

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

Monday 20th April 2015

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

Other attendees: None

Time commenced: 7:30pm

1. Apologies

None.

2. Declarations of interest

None.

3. Public questions, comments or representations

None.

4. Minutes of March 2015 meeting

The Council **resolved** to agree the minutes of the March 2015 meeting.

5. Matters arising

Devil's Backbone fence. SE had contacted Nick Frearson but not received a response. **Action: SE to chase.**

Transport Plan. SE had circulated the transport plan along with the deadline for comments, and none were submitted.

AED training. SE had arranged the training for 27th April and sent the information round on SHInfo. SE to enquire at the training whether the defibrillator sign is in an appropriate place.

General Elliott. MR had met with Cass and Helen Hazlewood who agreed to carry out further work over the next 6 weeks. **Action: MR to chase up after the six weeks.**

Chilswell Path. SE had contacted both Ron Mansfield and Jerry Patterson and received no reply. **Action: SE to chase up with new district councillors following the election in May.**

Replacement footpath sign. A replacement sign was installed and both signs were fixed with shear head bolts to prevent future tampering.

Ring road between Hinksey Hill and Kennington roundabouts. OxonCC confirmed they are investigating various options regarding the speed limit and would hopefully have more news at the end of April. **Action: SE to continue to chase.**

6. Finance – payments and receipts

Payments

Payee	Reason	Amount	Power to act
CR White Electrical	Installation of AED	£270.00	s137 LGA 1972
Village Hall	Hire for NPS – work on woodland	£84.00	s9 OSA 1906
DJ Cullen	Repairs to noticeboard and sign	£229.20	s96 HA 1980
Raymond Brown	Skip for woodland waste	£402.00	s9 OSA 1906
Village Hall	Hire for AED training	£36.00	s137 LGA 1972
Oxford Green Belt Network	2015/16 subscription	£15.00	s143 LGA 1972
BCW Office Products	Replacement cycling signs	£30.80	s96 HA 1980
Sheridan Edward	January to March expenses	£48.39	s112 LGA 1972
Berinsfield Community Business	March wildflower meadow cutting	£36.00	s214 LGA 1972

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

Receipts

Payer	Reason	Amount
HMRC	2014/15 VAT refund	£948.06
S&R Childs	Burial fee	£300.00
VoWHDC	1 st installment 2015/16 precept	£3750.00
VoWHDC	Council tax reduction scheme grant	£186.00

7. Planning applications

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

The Council **resolved** to object to the planning application on the grounds that a) there was insufficient information regarding volume calculations to assess it against VOWHDC Local Plan Policy GS3; b) it represented overdevelopment of the land; and c) it would adversely affect the visual amenity of the area. **Action: SE to inform planning.**

8. Correspondence

Redbridge Hollow. The Council was informed by Thames Valley Police of the arrest and charging of several residents of the site with offences including human exploitation, slavery and fraud offences. The Police were carrying out high visibility controls in the area. SE also updated the Council on the progress of the work to reduce fly-tipping around the site.

Local Plan. VoWHDC had submitted the Local Plan 2031 Part One to the Secretary of State for independent examination.

Footpath in burial ground. Peter Rawcliffe informed the Council that the churchwardens were interested in re-exploring the possibility of a gravel footpath through the burial ground and churchyard. It was noted that it was explored previously without success. It was felt that a path could improve access to the church for members of the congregation parking on Parker Road, although there were concerns regarding the possible increase in maintenance. The Council were supportive of the church's proposal and would discuss financial assistance towards the project once quotes had been obtained by the churchwardens. **Action: SE to inform churchwardens.**

9. County Councillor's Report

None.

10. Project updates

Community Woodland. SE reported that virtually all of the sleeves around the trees had been removed by the NPS and that all the sleeves had been cleared. He thanked LLF and her husband for their help in clearing the sleeves.

Hinksey Hill traffic issues. No update. Action: SE to reformat agenda and remove this item and replace it with a standing agenda item for any traffic issue in the parish.

11. Footbridge over the railway

MR had no update about the progress of the negotiations between Oxford City Council and Network Rail. However, it was noted that work had already begun on the new bridge.

12. Flood barrier

Training would take place in June, when a new design barrier was available, and the groundwork was due to start in September.

13. Barleycott Lane / John Piers Lane / Betty Lane

Laura Hutchins was arranging for Barleycott Lane to be repaired with planings. SE had queried whether an investigation into a more permanent solution had been requested as agreed but had not received a response.

Rob Saunders from Highways had visited Betty Lane and found the top section to be in good order, and felt that the bottom section was fine for normal traffic and was unsuitable for jet patching due to the quality of the surface, but if funds became available they would consider repairing it. **Action: SE to circulate an update on SHInfo.**

14. South Hinksey to North Hinksey footpath

SE had still received no reply from the Cooperative Estates despite many attempts. **Action: SE to write to customer relations department.**

15. Finance Report

SE had circulated the finance report for the 2014/15 year to the Council. The Council had a surplus of £3,800 for 2014/15, against the budgeted £860 deficit. This was due to increased income from burial fees and VAT refund, as well as lower than expected expenditure on the community woodland and grants.

It was felt that a budget commentary would be useful for future finance reports. **Action: SE to include in future reports.**

The Council **resolved** to approve the 2014/15 Annual Return and annual governance statement.

16. Any other business

Date of the next meeting. The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and the Annual Parish Meeting was arranged for Monday 18th May at 7pm. **Action: SE to send invitations.**

Election. SE confirmed that there were six candidates for the five parish council seats. Unfortunately there was a problem with one of the candidate's nomination paper. Therefore the election would be uncontested and all current councillors would be reelected. **Action: SE to draft response from Council to unsuccessful candidate.**

Bagley Croft. It was noted that the earth was still piled up against trees despite the tree protection order. **Action: SE to ask Planning Enforcement to investigate.**

17. Feedback from members of the public

None.

Time concluded: 9:20pm

MINUTES SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Date of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council: Monday 18th May 2015 at 7:30pm
Preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting at 7pm in South Hinksey Village Hall