

Minutes of the South Hinksey Parish Council at South Hinksey Village Hall

Monday 1st June 2009

Present: Sarah Balaam, Clive Briffett (Chair), Sheridan Edward (Clerk), Elizabeth Halcro, Liz LeFevre, Maggie Rawcliffe (Vice-Chair).

Parishioners: None.

1. Parishioners' Comments

None.

2. Apologies

None.

3. Declarations of Interest

MR and EH stated that they had an interest in item 9: Village Hall, as they were members of the Management Committee.

4. Minutes of May 2009 Meeting

Page 4, no.12: add "minutes of steering group meeting were circulated to councilors"

Page 5, d): add "following a request for a refund of an exclusive right of burial no longer needed, the Council agreed to re-buy exclusive right of burial for the full sum of £300."

The minutes were then agreed.

5. Matters Arising

a) Flooding. SE had sent approved response stating the Council's preference for option 9.

b) Burial Ground. SE / PR had submitted the Doris Field application. One test dig had been done and another was planned. It was suggested that a warning notice be placed next to pits. **Action: PR / MR to place notice.**

c) A34. No update. **Action: SE still to chase results of air pollution tests.**

d) Old car park. Goldace had agreed in principle to renting the site for a peppercorn rent and would draft an agreement. It was clarified that Council was still keeping its options open and was also still pursuing the site behind the village hall. **Action: SE to follow-up with Goldace and OCC re: getting written agreement to use land adjacent to village hall.**

e) Speed controls. SE had sent a letter. **Action: SE to chase response.**

f) Sewage. SB had spoken to an engineer from Thames Water who stated that they were investigating the problems. **Action: SB to draft letter asking for Council to be updated on developments.**

g) No 1 Chilswell Path. SE had confirmed that the Council's land did not include the area outside No 1 Chilswell Path. **Action: SE to inform LPA.**

h) Council House sale. No update. **Action: SE to request clean up from City Estates.**

i) Flood Plan. No update. **Action: SB still to do.**

j) Parker Road. No update. **Action: SE still to ascertain ownership.**

k) OALC AGM. MR to attend.

l) Freecampers. SE had spoken to Nick Frearson who confirmed that no permission had been given and that the police had been contacted to arrange for eviction.

m) Noticeboards. David Cullen to refurbish shortly.

6. Finance – Payments and Receipts

Payments

Matthew Ellett Landscapes – Grass Cutting	£368
Allianz – 2009/10 Insurance Premium	£557.78
Sheridan Edward – wages April-June	£334.62

Receipts

VOWHDC – 1 st installment of precept	£4200
Oxfordshire County Council – grass cutting grant	£946.53
SJ Thynne – purchase of exclusive rights of burial	£400

7. Planning Applications

SHI/2543/10-X Demolition of existing house and erection of four detached dwellings

Council raised no objections in principle, but CB and LLF would get feedback from neighbours.

The Council received notification that the following applications had been permitted:

SHI/11828/3	Conversion of existing barn to three bedroom house
SHI/2195/7	2 storey extension in place of existing single storey

8. Correspondence

The VOWHDC Revised Statement of Community Involvement was available on their website. **Action: SE to send link and councillors to submit any comments by 8th July 2009.**

9. Village Hall

Following a presentation from David Minns at the May meeting, Council discussed whether to agree a further grant to the Village Hall. It was noted that although the hires almost met the running costs, grants were needed to cover the cost of any renovation or repair. It was felt that a longer-term plan to ensure financial stability was required, and various areas were discussed, including: other avenues of advertising; options for improving facilities to attract new hires; and a review of utility suppliers. EH agreed to present regular reports to the Parish Council on behalf of the Management Committee and the Council agreed a further grant of £500 for the year 2009/10.

10. Any Other Business

Botley Traffic Advisory Committee. Linda Goodhead had attended the last meeting and re-stated several issues affecting South Hinksey and requested a) an extension to the 50mph speed limit as far as South Hinksey and b) a sound barrier. Council agreed that it was important to keep pursuing these issues and raising them at subsequent BTAC meetings.

A34 Roadslip. CB noted the extensive work was in progress at the slip road by Wyevale Garden Centre and after hardcore was placed new topsoil and planting would take place. A new drain was also to be constructed alongside the main highway. All work was planned to be completed within two weeks.

South Hinksey Fete. EH suggested that the Parish Council have an information board or stand at the Fete in September. Council agreed to do this.

Community Woodland CB confirmed the National Probation Service had completed the distribution of the woodchip around the trees, cutting of the bank to Chilswell Path and the clearance of old iron fence posts. Sony had also voluntarily completed another circular trail grass cut.

National Probation Service. LL confirmed they had been working on Hinksey Hill clearing pavements and cutting back vegetation around bus stops and on the road islands. Further work would be finished at the hilltop the next Monday followed by Betty Lane and Parker Road. SB requested painting of the guard rails to the ditch at the top of Manor Road. This would be added to the list.

Date of next meeting: Monday 6th July 2009 at 7:30pm