllr Lamont and approved by the council.

Cllr Street proposed **“that this Council supports the main objective of the No Expressway Group, namely its opposition to the building of the proposed Oxford to Cambridge Expressway, and intends to register its support of the No Expressway Group in this regard”** This was seconded by Cllr Harding and approved by the council.

83. TO CONSIDER SUPPORTING SONNING COMMON PARISH COUNCIL C TO EXPLORE A JOINT APPROACH TO PARKING ENFORCEMENT, IF SODC WERE TO DELEGATE THIS TO PC’S

Cllr Hood proposed, seconded by Cllr Gregory, this was approved by the council.

84. TO DISCUSS COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES

Cllr Gregory was concerned that criminal activity is still taking place in the village and that TVP should be providing more accurate information to the wider public.

Clerk to write to Sgt Hoskins to attend an upcoming meeting and crime prevention advice.

Clerk

Cllr Sercombe reported that SODC to offer a community CCTV scheme, however Wheatley is not large enough to be part of this scheme. The cost of doing this alone is prohibitive.

85. TO CONSIDER SUPPORTING WOODLAND TRUST BIG CLIMATE FIGHTBACK

Clerk has contacted local arborist to see if the Ambrose Rise replacement tree on this date, and is awaiting confirmation. A second tree was proposed for the parish council land at Holton.

86. Discussed earlier in the meeting

87. TO RECEIVE EXTERNAL AUDITORS REPORT AND CERTIFICATE - noted

- 88. TO CONSIDER REPAIRS AND DETERRENTS FOR LITTLEWORTH GREEN** Clerk/
Further research and costings to be carried out before given further consideration AS
- 89. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON PAVILION PROJECT**
Planning permission granted and now the work begins to address financing the project as well as overall project management. Whilst this work goes on the current pavilion still needs constant attention and ongoing repairs need to be undertaken?
Cllr Lamont and Willmott agreed to present further information at the next meeting.
- 90. TO REVIEW PARISH COUNCIL'S STRATEGIC PLAN**
Clerk had provided an update. Agreed to review funding within Finance Committee.
- 91. TO RECEIVE UPDATE/MINUTES AND ACTIONS FROM:**
- i) Finance Committee – meeting next 21 Oct to begin budget setting
 - ii) Open Spaces Committee – minutes previously circulated. Walkabout 14th Oct.
 - iii) Planning Committee – minutes previously circulated, 31 Acremead, no decision yet as pending site visits.
 - iv) Staffing Committee – no meeting scheduled but one to be arranged.
- 92. TO RECEIVE UPDATES/REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL PARTNERS**
- i) Community Transport Group – updated earlier in the meeting
 - ii) Expressway Advisory Group – updates circulated and updated earlier in the meeting.
 - iii) Howe Trust – letter of thanks and images from Howe Trust Allotments. Local Scout group looking at potential of utilising Howe Trust land.
 - iv) Littleworth Playing Fields Working Group – Diocese would like to attend next parish council meeting.
 - v) Maple Tree Centre – latest meeting took place and discussed several fundraising activities. Grant application to OCC is still pending. New Trustee on board.
 - vi) Merry Bells – meeting took place to discuss 50th celebrations. Next meeting 4th November. Car Park post is to be replaced.
 - vii) Neighbourhood Action Group – meeting took place 26.09.19.
 - viii) OALC – update circulated. Jan Gosset retiring at the end of October. New Assistant County Officer Lucy Dalby.
 - ix) Oxford Brookes Residents Association – minutes previously circulated
 - x) Wheatley Charities – nothing to update
 - xi) Wheatley Playing Field Trust – Cllr Willmott reported that one tennis net was damaged. User agreements being drawn up for key sports groups. Accounts are in the process of being finalised prior to submission to the Charities Commission.
 - xii) Wheatley Christmas Fair – Fri 29th Nov, 4-8pm with road closure in place from 12noon. Councillors urged to think about how they would like to be involved.
- 93. CORRESPONDENCE AND ANY URGENT ITEMS REQUIRING ATTENTION**
- i) Deputy police and crime commissioners Sept update - circulated
 - ii) SODC planning training notes & information – circulated
 - iii) Heritage trail boards to be installed last two weeks of October. Launch event is open to public but is ticket only 14 November
 - iv) SODC communications (Cycling champions, Bias in decision making, Active Communities, Local Plan)
 - v) SOHA – Cullum House
 - vi) Several road closures have been communicated to Cllrs and the public.
- 94. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**
Cllr Street informed the council that he is keen for Wheatley to have Swimming pool and offered to personally undertake a feasibility study.

MEETING CLOSED AT 21:33 - DATE OF NEXT MEETING 4TH NOVEMBER 2019