

Minutes of the South Hinksey Parish Council

at South Hinksey Village Hall

Monday 4th April 2011

Present: Sarah Balaam (Vice-Chair), Tom Barron, Sheridan Edward (Clerk), Liz LeFevre, Maggie Rawcliffe (Chair)

Parishioners: Adrian Porter

1. Apologies

Elizabeth Halcro, Arash Fatemian (Cllr, OxonCC)

2. Declarations of Interest

MR – Village Hall

3. Parishioners' Comments

AP presented the Council with plans for a proposed street party on Friday 29th April to celebrate the royal wedding. He provided a breakdown of the costings and asked whether the Council would be willing to make a donation towards it. The Council were very much in support of the street party. However, there were some reservations that it would benefit the village side of the parish much more than Hinksey Hill, and that not every villager could or would come. It was also felt that those participating should foot the costs for food and drink rather than the Parish Council. However, to show its support for the event, the Parish Council agreed a grant of £150 to cover the costs of insurance, decoration and publicity.

4. Minutes of March 2011 Meeting

Read and agreed.

5. Matters Arising

General Elliot. A meeting had been arranged and was well attended. A Council response had been submitted to VoWH and AP informed the meeting that Nicola Blackwood MP had also written in opposition to the application.

Parish Council elections. Notices of election had been posted and SE had sent a notice on SHInfo but had received no requests for information.

Risk Assessments. Assessments were still outstanding on the Burial Ground, Community Woodland and Community Land. **Action: Councillors to action by next meeting.**

6. Finance – Payments and Receipts

Payments

Maggie Rawcliffe	Expenses – printing	£6.80
Liz LeFevre	Expenses – refreshments for NPS	£3.72
Sheridan Edward	Expenses – grit bin for Devil’s Backbone	£142.80
Clive Briffett	Expenses – community woodland	£30.76

7. Planning Applications

46 Manor Road SHI/5114/5 Loft conversion
The Council received notification that permission had been granted.

8. Correspondence

OxonCC – Review of subsidized bus services.
OxonCC – Consultation on residential parking strategy.
OCC – Core Strategy.

Action: SE to circulate details to the Council for their comments.

9. County Councillor’s Report

None.

10. Project Updates

Hinksey Hill Traffic Issues. LLF reported that much had taken place since the previous meeting. MR and LLF had met with Laura Hutchins, Area Steward and Mark Francis from Highways. Laura stated they would install a “Please Drive Carefully” sign as well as investigating replacing the non-slip surface. Continental had also cleared the traffic island and the NPS had cleared the path up to the derestricted sign. Laura stated that they would clear the path from the sign onwards. LLF also reported that OxonCC had received 20 letters in support of the speed restriction and three against. This would be going to committee on Thursday 2nd June and LLF, MR and SE would attend. **Action: SE to confirm officer’s recommendation with Mark Francis’ replacement, Lee Turner.**

Manor Road Ditch. SB reported that OxonCC Bridges department had undertaken work on the road-side of the ditch leaving only the other side requiring work. SB was still to approach Tony Allsworth regarding this. **Action: SB to chase.**

Community Land. Mark Parker presented the Council with proposals for the Community Land. They wanted to clear the land with a digger and then lay topsoil and turf. The total cost for the work would be c.£800. It was hoped the work would be completed in a couple of weeks. The Council confirmed that a budget of £1000 was available for the work and were happy for him to proceed. Mark was reminded about the services of NPS.

Village Hall. MR reported that the work on the sewers had now been completed at a cost of c.£3k. The village hall management committee hoped to be able to cover this from existing funds. The committee may need to ask for support in the future.

St Lawrence Road Parking Issues. After investigation, it was found that the kerb next to the old bus stop was too high to be used for parking. SE reported that the new no parking sign was currently being made.

11. Grassland Review

It was agreed that the Council would review the proposal to convert an area of Parish Council-owned land to the west of Chilswell Path into a grassland reserve. The land was currently rented to Nick Frearson who used it as set-aside. However, it was believed that he may be wishing to use it as part of the Higher Stewardship Scheme this summer. SE felt it would be advisable to consider all options for the long-term use of the land before proceeding, and to clarify how Nick intended to use the land in future. **Action: SE to contact Nick Frearson.**

12. Insurance Review

SE presented the Council with three like-for-like tenders:

Norris & Fisher	£861.41
Allianz	£650.00
Came & Company	£467.50

The Council agreed to proceed with Came & Company for 2011/12.

13. Annual Parish Meeting date

The date for the Annual Parish Meeting, followed by the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council was set for Monday 16th May 2011 at 7pm in South Hinksey Village Hall.

14. Any Other Business

Chilswell Path. MR had received reports that the tidiness of the area around the houses on Chilswell Path had deteriorated. **Action: SE to inform VoWH.**

15. Parishioners' Feedback

None.

Date of next meeting: Monday 16th May 2011