

Minutes of the South Hinksey Parish Council

at South Hinksey Village Hall

Monday 3rd October 2011

Present: Sarah Balaam (Vice-Chair), Tom Barron (from item 5), Sheridan Edward (Clerk), Liz LeFevre, Maggie Rawcliffe (Chair)

Cllr Ron Mansfield (VoWHDC), Brett Jacobs (Millgate Homes – present for item 7)

1. Apologies

Elizabeth Halcro, Cllr Arash Fatemian (OxonCC)

2. Declarations of Interest

MR – Village Hall

3. Parishioners' Comments

None.

4. Minutes of September 2011 Meeting

Item 4, line 1. 'Two' and 'to' to be swapped round.

Read and agreed.

5. Matters Arising

General Elliot. SE reported the draft results of the parishioners' questionnaire regarding the future of the General Elliot. There were 34 respondents, two thirds of whom rejected the proposal to change the pub to a residential dwelling. Half of respondents stated they would be willing to offer their time to help run a community pub and two thirds of respondents also stated they would in principle be in favour of development to secure the re-opening of the pub. It was noted that the majority of respondents were from the village part of the parish and there was little representation from Hinksey Hill. The Council felt that although there was good support for the pub, the Council did not have the resources or capacity to lead on any developments, but that further action would have to be resident-led. **Action: Council to seek advice from Planning regarding representations at the appeal hearing and reiterate its reasons for objection to the planning application. Council to present parishioners with results of survey and decision of the Council.**

Betty Lane. LLF reported that the twelve residents from Hinksey Hill had attended the latest Have Your Say meeting. Andy MacCormack had spoken with residents on Betty Lane, had carried out more patrols in the area

and advised them to take down details of any further incidents. **Action: SE to investigate No Fly Tipping signs with Colin Marshall.**

20mph speed limit. SE had emailed Arash Fatemian to ask for the results of the 20mph speed limit review but had not received a reply. **Action: SE to chase.**

6. Payments and Receipts

Payments

VoWHDC	Election Costs	£85.00
HMRC	Income Tax	£349.67
Continental Landscapes August	Maintenance	£340.00
South Hinksey Village Hall	Misc. meeting hires	£38.50
Maggie Rawcliffe	Expenses	£34.12

Receipts

Scottish & Southern Energy	Wayleaves	£17.97
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7. Planning Applications

Woodside, Badger Lane, Hinksey Hill – demolition of existing buildings and erection of four dwellings. Brett Jacobs from Millgate Homes, developers of the site, attended to answer any questions from the Council. The Council had received no objections from residents on Badger Lane and was happy that the proposed development would be an improvement to the site.

Fairfield, Badger Lane, Hinksey Hill – conversion of triple garage into disabled accommodation. The Council raised no objections.

Overshot, Badger Lane, Hinksey Hill – listed building consent for re-cladding of extension and rearrangement of internal layout. The Council raised no objections.

8. Correspondence

Town and Parish Council Forum. VoWHDC arranged a forum to take place on the evening of 23rd November in Wantage Civic Centre to help communication between the district council and parish and town councils. Invitations and registration forms would be sent out shortly but the Council was asked to submit any items it wished to be considered for the agenda or for workshops.

Mains replacement on Betty Lane. Bruton Knowles, contractors for Thames Water, wrote to the Council and residents on Betty Lane to try to ascertain the ownership of the bottom $\frac{3}{4}$ of Betty Lane. SE had contacted Carol Sweetenham and Graham Howell but were unable to find out further information.

Salt Supplies. OxonCC wrote to inform the Council that they would provide 1 tonne of salt to fill grit bins in the parish and that the price thereafter was £100 per bag. It was noted that other suppliers may be able to provide the salt more cheaply. It was noted that the bin on the Devil's Backbone had been agreed to be filled by the City Council. **Action: SE to order salt for bins on Parker Road, Manor Road, Church Close and Betty Lane from OxonCC and from the City Council for the Devil's Backbone.**

9. County Councillor's Report

None.

10. District Councillor's Report

RM made the Council aware that the consultation on free parking in District Council owned car parks in the VoWH was due to start soon. **Action: SE to forward details to Councillors.** He also reported that he was to be attending two training sessions – on finance and on planning – and would report any news back to the Council at the next meeting.

11. Project Updates

Hinksey Hill Traffic Issues. LLF reported that an officer from the Roads Policing dept had monitored Hinksey Hill and over a one-hour period issued 11 fixed penalty notices and 14 warnings. He stated that he would monitor on a regular basis. LLF also spoke to Karen Brown, Community Safety Projects Officer at VoWHDC. She had given LLF wheelie bin stickers. However, it was felt that the design was not appropriate for Hinksey Hill. However, LLF had sourced stickers with a better design. The Council agreed to purchase the stickers. SB asked if the other stickers could be used in the village. **Action: LLF to purchase stickers and ask Karen Brown whether the other stickers can be used in the village.**

Manor Road Ditch. SE had sent a letter to the riparian landowner who had since contacted MR to state that he had been told on authority that the land was not his responsibility but was the County Council's. MR asked him to put this in writing to the Council. The Council was of the firm belief that it was his responsibility and would take further action if they did not receive a satisfactory reply.

Community Land. TB reported that there had been no further progress. However, Continental had strimmed the area and so it was now more presentable. The Council felt that there had been little progress made by parishioners over the past two years to use the area. The Council therefore agreed not to pursue any improvement plans, but to maintain at a low level to keep the area tidy. It would be available if the community wished to use it in future. The Council thanked TB for his work. **Action: land to be added to maintenance contract for future years and Community Land to be removed from regular updates list.**

Village Hall. SE reported that he has still heard nothing from Philip Marsh at Darbys and that he hadn't responded to any of his emails or phone calls. **Action: SE to draft a letter of complaint.**

Bypass Crash Barriers. SB had received a comprehensive reply to her FOI request regarding accidents along the A34. As far as she is aware there are no incidents of vehicles crossing the central reservation in the past ten years. **Action: SB to analyse more fully and report at November meeting.**

13. Local Government Boundary Commission Review.

The Council had read the review from LGBCE. It was felt that the review would have little impact on the area and raised no concerns.

14. Any Other Business

Council Meeting venue. LLF asked whether, given the success of the Have Your Say meeting in engaging with residents on Hinksey Hill, a Council Meeting could be held on Hinksey Hill at least once a year. The Council agreed to this. **Action: Council to decide date at next meeting.**

Review of Planning Process. MR raised concerns regarding the potential impact of the Draft National Planning Policy Framework. RM assured the Council that the paper would not affect any current legislation especially regarding development in the Green Belt and in areas at risk of flooding. RM reported that the issue had been misrepresented in the press. SB raised concerns that it had been campaigned against by several reputable bodies, including the National Trust. It was advised that the actual draft policy framework be read before any action is taken.

15. Parishioners' Feedback

None.

Date of next meeting: Monday 7th November 2011 at 7pm