

## SOUTH NEWINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting  
held on Tuesday 18th September 2018 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

### Present:

Councillors: Dr Peter Thomas (Chair) , Vanessa Doyle, Darron Maddock and Sarah Wilson-Medhurst (Vice-Chair),  
Mrs Christine Coles (Parish Clerk), two villagers, County Cllr George Reynolds and District Cllr Hugo Brown

### 18/54. To receive apologies for absence

None.

### 18/55. To receive Declarations of Interest under the Council's Code of Conduct relating to business on the agenda

There were no interests to declare.

### 18/56. Public participation session

The meeting was attended by two residents who own the public land either side of the public footpath between Moor Lane and Sands Lane. The footpath was discussed at the last meeting as concern has been expressed over its surface. The Chair noted that the matter had been raised at the last meeting as the last winter was very bad and the Parish Council are concerned for people who walk on it. They have a duty of care to consider. The footpath was moved over in 1964 and was previously a paddock. The two residents asked to be consulted on any future remedial work to the footpath. They said they may consider placing a stile.

### 18/57. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 24th April and 24<sup>th</sup> July 2018

The minutes of both meetings were approved and signed as a true record of the meetings. It was agreed for the Parish Clerk to circulate the final draft minutes with the Clerks report before each meeting.

### 18/58. To note any matters arising from the minutes not included on this agenda for report only

Report from Highways - A site meeting was held in April regarding repairs and the Parish Council are still waiting for a report from them.

Work on Poleaxe - There is work to cut back the ivy and lift the tree canopies. Nigel Prickett may be able to do the work. The Chair to ask him to quote and the item to be on the next agenda. The Chair to also get a quote for a bush to replace the Blackthorn.

Youth Club - Emma and Stuart Dunlop have met Nick Green and this has been followed up with information. The youth group will require a co-leader.

Newsletter - The lady who agreed to take the newsletter over from Alan Briggs has moved out of the village. Councillors agreed it is a valuable resource and it would be nice if it continued. A note to be circulated and put on the website asking for a new editor.

### 18/59. To receive reports from the County Councillor and District Councillor

Cllr George Reynolds reported that OCC have just announced there will be 900 redundancies from OCC. OCC are proposing to go digital and provide a better service to Parish Councils.

Cllr Hugo Brown had emailed his report before the meeting. The main points included:-

- CDC and OCC have now voted and approved Yvonne Rees as a joint CEO of both Councils.
- A resident raised concerns over the state of the SHM Automotive site. CDC Enforcement had been out to visit the site in June but the previous officer left. A new Case Officer has been appointed now.

- One of the key points of the Oxon Housing and Growth Deal, which Cllr Brown was opposed to, was the production of a Joint Statutory Spatial Plan. A couple of meetings are planned in September to discuss this further.

18/60. To receive an update on the A361 Safety Improvement Project

An announcement has been received about the A361 Safety Improvement Update. The Safer Roads Foundation identified the A361 between Banbury and Chipping Norton as one of the 50 sections of A Class roads with the highest risk of fatal and serious road traffic accidents in the country. The accidents recorded were quite diverse but included loss of control accidents, particularly at bends and junctions. The higher severity accidents are mainly on the more rural stretches. OCC was invited to bid for funding allocated by the Department of Transport (DfT) and following work to identify appropriate measures, which had to meet DfT requirements to reduce accident risk to all users on the identified section, a bid was submitted in April 2017 to the DfT and was successful. £4.135M was awarded to deliver the identified safety improvement interventions by 31st March 2020.

The project proposes improvements to safety on the A361 which include carriageway resurfacing, drainage improvements, vegetation clearance to improve sight lines, footway improvements, Wykham Lane and Ells Lane/Bloxham Grove road junctions improvements, relining and signage, speed limit reduction and new safety fencing. A programme of advanced works for South Newington will be prepared including an assessment of the vehicle crash barrier (safety fence) situated south of South Newington. Councillors were disappointed that there is no mention of improvements to the Barford Road/A361 junction where there have been two major accidents recently.

*Action: The Parish Clerk to write to OCC and request a meeting.*

18/61. To receive the Clerk's Report – circulated  
New Planning

The following new applications had been received:

- 18/01328/F, Removal of existing garage door, stone build to cill level and stone surround window, change of use from garage to habitable room at Millstream Farmhouse, Moor Lane. No objections.
- 18/01420/LB, Replacement of existing modern window with traditional window to match existing windows in property at Sands House, Moor Lane. No objections.
- 18/01565/F, Retention of mobile home (first approved Jan 2008) at Little Haven, Barford Road. Under consideration.

Older Applications

- 18/01185/F, Change of use and conversion of barn to form a dwellinghouse, erection of replacement outbuilding and landscaping of site (alternative to planning permission 17/01957/F, Wamborough Furlong, Wigginton Road OX15 4JR. Approved by CDC.

The Chair spoke about Barford Road Farm. - An Enforcement Notice has been served on the farm due to excessive lorry movements. CDC have served the notice, via District Cllr Bryn Williams. The Clerk was sent the notice by the Clerk at Barford St Michael Parish Council.

*Action: The Parish Clerk to forward the notice to Cllr Hugo Brown for him to take up with CDC.*

Financial Report

The following payments were approved under statutory powers:-

£36.00 to CPRE (membership)

£908.82 to Humphris Funerals (work to church clock plaque and village war memorial base)

£47.50 to Sort-It Biz Ltd (website)

£396.00 to Nigel Prickett (grass cutting)

£404.28 to Parish Clerk (hours)

£57.22 to Parish Clerk (expenses)

£29.25 to Parish Clerk (mileage)

### Correspondence

The following correspondence were received and circulated:-

- CDC, Parish Liaison notes and presentation
- CDC, Next Parish Liaison meeting
- OALC, Draft minutes and GDPR presentation
- OCC, Winter salt
- OCC, Trees of Remembrance Project: Free Sapling and Commemorative Plaque for All Local Councils in Oxfordshire
- CDC, Training, Funding Workshop sessions
- OCC, Proposals to improve services and reduce costs
- Thames Valley Police, Emergency Contact Details
- Volunteer Link-Up, Good Neighbour Scheme Support Services
- OCC, Highway Open Days
- OCC, Statement re Oxford to Cambridge Expressway announcement

Two items of correspondence were highlighted:

- OCC, Trees of Remembrance Project: Free Sapling and Commemorative Plaque for All Local Councils in Oxfordshire. As part of the Nation's commemoration of the Centenary of the Armistice of WW1, Oxfordshire County Council is partnering with the Woodland Trust for a project of lasting remembrance. The Woodland Trust have donated young native species tree saplings and OCC are offering a commemorative plaque. It was agreed to accept the offer of a free tree and hold a commemorative event in November.  
*Action: The Parish Clerk to reply to OCC.*
- OCC, Winter salt. OCC are offering a free bag of salt or smaller bags. Salt bins are available to purchase at a cost of £250.00 & VAT. Following the earlier bad winter the Parish Council had asked OCC Highways if an additional bin could be placed on the Main Road hill going towards Chipping Norton. A response was never received. It was agreed that this will not be pursued as OCC Highways should be responsible for ensuring the Main Road is gritted in bad weather.  
*Action: The Parish Clerk to request the smaller bags of free salt as it is anticipated this type of salt will be suitable for use in the salt spreader bought by PC for use on paths within the village in the event of ice and snow*

### 18/62. To receive the following reports

Neighbourhood Watch (NW) – There was nothing new to report.

Email list/Website – The website has now been handed over to Sue Robertson due to the change in work status for Cllr Maddock.

Other Meetings – There were no meetings to discuss.

### 18/63. Date and time of next meeting

Tuesday 20th November 2018 at 7.30pm.

Meeting finished at 9.15pm.