

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

Monday 4th March 2013

Present: Sarah Balaam (Vice-Chair), Christine Chater, Sheridan Edward (Clerk) (absent for items 5, 11 and 12) , Matthew Frohn, Liz LeFevre, Maggie Rawcliffe (Chair)

Parishioners: Linda and Dudley Goodhead, Roxanne Ledru, Adrian Porter

1. Apologies

Ron Mansfield

2. Declarations of interest

Matthew Frohn – item 7 – 34 Manor Road planning application

Sarah Balaam – item 7 – 34 Manor Road planning application and Ambry Barn, Isis Court

3. Parishioners' comments

General Elliot. Adrian Porter reported that he had been in contact with a couple interested in buying the pub site with the intention of turning at least part of it into a pub. He also reported that a parishioner had been told that Paramount had been instructed by Vale Brewery to no longer market the site. It was noted that the condition of the site continued to deteriorate and was becoming an eyesore. **Action: SE to contact the brewery to request that the condition of the vegetation on the site be improved and that the Paramount sign be removed if they were no longer the agent.**

Thames Water. Adrian Porter reported that Thames Water had put the telemetry in place to help them to identify the cause of the overflowing sewage. It was also reported that a facility was now in place in North Hinksey to help store excess rainwater. The South Oxford Flood Action Group had recommended a new sewage pipe that would bypass South Hinksey, however it was not known if this would help alleviate the risk to the village.

4. Minutes of February 2013 meeting

Item 2, Manor Road Ditch, should read “Action: SB to contact...”

Item 11, Hinksey Hill Traffic Issues, First line should read “LLF reported that contrary to what...”

Read and agreed.

5. Matters arising

Stiles and condition of footpaths off Barleycott Lane and John Piers Lane. MR reported that she had spoken to the subtenant of the field who had spoken to the tenant, Nick Frearson. It was predicted that the situation should improve. Mark Sumner (Oxon CC) still intends to carry out a site visit with Nick Frearson .

Manor Road ditch. Due to error in Minutes (wrong person allocated) this was not followed up last month.
Action: SB to contact owner and review site.

Cyclists on the Devil's Backbone. MR suggested reinstating barriers as an option. This was not considered further because Oxon CC's current policy is to remove barriers. SE reported that there were only two signs available – a “no cycling” sign”or a “cyclists dismount” sign. The Council were keen to assist pedestrians and also wanted to minimise the impact of street furniture. The pros and cons were discussed at some length.

Action: SE to discuss options with Lex MacFarlane and Laura Hutchins (Highways) at the meeting on Wednesday 6th March. To be reviewed at next PC meeting.

Parking on St Lawrence Road. SE updated the Council that he had gained a quote of £220+VAT from BGG for the cutting back of the verge on the corner of St Lawrence Road, and that the quote also included the trimming of overhanging saplings. The Council agreed the quote. **Action: SE to inform BGG.**

6. Finance – payments and receipts

Payments

Sheridan Edward	January to March wages and expenses	£637.59
HMRC	October to March tax	£393.11
Tom Barron	Replacement of grit spreader part	£24.49
Oxford Green Belt Network	2013/14 subscription	£15.00
Maggie Rawcliffe	February expenses	£8.50

Receipts

None.

7. Planning applications

P13/V0218/HH 34 Manor Road – first floor extension and single storey extension

MF declared an interest in the planning application as he was the householder. SB declared an interest as partner of application agent. MF and SB left the room. The Council raised no objections.

P13/V0328/HH Ambry Barn, St Lawrence Road – side porch and extension to utility room.

SB declared an interest as she was a close friend of the applicant. The Council raised no objections but noticed the close proximity of the property to its neighbours. **Action: SE to inform Council if any neighbours hadn't been notified of application.**

8. Correspondence

VoWHDC Local Plan. SE informed the Council that he had received the details of the consultation on the proposed Local Plan, which would be a key document in guiding decisions about planing developments in the district over the next 15 years. SE informed the Council that there were exhibitions taking place throughout March and April to help explain the plan. **Action: SE to forward details to Council and Local Plan to be added to the next month's agenda. SE to read and provide summary for Council at next meeting.**

Dial-a-ride service. The Council had received information advertising the service. **Action: SE to circulate details on SHInfo.**

9. County Councillor's Report

None.

10. District Councillor's Report

None.

11. Project updates

A34 Issues. Speed restriction, 50mph: MR reported that Nicola Blackwood MP had said she would arrange for the Minister for Transport to visit, this has not been confirmed. **Action: MR to chase.** SB noted that there had been another incident. **Action: SB to chase fresh data on A34 incidents.**

Low noise surface: MR reported that as budgets are stretched, and Highways have done what is needed, it would be a waste of our time and Nicola's to chase this now.

Hinksey Hill traffic issues. LLF stated that a meeting had been arranged for that Wednesday and SE would be present. It was noted that significant improvements had been made to the path by Highways, but there was still some unevenness around Bagley Croft. There was still no response from Andy MacCormack re the Community Speed Watch programme. It was noted that Andy MacCormack would shortly be leaving. **Action: LLF to chase Andy MacCormack.**

Community Woodland. SE reported that BGG were happy to include the mowing of two new paths through the woodland as part of the annual maintenance contract at no extra cost. MR circulated a card that the Council had received from the Briffett family thanking the Council for the new bench in memory of Clive Briffett.

12. Footbridge over railway

There was no news, but progress was expected by the next meeting.

13. Parish Emergency Plan

SE reported that he, MR and Adrian Porter had had a very constructive meeting with representatives from the County and District councils, and SE had started to formulate an emergency plan, which was currently with MR and Adrian for additions and amendments. It was felt that the plan would be best formulated in a separate community group. Adrian, MR, SE, CC and LLF offered to be part of the group. The group would then discuss the plan and it would be brought back to the Parish Council for approval. **Action: Adrian to send request for volunteers out on SHInfo and arrange meeting date.**

SE also reported that the County Council had suggested installing a sand store which the District Council would pay for and also arrange to be filled. It was suggested that this store also be used to keep reserves of salt. It was felt that the best area for the store was on the hardstanding opposite the village hall. SE had discussed this with the tenant, Nick Frearson, who was in agreement in principle and would visit the site to decide the best location. **Action: SE to chase Nick Frearson.**

14. Any other business

Old pub car park. MR stated that a consultancy firm on behalf of Goldace Developments were due to visit Peter Rawcliffe to look at options for developing the site. They had informally offered to help financially toward flood prevention measures in the community as part of any development. **Action: SE to contact Goldace to ask if the Council could be kept aware of any developments.**

NAG Meeting 27.02.13 MR attended this. Andy Boyd is the recently appointed Superintendent at Abingdon. The police are aiming to visit Redbridge Hollow at least once a day, there are ongoing investigations and the police are working with other agencies. Andy Boyd has set up a multi-agency task force to deal with issues here.

Litter Pick. LLF noted that the community was due for another litter pick. **Action: MR to contact Colin Marshall to arrange.**

15. Parishioners' feedback

Cycling on the Devil's Backbone. Roxanne Ledru stated that she had also noticed inconsiderate cycling and voiced her support for a sign informing cyclists of pedestrian's priority on the Devil's Backbone.

Date of next meetings:

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

Monday 13th May 2013 at 7pm in South Hinksey Village Hall