

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

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2015**

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**Present:** Sarah Balaam, Christine Chater, Matthew Frohn, Liz LeFevre, Maggie Rawcliffe (Chair)

Sheridan Edward (Clerk)

**Other attendees:** Cllr Debby Hallett (VoWHDC), Peter Rawcliffe

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**Time commenced: 7:30pm**

**1. Apologies**

Cllr Bob Johnston (OxonCC)

**2. Declarations of interest**

None.

**3. Public questions, comments or representations**

**Village Hall.** Peter Rawcliffe attended the meeting to update the Council on the progress of the Village Hall Management Committee's change of status to a CIO. It was also reported that the documents for the transfer of ownership of the village hall were almost complete. The Council felt that they needed to take independent legal counsel before agreeing the transfer. **Action: SE to obtain quotes for the review of the transfer documents and deeds.**

**Oxford flood alleviation scheme.** Peter also reported that five events around Oxford were being organized to discuss the scheme for the Oxford flood alleviation scheme. Although one wasn't going to be held in South Hinksey, Peter had arranged for representatives of the scheme to attend a parish council meeting.

**4. Minutes of May 2015 meeting**

The Council **resolved** to agree the minutes of the May 2015 meeting with minor amendments.

**5. Matters arising**

**Chilswell Path bins.** District councilor Emily Smith had investigated it and reported that Biffa were not servicing Chilswell Path as the refuse lorry was unable to manoeuvre along the road, and the distance for the collectors to get the bins far exceeded the recommendations. It was noted that this was a recent development and the Council queried what circumstances had changed. **Action: DH and Emily Smith to raise with the district council officers.**

**Bagley Croft.** Tim Stringer had carried out a site visit with Enforcement and reported that as the planning approval hadn't yet commenced, the conditions of the approval, including the removal of the soil around the trees, were not in force. Also, as the soil was there when the TPO came into force, there is no contravention of the order unless new soil is put there. As soon as the work has commenced, the planning conditions could be enforced.

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## 6. Finance – payments and receipts

### Payments

Payee	Reason	Amount	Power to act
Sheridan Edward	January to March expenses	£48.39	s112 LGA 1972
BGG Garden and Tree Care	May grass cutting	£435.00	s96 HA 1980

The Council **resolved** to approve the payments.

### Receipts

None.

## 7. Planning applications

### P15/V0996/HH – 21 Manor Road – erection of stone wall, utility room and store

The Council discussed a representation from the neighbor and **resolved** to object to the application on the grounds that the bulk and scale of the utility room would lead to permanent loss of light for the neighbouring property. **Action: SE to draft response and send to CC for approval.**

### P15/V0662/HH – Grove House, Badger Lane – 1<sup>st</sup> floor to garage, new building to house swimming pool

The Council **resolved** to object to the application on the grounds that: a) there was insufficient information regarding the height and volume calculations in order for the Council to assess the application against saved policy GS3 and visual impact on the green belt; b) the size of the proposed detached swimming pool building was contrary to the guidance of the Design Guide SPD; and c) it represented overdevelopment of the property within the Green Belt. The Council also requested that should planning permission be granted, a condition should be included precluding the proposed outbuilding from becoming a separate dwelling.

### P15/V1127/PDH – Inglenooks, 9 St Lawrence Road – single storey side extension

The application was being considered under permitted development and only owners/occupants of adjoining properties were able to comment. **Action: SE to respond to clarify that the Council would be informed should it require planning permission, and also to confirm that listed building consent was also being sought.**

### P15/V1228/A – Wyevale Garden Centre – freestanding illuminated sign

The Council **resolved** to raise no objections.

### P15/V1165/HH – 1 Chilswell Path – single storey extension

The Council **resolved** to object to the application on the grounds that there was insufficient information regarding the volume calculations and planning history, in order for the Council to assess it against saved policy GS3.

## 8. Correspondence

None.

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## 9. County Councillor's report

Bob Johnston sent a report noting the death of former councilor Val Smith. John Sander was elected Chair and Michael Wayne Vice-Chair.

## 10. District Councillors' report

DH stated that there was no mechanism for Planning to proactively ensure planning conditions were met, and wanted to discuss establishing a system within the parish for reviewing planning conditions. **Action: SE to include on the agenda for July.** DH and Emily Smith would also be sending out monthly reports. **Action: SE to forward councillors email addresses to DH for inclusion on the mailing list.**

## 11. Campaigns

**South Hinksey to North Hinksey footpath.** SE was still waiting to hear back from Andy Coburn at Midcounties Cooperative. DH suggested that she may be able to help. **Action: SE to continue to chase and forward correspondence onto DH to investigate.**

**Footbridge over the railway.** PR reported that he was still chasing Nicola Blackwood MP regarding the investigation by the EHRC.

**Barleycott Lane.** The Council was still waiting for the work to be undertaken on Barleycott Lane. It was noted that Laura Hutchins was failing to communicate with the Council and had not responded to the agreed action point from the site visit – arranging for a technician to carry out an assessment of the work and cost for resurfacing the road. **Action: SE to write to Mark Kemp and Cllr Bob Johnston asking for information on the progress of the temporary works and the report.**

**Flood barriers.** PR reported that the £60k funding for the barrier needed final approval, and once achieved the work would be carried out in July and August, with training taking place on site in September. He also reported that those residents affected by the groundworks had been informed.

## 12. Traffic issues

**Speed limit between Hinksey Hill and Kennington roundabouts.** The Council was still waiting for notification of the review of the speed limit. The Council also required clarification over the apparent current derestricted status of the road when they were informed that no TRO was in place. **Action: SE to call Christian Mauz at OxonCC to ask for a copy of the safety review and obtain further clarification over the progress of the TRO. SE to contact Anne Feather regarding any discussions by Kennington PC on the matter.**

**Parking on the pavement.** SE had circulated a notice on SHInfo.

**Hinksey Hill VAS.** Alan Cockbill from Highways had looked into it and the sign now appeared to be fixed.

**20mph speed limit.** SE was undertaking research. **Action: SE to add to agenda of July's meeting.**

## 13. Maintenance issues

**Devil's Backbone fence.** MR had spoken to Nick Frearson who reported that it had been fixed.

**Stile at Barleycott Lane.** SE and MR had reported this to Nick Frearson.

**Fly-tipping.** The rubbish in the wood next to the bus stop at the top of Hinksey Hill was still there. **Action: SE to chase St John's.**

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**14. General Power of Competence**

The Council felt that the GPC would not be of any benefit at the moment and **resolved** not to adopt the General Power of Competence at the present time.

**15. Any other business**

None.

**16. Feedback from members of the public**

None.

**Time concluded: 9:20pm**

MINUTES SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of the next Parish Council meeting: 6th July 2015 at 7:30pm  
in South Hinksey Village Hall

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_