

**Oxhill Parish Council**  
**Minutes of a remote Parish Council Meeting**  
**held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2020 at 8.00pm**

**Councillors Present**

CLlr Harbour (Chairperson), CLlr Connolly, CLlr Rivers-Fletcher, CLlr Robertson and CLlr Stuart

Clerk to the Council, Mrs C Coles, County CLlr Chris Williams, District CLlr John Feilding and Daniel Jackson of Sheldon, Bosley, Knight

**20/66. Apologies for absence**

None.

**20/67. To receive Declarations of Interest under the Council's Code of Conduct relating to business on the agenda**

No interests were declared.

**20/68. To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> July and 20<sup>th</sup> July 2020**

The minutes of the last two meetings were approved and will be signed.

**20/69. To note any matters arising from the minutes not included on this agenda for report only**

Rats - Various members of the community have tackled localised issues at their properties and the issues seems to be under control. Pest controllers have advised that membership of the public do not deploy their own control measures, such as poisons, as these can have an impact on local wildlife etc.

Planting at Cariad – An email was sent to SDC informing them the property has been sold. SDC will contact the new owners at the appropriate time. Planting can happen in September/October time.

Church Farm, Whatcote Road – This is ongoing. It is on the SDC action list for formal action but currently low priority.

Waste on lane next to Oxhill Farm - CLlr Feilding visited the area with CLlr Stuart. The Environment Agency have been involved before. More waste has been added recently. CLlr Feilding advised that the NFU give free legal advice.

**20/70. Public Participation Session**

CLlr Feilding tried to raise an issue but the Chair advised this was not appropriate in this part of the agenda.

**20/71. Guest Speaker, Daniel Jackson of Sheldon Bosley Knight**

Daniel Jackson (DJ) acts for the owners of Windmill Farm. It is a jointly owned business and he has been involved for some time. Previous applications have included a new shop and office space. This application is for one new dwelling for Marcus and his family to live in. The single residence is owned and lived in by Mr Hoggins. This would mean that both owners would be on site which would have many benefits. The business employs 35 people. It is split 50/50 between drivers and in house office staff. It is the biggest employer in the parish. DJ circulated plans. The property will be linked to the business. A lot of investment has happened already with the new shop. The owners are actively involved in the business seven days a week.

Cllr Stuart asked if renewable energy would be considered such as ground or air source heating and solar panels and electric charging points. New dwellings would be subject to government requirements including renewable energy and electric charging points.

*Action: DJ to circulate the plans by email.*

**20/72. To receive a report from the County and District Councillor**

Cllr Chris Williams had provided a very detailed report which had been circulated. The main subject headings were an update on Covid 19, Unitary Authority and the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of community grants.

Unitary Authority – The merger of district and county councils could save £126M for that council over five years. Across England most places operate under a two tier system, with County Councils and District Councils providing different services to residents.

Community Grants – The second round is now available. This is to be used for any project which would help the local community.

Cllr Williams spoke about speeding and asked the Parish Council to ensure they involved and spoke to the police. The Chair thanked Cllr Williams for his help with the bus shelter.

Cllr John Feilding gave the following report:

There is an ongoing discussion with regards to the Boundary Commission report. SDC are looking to save costs by unifying with Warwick District Council. A Covid 19 update was given. The current total of confirmed cases is 553 with a current average of 1 case per day being confirmed.

**20/73. To discuss the financial contribution given to the PCC for grass cutting**

In the past the Parish Council have given an annual contribution to the PCC for grass cutting. If the church is open and functioning it is their responsibility to pay for their own upkeep. The Parish Council would only take responsibility if the churchyard formally closed.

*Action: The Parish Clerk to notify the Treasurer of the PCC.*

**20/74. To receive an update on the bus shelter**

Work is progressing. Cllr Williams has been very helpful and Highways have waived their £121.00 fee. The shelter will be positioned outside the village hall. The contractor is waiting for a supply of oak.

*Action: The Chair to speak to the people who live nearest to the bus shelter.*

**20/75. To discuss a constrained winter in the village due to C-19 and how to plan for it**

The pandemic is weather dependant as can be seen in Australia now. November to February will be a very difficult time. Previously people talked and helped out neighbours. This should be monitored if there is a second wave.

**20/76. To discuss the Leys Field lower corner footpath**

One of the residents of The Leys has been approached by the VHC about access to the village hall corner from the Leys. This was removed from the original agreement and supported at the time by the Parish Council. The Village Hall are currently applying for grants to do building work.

**20/77. To discuss the positioning of the new waste bins**

Two new waste bins were purchased and installed by WCC. Various comments have been received about both bins. The bin by the Old Rectory is on the service strip. Highways take precedence and are allowed to position signs or bins on that strip. Villagers can register an

interest and have a right to cross the land but they do not own it. It was agreed not to move the bins. Thanks was given to Cllr Stuart for her work.

*Action: The Parish Clerk to confirm this decision with WCC.*

**20/77. To receive an update on planning**

One new application had been received since the last meeting:-

- *DISCN/00185/20 and DISCN/00186/20, Discharge of Conditions at Fithers Field, Whatcote Road.* No comments.

Two applications were received after the agenda had been issued:

- *20/02196/FUL, Demolition of existing detached garage and construction of replacement detached garage, to match original, on new piled foundation. Works due to garage suffering from subsidence related damage at 2 The Sett.* Under consideration. Comments to be in by 1<sup>st</sup> October.
- *20/02373/TREE, Remove 1 Cedar and 1 Birch at Old Barn Cottage, Main Street.* Under consideration. Comments to be in 25<sup>th</sup> September.

**20/78. Financial Report**

*The following payments were approved under statutory powers:*

£480.00 to the Parish Clerk (hours)

£120.00 to HMRC

£30.00 to WALC (Training - DH)

£60.00 to WALC (Training- MR)

£19.76 to L Stuart (website)

£600.00 to Oxhill Village Hall (grant)

*To discuss ideas on how to spend the CIL money*

The Parish Council have received CIL money from SDC from the new properties built in Green Lane. There will be more to come as new houses are built. SDC have confirmed that the CIL money can be spent on:-

- The provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure or
- Anything else that is concerned with addressing the demands that development places on an area.

*Action: The Parish Clerk to circulate the email from SDC for reference. Councillors to think of ideas of how to spend the money.*

**20/79. The following correspondence was received:**

- SDC, Planning Policy Update
- WALC, Reporting to Rights of Way Team

**20/80. To receive Councillors Reports**

Cllr Rivers-Fletcher gave an update on speeding. He has not bought the speed device and is awaiting a visit from the police.

The water issues were discussed as Severn Trent are involved. The situation is currently in hand.

The condition of Gilks Lane was reported to WCC Highways. They have advised that a structural engineer will look at the road.

Cllr Connolly gave an update on footpaths. One slat has been replaced on the large bridge in Fithers Field. The beam underneath is rotten. Rails have been added to the bridge behind the

church by Grenville Moore. This has improved safety. The bridge in the Reverends garden will be reported. Geoff Beesley is hoping to have a community event in October. Two people have come forward to help.

Cllr Stuart gave an update on the website. There is a legal requirement to make the website accessible to all. Cllr Stuart will attend a webinar to gather more information. It may be that a new website provider has to be found.

**20/81. Date and Time of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2020 at 8pm

There being no other business to discuss, the meeting closed at 9.30pm.

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