

Agenda and Minutes of a Meeting of the South Hinksey Parish Council held at the South Hinksey Village Hall on Monday 1st September 2008 at 7.30pm

AGENDA

Present Clive Briffett Chair, Maggie Rawcliffe Vice Chair, Sarah Balaam

1. Apologies for Absence

To receive any apologies for absence.

Liz Lefevre – On holiday

Marcus Stewart – Absent due to illness

2. Declarations of Interest

To receive declarations of any personal and prejudicial interest under consideration on this agenda in accordance with the Parish Councils (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2001.

None

3. Minutes

Members are asked to confirm the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 7 July 2008 (SHPC/03/08).

Please see attached for amendments

4. Sale of Land off Chilswell Path to Mrs M Pringle

Members are asked to note the letter dated 31 July 2008 from Franklins Solicitors stating that Mrs Pringle's solicitors are soon to proceed with the sale, and addressing a query as to the "depth" of the plot to the rear of Mrs Pringle's property (approx 6ft in depth). This was confirmed by us as 10m x 30m = 0.03ha.

Contract received by Clive and to be delivered to Marcus to sign on behalf of the parish and returned to the solicitor. Await payment of £3000.

5. Overflowing Sewers in the Village

Following the Clerk's enquiry, members are asked to note the letters dated 1 July and 18 August from Thames Water, stating, respectively, that engineers are investigating, and that subsequent to investigation it has been found that there may be a lack of capacity in Manor Road's sewer. Scale in the sewer (Manor Road entering St. Lawrence Road) has been found, contributing to flooding. The sewer is to be cleaned at the end of August 2008, following which further examination will ensue to determine success and/or the necessity for further action.

6. The General Elliot Pub - Planning Application

Following the Clerk's enquiry to the Monitoring Officer at the District Council ("DC") with regard to concerns about the above plans, members are asked to note that according to a letter dated 29 July 2008 from the DC, a check with planning application compliance and conditions is to be made, the outcome of which will

be reported to the Parish Council at a later date.

Information requested from Development control by Clerk , response not yet known. Clerk to update

7. **Condition of Village Environment**

MR notes that: there is overgrown foliage on the Devil's Backbone and the footpath on the left of Manor Road exiting the Village (nettles, particularly); the condition of the road, kerbs and verges outside the new houses is poor (due the building activities); that weeds, brambles, potholes, etc are excessive throughout the Village. Members are asked to consider these issues.

Maggie has spoken to Mr Softly – OCC transport: reference Parker Road etc. Village maintenance team to be deployed to clear sides of roads within 28 days.

Get a quote for a licensed weed killer: **Action** Elizabeth Halcro to get known contact to write to Marcus.

Development Land in Manor Road (former pub car park): Council to write to ask owners to clean up land. **Action: Marcus to find out who owns land and write.**

Road signs: Remove old speed limit signs at top end of Manor Road and end of Parker Road and replace with two 20mph limit signs off roundabout. **Action: Clive Briffett to write to Highways**

8. **Planning Applications**

Members are asked to consider any planning applications.

No new applications

9. **Cheques for Payment**

Members are asked to consider the schedule of cheques for payment to be circulated at the meeting.

Cheques for

Expense claim for Maggie

Expense claim for Clive

10. **Correspondence**

Members are asked to consider or note any correspondence the Clerk presents (other than that detailed above). Clerk not present to be able to hand out correspondence

11. **Updates / Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting**

Councillor vacancy:

Rachel Marsden is to here to observe in the view of potentially becoming a councillor

Insurance information is still outstanding - Action Marcus to supply for next meeting

Preparation for flu pandemic:

Maggie has provided the document "Planning for Flu Pandemic- Essential Information for voluntary and community Groups

The village "flu plan" needs to be decided next month – this is to be put on the Agenda and allocated a 30 min slot.

Funding? Maggie does not believe there is any available
Press release for South Hinksey Echo to be released once plan is formulated

Village Woodland: Contractor paid for work. PC needs to reclaim VAT on full amount that has been paid to contractor.

Grant from Forestry Commission for 150Euro per hectare per year – approx £240 per year for the next 15 years. Clive has submitted the form.

Ragwort has been spotted in the woodland field. Information from BBOWT wildlife trust says that animals will only eat it if mixed in cuttings rather than when it is growing.

Try and pull up prior to seeding. Clive to organize in the next week

Tree Warden Scheme: Action on Marcus to propose Clive – Check if done

Parish Land swap to create Community Land: Suggested use swap : They can use the parish land as nature reserve. Clive to provide update on Council's reply at next meeting as contact has been away on holiday.

Planning Applications

Kestrel Lodge decision not known. Clerk to check with Vale Planning Office

Transport access Issues

Village to Betty Lane: Determine whether owner of Southcombe Lodge has made progress with obtaining access across field owned by Kingerlee

Flooding: OFA still active but no further updates available.

Pipes under Manor Road need flushing – Marcus to chase up with OCC.

Internal Audit: Delayed: Accounts to be finalized with previous clerk and sent to Councillors prior to next meeting: **Action Marcus**

A34- Reminder to approach councilor Hudspeth – **Action Marcus**

Fence along section of highway next to burial ground: Write to District councillors, Bob Johnson, Jerry Paterson and Highways Agency to campaign for a new soundproof fence citing excessive disturbance to existing and new houses and to funerals held in the church cemetery and the Parish Council's burial ground. Prepare a draft letter to be sent out to all potential parties: **Action Clive Briffett**

Telephone and Internet: Information on cost passed to the village hall committee to be reviewed at a meeting to be held next week

Cycle Ramp; Sustrans proposing to get a cycle route from Redbridge to North Hinksey. Peter Rawcliffe , Richard King are working on this on behalf of the parish

New Reservoir: VOWH has stated that the case for the new reservoir has not been proven by Thames Water

Wind Turbines: No news

Fires at Redbridge; No new fires have been reported

Oxford University Depository Building Clive reported that no decision on the planning appeal has yet

been made. Expected next week

12. **Burial Ground**

Mrs Elizabeth Halcro requested that the PC consider erecting a sign at the burial ground indicating 'no dogs allowed' (or similar). The Parochial Church Council plans to do this for its own grounds and hopes that we can act in tandem. It has been observed that dogs are frequently let loose around the church and in the burial ground, causing disturbance, etc, and in the case of the burial ground, offence that they are wandering over graves.

Request for the PC to provide a sign at the entrance of Parker Road, PC agree to share the cost for signs requesting dogs to be on leads.

Request for an ordinary dustbin for the burial ground: Approval given to Elizabeth to buy a bin

13. **Date of Next Meeting: Monday 6 October 2008 at 7.30pm**

14. **Other Matters**

Bridleways: Proposal for new bridal way from Paul Harris Strategic Country side access officer. The two proposals made were discussed at the meeting and plans were distributed. Parishioners expressed grave reservations about providing access from Redbridge to the village due to security issues. Clive agreed to inform Paul Harris.

Village Website has moved address: New one is Southhinskey.org

Funeral Parking: Elizabeth Halcro mentioned cortege could not park outside the church gate. Bollards had been placed but moved by parishioners. More traffic cones and a notice that a funeral is to occur has been recommended as more effective than double yellow lines.

Fine for Fly posting: BT telegraph poles cannot be used for fly posting as they are private property. Villagers should note that village activities can be requested to be put on the parish notice board and also posted in house windows adjoining the pavement.

Notice Boards: Clive has removed all old notices from the Village and Hinksey Hill notice boards and replaced with three new ones with information on council composition, councilor contact details and topics covered. The Village Hall notice board is now provided with a new lock and keys will be kept by Clive, Maggie and the Clerk. The glass needs cleaning and a new external sign will be ordered marked South Hinksey Parish Council.

Village Hall and Church Grants: £500 pounds each are due in September. The clerk is instructed to issue these for payment by the next meeting

Meeting closed at 8.50pm