

Oxhill Parish Council
Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting
held on Tuesday 14th September 2021 at 7.30pm
in Oxhill Village Hall

Councillors Present

Cllr Harbour, Cllr Rivers-Fletcher and Cllr Stuart

Clerk to the Council, Mrs C Coles, District Cllr John Feilding (arrived late) and four villagers

21/88. Apologies for absence

Cllr Robertson (holiday), Cllr Connolly (unwell) and County Cllr Mills (holiday)

21/89. To receive Declarations of Interest under the Council's Code of Conduct relating to business on the agenda

The Chair declared an interest in item 21/94 as he is on the VHC.

21/90. To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held 13th July 2021

The minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed.

21/91. To note any matters arising from the minutes not included on this agenda for report only

Leys Field – Cllr Feilding spoke to the SDC solicitor but the matter has been bounced back to the developer.

21/92. Public Participation Session

A villager asked if the agenda could be put on the Facebook page. Its currently put on the website and notice-board.

Action: The Chair to ask Cllr Connolly who looks after social media.

21/93. To receive a report from the County and District Councillor

The report from County Cllr Mills included the following main points:

Consultation on bus services - WCC is engaging with groups and individuals across the county to get their views, *Support for families and individuals facing hardship* – Additional funding has been allocated to every Council for families with children, *Small grants to support Warwickshires youth work organisations* – Grants are available for small community and voluntary sector groups that provide youth services for 11-18 year olds, *Warwickshire Residents show support for Afghan families* – Warwickshire is expected to welcome around 100 people into the county. For some it's a short stay as they make plans to move to be close to friends and family elsewhere in the UK, *Plant a Tree for the Jubilee* - *The Queens Green Canopy*, anyone can get involved by planting a tree during the forthcoming planting season which runs from October 2021 until March 2022.

The report from District Cllr Feilding included the following main points:

Local Boundaries Commission – Recommendations for changes to Districts was published last week. The consultation period ends on 8th November. Recommendations are to increase Councillors from 36 to 41 and decrease wards from 36 to 35.

SDC and WDC merger to create a South Warwickshire Super District – A public consultation has begun. A new District Council would cover the whole of South Warwickshire. Annual savings could be made by merging two Councils. The link will be put on the website.

Do not Drop Litter roadshow – A series of Roadshows are being put on in Alcester, Southam and Henley-In-Arden.

21/94. To discuss Oxhill Village Hall and using CIL money to support improvement work

The Trustees of Oxhill Village Hall have asked the Parish Council to make an application to SDC for money from their CIL fund to assist with the hall renovation project. This is an infrastructure project to be delivered within the next 2 years. There is a need owing to the dilapidation of the hall and housing development in the village which means the hall is now inadequate and unfit for purpose. The VHC had applied to the Green Shoots Fund but were turned down. It was agreed to get more information to apply for CIL money.

Action: The Parish Clerk to contact Mike Snow at SDC for further information re CIL money and the process.

21/95. To discuss the Queens Green Canopy

This is part of the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations. The idea for every child to plant a tree was briefly discussed.

Action: Cllr Stuart and Grenville Moore to liaise with Alastair Welford. Grenville Moore to write to the Woodland Trust.

21/96. To receive an update on the approved grant from Cllr Mills to improve accessibility on all local footpaths

The application was successful and £1500.00 awarded to the Parish Council for this project.

Action: The Parish Clerk to sign the acceptance form. Cllr Stuart to speak to Alastair Welford. The Parish Council will supply the gates and ask volunteers to fit them.

21/97. To discuss the defibrillator and training

Although the battery and pads were both replaced recently, there is a noise coming from the defibrillator which could be the battery.

Action: The Chair to check the battery and speak to Ed Morgan about training.

21/98. To receive an update on planning

The following update was given;

- 21/01986/FUL, Detached garage and new vehicular access at Fithers Field, Whatcote Road. Objection by PC.
- 21/01665/FUL, Proposed conversion of outbuilding to new kitchen and hallway, construction of single storey link and construction of detached oak framed garage at Church House, Church Lane. Granted by SDC.
- 21/00730/FUL, Erection of a dwelling at Windmill Farm, Banbury Road. Refused by SDC. The application was refused because there was insufficient information submitted to demonstrate an essential need for a dwelling to be sited at Windmill Farm to serve the business of Red Horse Vale.
- 21/02295/AGNOT, Creation of a single track at Oxhill Manor, Beech Road. No objection by PC. Withdrawn by applicant.
- 21/02123/TREE, Tree work at The Old Rectory, Main Street. No objection by PC or SDC.
- 21/02129/LBC, General renovation work at Bilton Cottage, Church Lane. Supported by PC.
- 21/02585/LBC, Proposed insertion of 4 no conservation roof windows in rear roof slope at The Old Rectory, Main Street. Support by PC as the proposal will not adversely affect the Conservation Area or the Listed Property.

21/99. Financial Report

The following payments were approved under statutory powers:

- £870.50 to Tysoe Childrens Group (newsletter copying)
- £511.20 To Parish Clerk (hours)
- £127.80 To HMRC
- £58.50 to Parish Clerk (mileage to meetings)
- £29.83 to Parish Clerk (expenses)
- £496.40 to I Macpherson (seat for bus shelter)

21/100. The following correspondence was received and circulated;

- Roads Policing, New Road Safety Strategy to 2030
- Roads Policing, Results of anti speeding campaign
- WALC Annual Conference, 22-23 October

21/101. Councillors Reports

The bench which was too big and removed from the new bus shelter could be placed somewhere else in the village.

Cllr Rivers-Fletcher gave an update on speeding. An article was put in the Oxhill News and one volunteer came forward. A suggestion to purchase bin speed stickers were discussed. The cost to be agreed at the next meeting.

Action: The Clerk to contact the Insurance Company to ask about cover for mobile speed signs.

Heritage Farm - The Clerk to check her emails for timings from SDC.

21/102. Date and Time of next meeting

Tuesday 14th October 2021 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

There being no other business to discuss, the meeting closed at 8.45pm.