

The Parish Council of St. Helen Without

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 19th February 2018 at 7.30pm
at Shippon Church Hall

Present: Cllrs: C. Parkin (in the Chair), M. Page, Phil Painting, Colin Cox, R. Bahu

In attendance: Cllrs Catherine Webber, Richard Webber, Mr Derek Kelso, Anna Clarke (Clerk)

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr V. Talbot

2. Declarations of Personal or Personal and Prejudicial Interests

None

3. Matters raised by members of the public

None

4. Attending Councillors & MoD

Mr Kelso reported that there had been a spate of burglaries on site at the Barracks.

New signs have been put up on the Airfield to serve as a reminder to the Public that the Airfield is MoD land and that the public are asked to stick to the outer perimeters of the tracks. It is a training area and people who walk their dogs there are also reminded to remove any dog mess.

Mr Kelso has been given a point of contact for the disposal of the Barracks and will forward any queries on.

There are 3 broken bins on MoD land. Cllr Page to contact Mark Watson at the Vale to get them removed. MP

A security review may result in the gate being closed temporarily.

Cllr Richard Webber

Cllr Webber asked for a number that residents can call for noisy Army aircraft.

SWKlowflying@mod.gov.uk Telephone: 01780 417558 Monday to Friday, 8:00am to 4:00pm

Cllr Painting reported that Oxford Kidlington & Brize Norton are currently doing consultations regarding expanding of airspace.

Cllr Webber reported on the Growth Deal, a document which is about to be signed by the Govt and 6 local councils. There is an expectation for 96,000 houses by 2031. If that is achieved, the government will be giving 35million a year for infrastructure but this falls short of need for roads, hospitals etc. The approximate amount needed is 1.3 – 1.4 billion. This will be topped up by 55million for affordable housing. The risk is that there will not be enough people to buy the housing or that a change of Government could mean renegeing on the promise. The deal has been done behind closed doors and it will be sometime between May and July when we will know what has been signed up to and the consequences if it falls through. They have promised that there will be consultation once the deal has been signed. The first tranche of money would not come through until the Autumn. It is uncertain how the proposed Oxford – Cambridge expressway would affect things but that would assume another 1 million houses.

Cllr Catherine Webber reported that Cllr Matthew Barber put forward 10 caviats on which support for the growth deal would rely. The Growth deal relies on all councils in Oxfordshire complying. Cllr RW stated that it would be particularly important for the NP as some of the money would be needed for infrastructure for the Dalton Barracks development and would be in competition with the Didcot Garden Town an Bicester.

Cllr CW said that because Oxfordshire are ahead with house building, there is a chance of only having to go with a 3 year land supply instead of 5. With regards to the 5 Council deal, the expected figure of £50million saving has now gone down to a suggested figure of £5 million with no reason being given. Cllr Barber has suggested queries about the deal be forwarded straight to him.

Abbey Meadows new playground and swimming pool does not have sufficient toilet provision. They have been put in the centre of Abingdon.

Cllr Parkin to forward the Planning App to Cllr C Webber re a planning resident's planning query. CP

Cllr Painting raised concern over the road surface at the end of Barrow Road and Elm Tree Walk. Cllr R Webber reiterated that importance of always reporting any new potholes. Cllr Page reported that, if someone from the PC will be prepared to be a road aware expert and were accredited, then it is possible to get priority.

5. Vortal

Vortal have contacted the Parish Council with regards to a potential planning application for a Coding College at the Lashford Lane Green Belt site. There is concern that that it would start as a coding college and change into a different application. The majority agreement was that this would be dealt with as

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would any other planning application when it is submitted and that Vortal could hold a Public meeting themselves, should they want to. The Clerk to contact Vortal. AC

6. Trail

Cllr Bahu to follow up with Abi Brown about potential funding for the Trail. RB

7. Smart Water

PCSO Rich Osborn and the Community Partnership would like to make Shippon a Smart Water area. It is a uniquely coded small pot of water, which is dabbed on belongings. As they want to make it a Smart water area, the Community Partnership are giving them away for £11 instead of the usual £60. The Community Partnership picked the Shippon area but posters have gone up in Dry Sandford too. All Agreed that the PC will support this initiative.

8. General Data Protection Regulation

The Clerk to continue to try and find training. Cllr Page to look at the potential for SHW PC to have its own website. All Cllrs to set up an email address purely for Parish Council business. AC/MP/ALL

9. Minutes of the Meeting held on 15th January 2018

The minutes were agreed and signed by the Chair.

10. Matters Arising from the Minutes

a) Highways

Grass Cutting – HSG have acquired 3 quotes for grass cutting. Cllr Page proposed going with the Aspire quote (costs to be offset by a grant from OCC) and negotiating them down to 3 cuts a year. There was a unanimous vote to go with Aspire. Cllr Page to contact Aspire. It will be an ongoing yearly spend, so thought may need to be given to raising the precept in future years. MP

b) Enforcement – Ruth Binning and the Vale have agreed that the windows will be installed in early Spring when the weather improves.

c) Neighbourhood Plan (NP) – 450 responses from the questionnaire have so far been received. It is hoped to get 600-650 in total. There will be a public meeting in April at the Community Centre to present the results. It is hoped to have the pre submission NP at the beginning of May. There will be a public event and then a 6 week a consultation period by the Vale. There were 2 young people's events over half term and there will be a meeting on 27th Feb to look at further events. Cllr Page is currently putting together a spreadsheet of expenditure and grants and the due diligence attached to each. There may be a request from the NP group for additional expenditure. Cllr Bahu stated that the NP had just got a large grant and some donations. All grants should be secured by the end of March.

The issues concerning the Neighbourhood plan process raised by Mr Fitzgerald at the Parish Council Meeting on 15th January were considered by the whole Parish Council. Councillors unanimously concluded that they were satisfied with the probity of the work carried out thus far and restated their support for the work of the volunteers on the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group. A letter to this effect has been sent to Mr Fitzgerald.

d) Newsletter – to be tied in with Friends of Shippon delivery. Cllr Page to ask PCSO Osborn for his contribution. The Clerk to obtain 3 quotes. A few lines to be included on reporting potholes and grasscutting. MP/AC

e) Noticeboards – the Clerk sent the 3 quotes to all. It was agreed to go with Earth Anchors if all agree after seeing the photos. AC

f) Gates – The Clerk to try and get quotes. AC

11. Finance and Administrative Matters

a) Accounts for payment

Payee	Purpose	Total	VAT
Shippon Church Hall	Room rental PC Meeting	£16	
Parish Clerk	Salary January	£439.61	
Parish Clerk	Expenses January	£44	
Madeleine Russell	*Reissued (uncashed) cheques for printing costs and Chair's allowance from 22.5.17 & 10.7.17.	£188	
Oxfordshire Association for the Blind	Grant	£50	

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b) Applications for Grants

*cheque for £50 for the Oxon Association for the Blind, agreed at the last meeting not published on the Agenda.

12. Matters raised by members of the Council

Hankinson Duckett Workshop – Opinion was split at the meeting to whether the first phase of houses should be in the north or the south. It was agreed by all however, that it would be best to start in one place, rather than a few houses here and a few there. One secondary school and two primary are proposed. Cllr Page raised the issue again of leaving a buffer between the houses on Rookery and the new development. There were only 5 stakeholders at the meeting, so they were largely outnumbered by Vale officers and consultants. Cllr Parkin raised concern that the park area suggested on the western side was in fact just holding land to build on. HD said that this would be discussed at the next meeting. Cllr Bahu suggested including an art project incorporating Beryl Marcham, (the first person to fly E-W across the Atlantic from Abingdon Airfield), into the proposed trail to preserve the history of Shippon as a forces village. It was also agreed to check with Carter Jonas what will happen to the gates at the Barracks and whether anything like that will be preserved?

13. Planning

Cllr CW to speak to Cllr Parkin about how the PC can get the CIL from the 200 houses planned for the land north of Abingdon. CW/CP

a) Decision Notices

Ref:	P17/V1336/0
Date	19 th May 2017
Description	Development of up to 200 dwellings, means of access and associated works, with all other matters (relating to appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) reserved. Amended site access/tree plan. Alteration to Wootton Rd roundabout.
Address	Land north west of Abingdon-on-Thames Land bound by Wootton Road, Dunmore Road and the A34 Abingdon-on-Thames
St Helen Without PC's comments	<p>The Parish Council of St Helens Without has the following comments on this Outline Planning Application</p> <p>1. Housing - This development has a good mix of private and affordable housing numbers with a mixed variety of design and building materials. The open spaces are provided around the perimeter of the site and a small central square. The Vale are asked to ensure that the percentage of open spaces are the correct proportion for the site and design as under their Local Plan Part 1 2031. A development this size should provide some communal facilities to create and develop a sense of community. An adaptable central building that could provide retail, nursery and social facilities</p> <p>2. Traffic - The present traffic problems around North Abingdon will only be improved when the additional slip roads south on the A34 are provided at Lodge Hill Interchange. Therefore, it is essential the no full planning permission is granted on any large-scale housing development before funding is obtained for these road improvements. Before full planning permission is granted for this site the VWHDC should ensure that the width of internal roads within the site is sufficient to prevent blockage by parked cars so that emergency vehicles etc can access. With houses constructed with no garden space at the front of the property and between the access roads this is essential. We do not wish to see another error like Deerhurst Park at Wootton.</p> <p>3, Noise and Pollution - There are concerns that noise and air pollution may be a problem on this site due to the close proximity of the A34, Wootton Road and Abingdon Ring Road. Therefore, ongoing monitoring should be undertaken to ensure statutory levels are not exceeded, particularly in the Community Play Area.</p> <p>4. 106 or CIL Contribution - The Parish Council of St Helen Without would expect to receive a 106 or CIL contribution [if this is adopted before full planning application is permitted] towards a Village Hall in Shippon.</p>
Decision	Outline planning permission given 13 th February 2018

Ref:	P17/V3325/HH
Date	17 th January 2018

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Description	Proposed demolition of outbuildings, construction of front and rear extensions, raised roof and internal alterations.
Address	101 Lashford Lane, Dry Sandford
St Helen Without PC's comments	SHW PC have no objection but would like assurance that an earlier application to convert existing out buildings, which has been approved will not create any additional living space.
Decision	Planning permission granted 7 th March 2018

b) Applications dealt with between meetings

Ref:	P18/V0415/DIS
Date	15 th February 2018
Description	Discharge of condition 3(Materials, 4(Building Record), 5(Bat Licence) & 6(nesting sites) on application ref. P17/V2864/FUL Conversion of redundant agricultural barn into dwelling including change of use (amended plans and additional information received 25 January 2018).
Address	Manor Farmhouse, 84 Church Lane, Dry Sandford, Abingdon, OX13 6JP
St Helen Without PC's comments	
Decision	Due 29 th March 2018

Ref:	P18/V0537/DIS
Date	
Description	The application is for: Discharge of conditions 5 - Bat Licence on application P17/V2864/FUL Conversion of redundant agricultural barn into dwelling including change of use.(amended plans and additional information received 25 January 2018).
Address	Manor Farm House 84 Church Lane Dry Sandford Abingdon
St Helen Without PC's comments	
Decision	

Ref:	P18/V0395/HH
Date	14 th February 2018
Description	Single storey rear and side extension, garage conversion, french doors and Juliette balcony rear first floor level.
Address	17 Sandleigh Road Dry Sandford Abingdon Oxfordshire OX13 6DP
St Helen Without PC's comments	No objection to this application but would ask that the proposed development does not exceed the current volume allowance.
Decision	11 th April 2018

Ref:	P18/V0330/FUL
Date	23 rd February 2018
Description	Change of use of an existing open air agricultural shelter into a Sports Pavilion to serve family members, players and spectators during the Lacrosse seasons for St Helen & St Katharine School. The new pavilion provide changing rooms and shower facilities to both home and away teams, referee changing room, sports equipment storage, WC facilities for spectators, a kitchenette, and amenity space in the form of a club room where family members and spectators can gather. (As amended by plans and statement received from agent 5 March 2018 - addition of an extension to eastern gable)
Address	Church Farm Faringdon Road Abingdon
St Helen Without PC's comments	29 th March 2018
Decision	20 th April 2018

Ref:	P18/V0472/LDP
Date	22 nd February 2018
Description	Construction of box dormer to rear roof slope.
Address	54 Lashford Lane Dry Sandford ABINGDON OX13 6DZ
St Helen Without PC's comments	For info only
Decision	19 th April 2018

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Ref:	P18/V0453/FUL
Date	22 nd February 2018
Description	Replacement store
Address	'The Barn' (land to rear/east of White House Farm) Green Lane Dry Sandford ABINGDON OX13 6JR
St Helen Without PC's comments	28 th March 2018
Decision	19 th April 2018

14. Sandleigh Road Recreation Ground

Goal Posts – To be discussed at the next meeting.

The Clerk to email the inspection sheet out to all.

AC

The Inspection roster for 2018 is below: Any requests for amendments should be sent to the Clerk. **All**

2018			
March	Cllr Mike Page	April	Cllr Vicki Talbot
May	Cllr Richard Bahu	June	Cllr Caroline Parkin

Cllr Parkin went through the correspondence and it was resolved to note it and his comments.

14. Correspondence

Oxfordshire County Council

Battle's Over - Invitation for Parishes to take part in the centenary of the end of the first World War

November 11th 2018

OALC January Update

Vale

Recycling survey

Great British Spring Clean 2nd – 4th March

Go Active Gold Programme won Sports Development Project Award

Matthew Barber Policing the Thames Valley January Update

£1.55 million available to boost rural areas in the County

Oxon Clinical Commissioning Group Locality Plans – participation open from 26th Jan-31st Dec 2018

Growth Board Members agree a change to the way the Housing & Growth Deal is progressed

Vale Sort Code change for Council Tax payments by standing order

Innovative District Heating Network could be built in Didcot

Wantage set to receive £8million to provide easy route from Mably Way to the Reading Road

Other

Parish Noticeboards

OCVA Newsletter

Nick Jacobs Printing

Rural Oxfordshire Network Invitation 18th April

Prime Compliance Services

Customer Solutions Team – GDPR Help & Guidance

Metro Rod Drain Care and Repair

OCVA News

15. Cllrs reports and items for future agendas

Nothing raised

16. Date of next meeting

It was confirmed that the next Parish Meeting would be held at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 26th March 2018 at Dry Sandford Primary School.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30 p.m.

Signed.....Date.....

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