

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

Monday 4th February 2013

Present: Sarah Balaam (Vice-Chair), Christine Chater, Sheridan Edward (Clerk), Matthew Frohn (from item 12), Liz LeFevre, Maggie Rawcliffe (Chair)

Parishioners: None.

1. Apologies

Cllr Ron Mansfield (VoWHDC)

2. Declarations of interest

None.

3. Parishioners' comments

None.

4. Minutes of January 2013 meeting

Page 2, item 7. 'Visible splays' should read 'visibility splays'.

Read and agreed.

5. Matters arising

Stile on Devil's Backbone and footpath near Barleycott Lane. MR reported that Mark Sumner and Nick Frearson were arranging a site visit but the weather hadn't been suitable recently. **Action: MR to chase.**

Manor Road ditch. The Council had received an email from a landowner next to Manor Road to inform the Council that the out pipe from the Manor Road ditch flowed into another pipe before emptying into the stream. This section of pipe would also need to be reviewed / replaced if pipe further upstream was. **Action: SE to contact landowner and view site.**

Cyclists on the Devil's Backbone. Following the notice on SHINfo, SE had been contacted by two parishioners who asked the Council to consider reinstating the cycling barriers and signs on the footpath. SE confirmed that Highways had suggested that replacing the barriers was unlikely as it went against current policy. The Council decided to investigate what possible signs might be appropriate. **Action: SE to investigate signs and CC to contact cycling organisations.**

Bagley Croft Lodge. SE had contacted George Reade, Arboriculture Officer at VoWHDC who visited the site and recommended to Planning that dumped subsoil should be removed and the proposal should be accompanied by an arboricultural assessment. George said that he would be carrying out a further visit to assess if there were any trees that should be subject to a tree protection order. SE reported that the planning application had been refused.

Route 44 bus. SE reported that he had received several comments from parishioners stating that it was an important route, and they were keen to retain it. **Action: SE to feed back comments to Oxon CC.**

Parking on St Lawrence Road. SE confirmed that he had written to the resident and MR had suggested that it might be possible to increase the width of the road by cutting back the verge. SE was due to carry out a site visit with BGG that Friday. **Action: SE to report back at next Council meeting.**

6. Finance – payments and receipts

Payments

Oxford Memorial Benches	Balance of bench fee	£65.00
Maggie Rawcliffe	January expenses	£21.49
ProPlumb	Repair of Burial Ground tap	£77.00

Receipts

Highworth Memorials	Memorial fee	£120.00
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7. Planning applications

None.

8. Correspondence

Community Governance Review. VoWHDC wrote to give advance warning to the Council of a review of parish boundaries and other parish electoral issues. The review was to be formally launched in June and further details would be sent out in April. **Action: SE to forward letter to Councillors.**

9. County Councillor's Report

None.

10. District Councillor's Report

None.

11. Project updates

A34 Issues. SE reported that the Council had received notification of work to be carried out in February to fix surface defects. The information was circulated on SHInfo. SE has also received confirmation from Enterprise Mouchel that the resurfacing by South Hinksey had been completed and no more resurfacing was planned. **Action: SE to contact Enterprise Mouchel to ask why the full resurfacing hadn't take place. MR to continue to chase Nicola Blackwood MP.**

Hinksey Hill traffic issues. LLF reported that contrary to what was reported at the last meeting, Mark Pilling *had* carried out speed checks on five occasions and had issued tickets. Andy McCormack also reported to LLF that the police in Abingdon had now got their own SID and LLF, CC and Andy McCormack were in the process of arranging dates for the Community Speedwatch. LLF and CC had identified a possible location for a permanent SID. **Action: SE and LLF to contact Lex MacFarlane to arrange a site visit to ascertain quotes and discuss the best location for the SID and to chase outstanding issues, particularly the encroaching vegetation on the footpath and broken pavement outside Bagley Croft Lodge.**

Community Woodland. SE reported that the new bench had now been installed in the woodland. MR, SE and Riki Therivel had had a meeting with Andy Gunn, Community Wildlife Officer. He was in the process of applying for a grant to fund a new project to improve three nature reserves in Oxford, including the Chilswell Valley Nature Reserve. If successful, they would be launching it in June. He was keen to involve the community in using and working on the reserve. If the project goes ahead it would be a good opportunity to link the community woodland in with existing nature trails and walks. SE recommended delaying the installation of new signs in the woodland, until there was more development on the Chilswell Valley project. The Council agreed to do so. Andy Gunn would keep the Council updated on the progress of the funding.

12. Footbridge over railway

MR and SB were to hold a meeting with Peter Rawcliffe and Diego Vargas the day after the meeting to discuss any other possible avenues, and discuss feedback that Peter had received from a surveyor regarding a quote / feasibility regarding providing just ramp access. The City Council were considering the planning notification for the bridge and had received c.20 responses, including a response from the Council.

13. Parish Emergency Plan

Following the recent incidents of flooding and snow, MR, SE and Adrian Porter had arranged to meet with Ian Travers-Smith and Paul Wilson from OxonCC, and John Backley from VoWHDC to discuss emergency planning for the parish. Topics for discussion would include formulating a plan, and possibly a central store of sandbags / grit for times of flooding / snow. **Action: MR and SE to report back at next Council meeting.**

14. Any other business

General Elliot. The Council had received an email from a potential buyer for the pub, wishing to use it as both a pub / café, with possible rented accommodation upstairs and in out-buildings. However, they had been informed by Paramount the agents that it had already been sold. The Council did not think this was the case. **Action: MR to reply to enquirer stressing the Council's support in principle of efforts to reopen the pub and suggest they contact the Vale Brewery directly.**

15. Parishioners' feedback

None.

Date of next meetings:

Monday 4th March 2013 at 7pm in South Hinksey Village Hall

Monday 8th April 2013 at 7pm in South Hinksey Village Hall

Monday 13th May at 7pm in South Hinksey Village Hall