

SOUTH NEWINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting
Held on Tuesday 18th July 2023 at 7.30pm
In the Village Hall

Present:

Councillors: Vanessa Doyle (Chair), Stephan Lucks and Graham Smith

Mrs Christine Coles (Parish Clerk), District Councillor Andrew McHugh and four villagers

23/46. To receive apologies for absence

Cllr Rapp (personal) and Cllr Wilson-Medhurst (personal)

23/47. To receive Declarations of Interest under the Council's Code of Conduct relating to business on the agenda

No interests were declared.

23/48. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 16th May 2023

The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

23/49. To note any matters arising from the minutes not included on this agenda

There were no matters arising.

23/50. To receive reports from the County Councillor and District Councillor

A written report had been received from District Councillor Andrew McHugh. The main points included:
Parking - The costs had to be raised to help address the pressures of the Council's Medium Term Financial Plan.

Cllr McHugh represents CDC on *PATROL* (Parking and Traffic Regulations Outside London). This acts as an adjudicator of last resort for individuals challenging parking charge notices issued by Local Authorities.
Waste Management/Collection – 50% of residual waste that goes to the Ardley incinerator was either food waste or recyclable. A high proportion of inappropriate items are put into recycling bins. This increases the cost of recycling.

Recycling – Cllr McHugh has been approached by an Adderbury resident following the introduction of the coffee pod recycling scheme to ask if something similar could be done for medication blister packs. He will look into this.

Climate Change – Cllr McHugh made some suggestions :-

- a. To investigate the viability of carbon capture at the Ardley incinerator using hydrogen into the flue gases across a catalytic matrix to produce methanol and water that can be condensed and sold on.
- b. To push for the removal of Photovoltaic (PV) feed in tariff income for the purpose of calculation of Rateable Value for businesses.
- c. To push for mandatory grid infrastructure in new industrial developments to enable PV electricity to be fed into the grid.
- d. To look at the use of compressed air as a way of storing energy from PV arrays. To lobby for all new homes from a date to be determined to be built to the Passiv.

Planning – Cllr McHugh attended a planning meeting and opposed a development of 36 homes to be built outside the curtilage of the village.

Cllr McHugh has been working with other bodies to register the Banbury Quays Consortium CIC. This will be an organization dedicated to developing Banbury Canalside as an appealing cultural centre.

23/51. To receive an update on the damaged white gate

The white gate at the Chipping Norton side was damaged by a motorist a few months ago. Nothing was reported to the police. Cllr Rapp has asked the insurance company if the Parish Council can claim for the gate to be repaired. To consider at the next meeting in September.

23/52. To receive an update on the Fourth Field

5 responses have been received.

Action: The Parish Clerk to scan the responses and email to Cllr Lucks.

23/53. To discuss 'Climate Emergency' and how to deal with it

This item has been raised at the recent Chairs meeting with OALC. Parishes can declare their own climate emergency and look at future projects and case studies. There is funding available. Cllr McHugh noted it is a permanent declaration and suggested contacting Community First Oxfordshire of which the Parish Council are members.

23/54. To receive an update on the 20mph application

A public consultation on the 20mph application has begun and will finish on 11th August. The details have been circulated on the village email. The police will not enforce the new limit. 20% of drivers will ignore it and 70% of drivers will comply.

Action: The Parish Clerk to ask Highways about the legal requirement for 20mph signage.

23/55. To receive an update on the Poleaxe and work carried out

Ian Timms has repaired and varnished the bench. Work is needed to remove corrosion on a couple of pieces of smaller play equipment.

Action: The Parish Clerk to liaise with Ian Timms.

23/56. To receive an update on the meeting with Highways about speed and ways to reduce it

The Chair and Parish Clerk met Highways recently to look at ways of reducing speed. Solar Vehicle Activated Speed signs were discussed. Highways will quote to put in three ground sockets with a moveable pole. The parish will have to buy the speed signs. There have been several accidents outside the parish recently and where speeding can occur on the approaches to the village.

23/57. To receive the Clerk's Report – circulated

Planning

New

23/00998/F, Alterations and extensions, including a replacement front extension, renovation of the existing sunroom, loft conversion, and the addition of a standalone studio/store at Fenbury. Under consideration. Councillors to consider the application and respond by 31st July.

Determined

21/03677/F and 21/03678/LB, Demolition of non historic extension and erection of extension to western elevation. Demolition and replacement of porch. Internal and external alterations at The Thatched Cottage, Barford Road. Granted by CDC.

Finance

The following payments were approved under statutory powers:

£36.00 to Sort It (maintenance May)

£225.00 to Miss S Macksmith (2nd mosaic payment)

£445.20 to Nigel Prickett (grass cutting in May)

£100.00 to CDC (Election charges)

£141.81 to I Timms (maintenance work in Poleaxe)

£36.00 to Sort It (maintenance June)

£72.00 to Sort It (remote IT support work)

£445.20 to Nigel Prickett (grass cutting June)

£198.00 to Sort It (website hosting)

Correspondence

The following correspondence was circulated:-

- OCC, Community Tree Care Volunteers. One tree was planted in each parish earlier in the year and OCC are reaching out to each community to recruit a volunteer who will care for it and water it. Further details are on the noticeboard.

23/58. Councillors Reports

Cllr Smith noted that several burglaries have taken place recently and items stolen from the Poleaxe. Any suspicious activity should be reported to the police and they can allocate police presence accordingly. The noticeboard for notices about burglaries will be used as a deterrent. Cllr McHugh noted that distraction burglaries have been happening in other villagers and people working in pairs. People are often seen looking in skips but scrap dealers must be licensed.

23/59. Public participation session (*Members of the public are invited to address the council. The session will last for a maximum of fifteen minutes with any individual contribution lasting a maximum of 3 minutes*)

A villager offered to repair the white village gate. Workers do require certain insurance as they are working on the Main Road. The Chair thanked him and advised they are pursuing the insurance route first.

A villager spoke about the CDC Conservation report and how HGV's are damaging properties. Little has happened to try and reduce the lorries driving through the village. There was a temporary traffic ban on vehicles weighing more than 7.5 tonnes driving through Burford and the Parish Council gave a donation. It was in place for eighteen months but expired in February 2022. This did help at the time.

Action: The Parish Clerk to write to Cllr George Reynolds as the A361 is a strategic road.

A villager reminded the council of the demolition of the unauthorised extension at 5 St Peter Close which has to be removed by 11th August. The Parish Council will follow this up with CDC Enforcement.

A villager wrote to the Parish Council asking if they would support individual or community activities suggested by OCC re climate change. She hopes the Parish Council will support biodiversity actions, in relation to not cutting verges unnecessarily and encouraging villagers to keep even a small proportion of their garden wild enough to attract pollinators and wildlife

Action: The Parish Clerk to draft an email to be sent out to villagers directing them to the OCC website for ideas.

23/60. To note next meeting date and time

Tuesday 26th September 2023 at 7.30pm

Meeting finished at 8.15pm.