

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

**Monday 9th July 2012**

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**Present:** Sandra Bingham, Sheridan Edward (Clerk), Liz LeFevre, Maggie Rawcliffe (Chair)  
Cllr Ron Mansfield (VoWHDC)

**Parishioners:** Peter Rawcliffe

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### **1. Apologies**

Sarah Balaam, Cllr Arash Fatemian (OxonCC)

### **2. Declarations of interest**

MR – Village Hall.

### **3. Parishioners' comments**

**Footbridge over railway.** Peter Rawcliffe attended the meeting to update the Council on the progress on the campaign for the proposed replacement footbridge over the railway to have ramp access for those with poor mobility, bicycles, etc. Network Rail had stated that they did not have the funding to make the bridge DDA compliant and that as it was not technically a new bridge, there was no requirement for them to do so. However, they did state that it would be fitted with cycle ramps. RM reported that with work on bridges in the Kennington parish there had been delays with the work and that one of the bridges had had its cycle ramps removed. It was suggested that one way of approaching it was to see the renewal of the bridge as a rare opportunity to improve access to the village, and that the Council should look at ways of working with Network Rail to arrive at an acceptable solution for everyone. **Action: SE to contact Sustrans and investigate other stakeholder departments in the District, County and City councils, eg those dealing with footpaths, disability, and recreation. SE to check that planning approval would be required, to confirm with Network Rail that they will be informed of any planning applications, and what input the local planning authorities would have. SE to seek views of other stakeholders such as Sustrans, CPRE, etc.**

### **4. Minutes of June 2012 meeting**

It was noted that the Council meeting date had been changed due to a confusion over the dates with the Clerk. SE apologized to the Council and particularly LLF who was to host the meeting. It was agreed that the September meeting would be held at Craigellachie on Hinksey Hill.

Read and agreed.

### **5. Matters arising**

**Footpath to North Hinksey.** AF was not at the meeting. **Action: AF to update Council at next meeting.**

**Stile on Devil's Backbone.** **Action; MR still to chase.**

**Traffic Island on Hinksey Hill.** LLF reported that SSE had carried out remedial work, but unfortunately one of the signs was missing and needed replacing. **Action: SE to raise with Tracy Morton / Laura Hutchins.**

## 6. Finance – payments and receipts

### Payments

Maggie Rawcliffe	June expenses	£2.10
BGG Garden and Tree Care	June maintenance	£480.00

### Receipts

Oxfordshire Highways	Grass Cutting Grant 2012/13	£970.80
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## 7. Planning applications

### 23 Manor Road - replacement of proposed garage with workshop

The Council received notification that this application had been granted

### Land adjacent to No 4 St Lawrence Road - conversion of barn to dwelling

The Council received notification that this application had been granted

## 8. Correspondence

**Register of Councillors' Interests.** Following the adoption at the last Council meeting of a new Code of Conduct, in line with the Localism Act, VoWHDC requested that all parish councillors re-register their interests. **Action: SE to forward form to councillors.**

**Town and Parish Forum.** The Council received notification that the next Forum will be taking place on 28th November 2012 and requested that the Council submit any requests for topics to be covered in the workshops. MR felt that it would be very useful for the changes in legislation, particularly the Localism Act and the National Planning Policy Framework, to be discussed in more detail. RM stated that VoWHDC would be holding more briefing sessions in the coming months. **Action: SE to forward request.**

## 9. County Councillor's Report

None.

## 10. District Councillor's Report

RM confirmed that the Interim Housing Supply Policy had had to be scrapped as it did not meet the new legislation in the National Planning Policy. However, VoWHDC were working quickly on the Vale Plan, which would be in place from 2014. In the interim, RM stated that there would probably be little impact on planning applications, as the NPPF did not introduce any new restrictions.

## 11. Project updates

**A34 Issues.** MR reported that she had received a letter from Nicola Blackwood MP stating that she had written again to Mr Dalton, Chief Executive of the Highways Agency, and would write again once she had received a response.

**Hinksey Hill traffic issues.** SE reported that Laura Hutchins had confirmed that the Area Stewardship Application to cut back vegetation along Hinksey Hill had been successful and would be given to the contractors Atkins to carry out. **Action: SE to arrange site visit with Laura Hutchins / Tracy Morton to confirm areas to be tended to.** LLF reported that PCSO Andy McCormack had spent time at the layby at the top of Hinksey Hill to

deter speeding, and had also met with a resident from Spring Copse who stated that residents had felt vulnerable since a recent break-in, and Andy would provide information about home security.

**Village Hall ownership.** SE reported that the Council's obligations as trustees were met through the work of the Management Committee, as long as the Council monitored their work through regular reports, which would be done as they have been through annual reports at the Annual Parish Meeting. **Action: SE to forward the Guide for Trustees to councillors and remove the Village Hall from the project updates.**

**Community Woodland.** SE had prepared a maintenance and development plan for the woodland which he had sent to councillors. It was felt that a fuller discussion of the plan was needed in a separate meeting on site, with Riki Therivel. SE stated that in the meantime he would work on costings for the annual maintenance tasks. It was also reported that the removal of the ragwort was underway. **Action: SE to provide costings, and arrange site visit meeting date.**

**Community Land. (Old PUB Car Park)** SE had drafted terms of use for the Community Land which had been circulated to Council for thoughts. Amendments to the terms were agreed, which would be circulated to the Council and then would be posted on the website. It was also agreed that a notice would be sent on SHInfo informing parishioners that the Community Land was available and that the Council encouraged it to be used, and that anyone interested in holding an event should contact SE for more details. **Action: SE to send notice on SHInfo, amend terms, circulate final version to councillors, and post on website.**

## 12. Any other business

**Potholes.** MR and SE noted that following a period of heavy rain, there were several serious potholes in the village. **Action: LLF / SB to inform SE of any potholes on Hinksey Hill, MR to forward details of potholes in village to SE and SE to raise with Laura Hutchins / Tracy Morton.**

**Recreation Ground.** The Council received a letter from one of the children in the parish, Charlie Gresswell, asking the Council to consider providing a recreation area in the parish. The Council recognized that the parish lacked a recreation ground for children, that none were available very close to the parish, and discussed possible locations and feasibility. No areas already owned by the Council were identified as being suitable locations. Although the community land area might be suitable, the Council did not have the rights to develop the land for a recreation area, and would not have the funds to buy the land. However, it was noted that the General Elliot PH had been bought, and if it were to be reopened, it was noted that there might be the possibility of working with the new owners to provide somewhere suitable. However, no details of the new owners or what was intended were available, so the Council was unable to investigate it further at present. **Action: MR to reply to Charlie Gresswell.**

## 13. Parishioners' feedback

None.

Date of next meetings:

Tuesday 28th August 2012, 7pm, Craigellachie, Hinksey Hill  
Monday 1st October 2012, 7pm, South Hinksey Village Hall  
Monday 5th November 2012, 7pm, South Hinksey Village Hall  
Monday 3rd December 2012, 7pm, South Hinksey Village Hal