

Minutes of the South Hinksey Parish Council

at South Hinksey Village Hall

Monday 10th January 2011

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

Parishioners: None

1. Apologies

Elizabeth Halcro, Liz LeFevre, Arash Fatemian (Cllr, OxonCC)

2. Declarations of Interest

MR – Village Hall

3. Parishioners' Comments

None

4. Minutes of December 2010 Meeting

Read and agreed.

5. Matters Arising

Flooding. VoWH had produced plans for the culverts under the substation access road and the work was still due to take place.

Millennium Yew Plaque. MR had received a quote of £27 for the mounting of the plaque. Council agreed to proceed with the work.

Grit bins. Andrew Burchett's (City Council) email confirmed that they undertake to keep the bin filled and suggested siting it just within the city boundary. The Council agreed to ask VoWH to install the bin already paid for where the City Council have suggested. The Council would then look at plans for gritting the railway bridge during icy conditions. **Action: SE to ask VoWH to install bin and then follow-up with Andrew Burchett.**

6. Finance – Payments and Receipt

Payments

St Laurence Church	Half-yearly grant installment	£500
Liz LeFevre	Expenses	£7.50
DJ Cullen	Repair of Burial Ground fencing	£100.13

Receipts

None

7. Planning Applications

None.

8. Correspondence

None.

9. County Councillor's Report

None.

10. District Councillor's Report

None.

11. Project Updates

Manor Road Ditch. No update. **Action: SB to contact Tony Allsworth.**

Community Land. There was no update on this. SE suggested that the committee submit a budget for work during 2011/12 to be included in the budget. **Action: TB to email SE with details.**

Village Hall. SE confirmed that he had received the survey on the Village Hall. £8.5k work of work was suggested, but none of this was required in the short-term except for the investigation of a blocked drain. SE was still awaiting a valuation. MR would present the report to the Village Hall Management Committee the next evening. **Action: MR to present report and committee to arrange for drain investigation and clearing. SE to chase valuation.**

Church Close Car Park. It was felt that the purchase price of £10k, plus construction and ongoing maintenance and insurance costs could prove prohibitive for the Council and there were also concerns regarding security of the car park and unsightliness. It was felt that the Council should look at more immediate measures to alleviate the parking problem, and then present Church Close residents with the work done and allow them to take it on should they wish.

Philip Saugman had written to the Council to reiterate his concerns regarding parking along St Lawrence Road, and in particular vehicles obstructing both his drive and the ramp to St Laurence Church. There were also concerns regarding parked cars blocking the pavement or the potential of obstructing emergency vehicles. **Action: SE to gain quotes for a no parking sign by church ramp, contact the church and Philip. SB and MR to liaise with Philip and organize a residents' meeting.**

12. 2011/12 Budget and Precept

Due to low attendance, the Council agreed to postpone discussion and approval of the budget until the February meeting. SE confirmed that a proposed budget had been circulated to councillors, and that VoWH have confirmed that confirmation of the precept request can be left until after the February meeting.

13. Village road gritting scheme

Philip Saugman had written to the Council to suggest that a gritting plan be put in place. He stated that David Cullen would be prepared for an area of his yard to be used to store grit, and that someone else had agreed to spread the grit. The Council thanked him for this suggestion.

The Council felt that spreading the grit would have to take place at the right time in order to be effective. Snow clearance, in addition to gritting, might also be necessary, particularly on the inclines of Manor Rd. and Parker Rd. The Council felt that a scheme that combined effective gritting with road clearing was a good idea.

Action: TB to formulate a plan.

14. Any Other Business

Community Woodland. TB reported that he had visited the woodland and that it seemed to be in good order. SE confirmed that the Council received yearly payments from the Forestry Commission for its maintenance, as well as there being a large fund for future development of the site. The Council felt that the woodland needed to mature for some years yet before it would be ready to develop further.

15. Parishioners' Feedback

None.

Date of next meeting: Monday 7th February 2011