

## SOUTH NEWINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting  
Held on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 7.30pm  
In the Village Hall

### **Present:**

Councillors: Stephan Lucks, Michael Rapp and Graham Smith

Mrs Christine Coles (Parish Clerk), County Councillor George Reynolds, District Councillor Andrew McHugh and three villagers

The meeting was Chaired by Cllr Lucks in the absence of Cllr Doyle.

### **23/61. To receive apologies for absence**

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

### **23/62. To receive Declarations of Interest under the Council's Code of Conduct relating to business on the agenda**

No interests were declared.

### **23/63. Election of Vice-Chair**

It was proposed by Cllr Smith and seconded by Cllr Rapp that Cllr Lucks be Vice-Chair.

### **23/64. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

### **23/65. To note any matters arising from the minutes not included on this agenda**

There were no matters arising.

### **23/66. To receive reports from the County Councillor and District Councillor**

County Cllr George Reynolds noted that the OCC coalition has broken up. OCC are now being led by the Liberal and Green parties. The Banbury Cycling and Walking plan has been approved.

A written report had been received from District Councillor Andrew McHugh and circulated. The main points included: Ardley and the Dinosaur (visit by Cllr McHugh to Ardley Energy from Waste facility) and review of the Local Plan. Cherwell will provide 25,860 homes from 2020 to 2040. 500 houses are proposed for rural areas.

### **23/67. To receive an update on the 20mph scheme**

The 20mph scheme has been approved by OCC.

### **23/68. To receive an update on the damaged white gate and damaged chevrons**

The white gate at the Chipping Norton end was damaged by a car earlier in the year. The incident was not reported to the police. Cllr Rapp asked the insurance company if the PC could claim for the repair. It has finally been agreed they will pay the claim and a payment of £600.00 has been received from Zurich Insurance.

*Action: The Parish Clerk to action the repair.*

### **23/69. To receive an update on the Fourth Field**

OCC had asked if their own form could be filled in. It was agreed that the Parish Clerk contact all the people who replied in 2021. Another email was sent out but only a few responses received back. It was agreed to try one final time.

*Action: The Parish Clerk to send another email.*

**23/70. To discuss the Cherwell Local Plan Review 2040 consultation**

The six week consultation began on 22<sup>nd</sup> September and will run until 3<sup>rd</sup> November. 500 houses are proposed for rural villages. South Newington is classed as a small village and infill only. Neighbourhood Plans were discussed and whether they are of benefit to a small village. They are more suited to larger villages.

**23/71. To discuss the Playground Inspection report**

The Poleaxe was inspected in July and the report circulated to Councillors. There are two areas that require the clearing of moss. The swing seats are damaged and require monitoring. There are two tripping points under the multi play unit and junior swing which require attention.

*Action: The Parish Clerk to ask Nigel Prickett to remove the moss. The Parish Clerk to ask Kompan to quote to repair the tripping points.*

**23/72. To receive an update on the Traffic Plan Enforcement and issues around the building work at The Little Forge**

Concerns were raised regarding deliveries being made, not adhering to the Construction Management Plan and other examples of non compliance. A letter was sent to CDC Enforcement but no reply received. Cllr A McHugh agreed to take the matter up with CDC.

*Action: The Parish Clerk to forward the letter to him.*

**23/73. To receive an update on the Christmas tree**

A permanent tree measuring 1.75m to 2m has been ordered.

**23/74. To receive the Clerk's Report – circulated  
Planning**

**New**

- 23/02502/TCA – T1 x Leylandii – Fell at Applegarth, Moor Lane. No objections by PC.
- 23/00998/F, Alterations and extensions including a replacement front extension, a double storey side extension, demolition of existing sunroom, and the addition of a standalone studio/store at Fenbury. Comments made by PC.

**Determined**

- 23/01914/TCA, Five Day Notice T1 x Robinia/Acacia – Remove and T2 x Robinia/Acacia – Crown reduction by up to 2 metres at The Old Vicarage, High Street. No further comments or objections by CDC.

**Finance**

*Payments for Approval*

£354.00 to Nigel Prickett (grass cutting)  
£35.00 to Community First (membership)  
£106.80 to Playsafety Ltd (play inspection)  
£36.00 to Sort It (maintenance August)  
£144.00 to Nigel Prickett (grass cutting)  
£63.00 to Sort It (domain renewal)  
£36.00 to Sort It (maintenance September)  
£560.16 to Parish Clerk (hours)  
£139.80 to HMRC

*To discuss the annual donation payment to CPRE*

It was agreed to increase the annual donation to £45.00.

**Correspondence**

**From**

Highways, Preparing for winter. There is the offer of a free bag of salt and salt bins will be filled once only.

*Action: Cllr Smith to check the salt bins.*

**To**

National Grid, Overhead Power Lines

**23/75. Councillors Reports**

A home for the Coronation mosaic is being investigated. To receive an update at the next meeting.

**23/76. 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*)**

Many lorries in convoy have been seen travelling between Banbury and Chipping Norton displaying HS2 signage in the window.

*Action: The Parish Clerk to ask her contact where they are going.*

Oil fired boilers were discussed as there is little help for ordinary people to understand what to do. Cllr McHugh advised that CDC officers are reviewing guidance.

Emails have been sent to National Grid re the removal of overhead power lines. The first phase was completed ten years ago but nothing has happened since. No response has been received from National Grid to the resident or Parish Clerk. Cllr McHugh offered to get involved.

*Action: The Parish Clerk to forward information to Cllr McHugh.*

**23/77. To note next meeting date and time**

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2023 at 7.30pm

Meeting finished at 8.20pm.