

Oxhill Parish Council
Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting
held on Thursday 17th January 2023 at 7.30pm
in The Old Chapel

Councillors Present

Cllr Harbour, Cllr Connolly, Cllr Rivers-Fletcher, Cllr Robertson and Cllr Stuart

Clerk to the Council, Mrs C Coles and one villager

23/01. Apologies for absence

Cllr Chris Mills and Cllr John Feilding

23/02. To receive Declarations of Interest under the Council's Code of Conduct relating to business on the agenda

No interests were declared.

23/03. To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 10th November and 12th December 2022

The minutes of both meetings were approved and signed as a true and accurate record.

23/04. To note any matters arising from the minutes not included on this agenda for report only

There were no matters arising.

23/05. Public Participation Session

No matters were raised.

23/06. To receive a report from the County and District Councillor

The main points from Cllr Mills included:-

Warwickshire County Council Highways, Warwickshire Cost of Living Summit, 2 Single bus fare cap in 2023, Tackling child modern slavery, Lonely, Scared or vulnerable domestic abuse, New Years Honours List 2023 and Voting Identification. The full report will be on the village website.

Cllr Feilding noted that SDC are dealing with the South Warwickshire Local Plan.

23/07. To discuss the renewal of the Housing Needs Survey

The last housing needs survey was undertaken in 2016 and is considered as being out of date. In November 2022 there were six households with an Oxhill address registered on the local district council housing waiting list, seeking homes to rent and there may be other households locally who wish to purchase a first home, downsize or similar. It was agreed to invite Sarah Brooke-Taylor, Rural Housing Enabler to the meeting in March.

Action: The Parish Clerk to invite Sarah Brooke-Taylor.

23/08. To discuss the fallen sign on the Whatcote Road

The road sign opposite the Main Road junction has fallen down. Someone was seen taking a photo of it today so hopefully it has been reported to Highways.

23/09. To discuss the blocked drain opposite the Church

The drain opposite the Church is blocked.

Action: The Parish Clerk to report to Highways.

23/10. To discuss the replacement of the footbridge bridge over the brook between Fithers Field and Syfreds Field and funding offered by Cllr Chris Mills

Cllr Chris Mills has offered to fund the purchase of a new Footbridge kit to replace the condemned bridge over the brook on Footpath SS17b. Cllr Mills was not at the meeting to advise the actual process.

Action: Cllr Robertson to email Cllr Chris Mills for further information in how to progress this.

23/11. To receive an update on planning

New

22/03642/FUL, Conversion of detached garage to 1 bed holiday let at Stablecroft, Green Lane. Supported by PC.

23/00051/TREE, Fell 1 x Chestnut at Village Hall. It was agreed to support the application and ask for a replacement tree to be planted. The Parish Council to ask the VHC if a pine Christmas tree can be planted which will serve two purposes.

Older

22/01624/FUL, Conversion of detached garage to 1 bed short term rental property at Stablecroft, Green Lane. Application has been withdrawn.

22/03084/FUL, Replace existing double garage with room over the extension for ancillary accommodation at Gateways, Main Street. Granted by SDC.

22/02830/OUT, Erection of 1 no. self build dwelling including access (all other matters reserved) at Wixey Transport, Kinton Road. No objections by PC

23/12. Financial Report

The following payments were approved under statutory powers:

£151.19 to TEEC (website)

£1211.35 to Gareth Atwell (stile work)

To set the precept for 2023/24

Some costs will be increasing such as insurance and emptying of the bins. It was agreed to increase the precept by 5% and set it at £11,576.00.

Action: The Parish Clerk to notify SDC.

23/13. Councillors Reports

The Parish Council have received money from Cllr Mills to fund repairing a noticeboard. The one by the hall could be improved. The Chair to get a quote.

Action: The Chair to speak to the VHC to get their consent.

The Coronation of King Charles III will be discussed at the next meeting in March.

Cllr Rivers-Fletcher will order the cardboard policeman.

Cllr Connolly confirmed that nine bags of wood chippings were put down on the public footpath which was very muddy. They were free and thanks was given to all who helped. There may be a local supplier if more are needed.

Voneus were discussed as they are working in the village and laying fibre. Only a couple of roads were notified. Tysoe Parish Council were extremely unhappy with work carried out in their village and have been reported to Ofcom. Their license will last two years.

23/14. To approve the following resolution:

'That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw from the meeting at this point'.

It was agreed to accept the resolution. The villager present left the meeting.

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23/16. To note next meeting date and time
Tuesday 14th March 2023 at 7.30pm

There being no other business to discuss, the meeting closed at 8.50pm.

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