

The Parish Council of St. Helen Without

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 3rd August 2020 at 7.30 p.m. by Video Call

Present: Cllrs. M. Page (in the Chair), C. Parkin, V. Talbot, L. Church, P. Painting, T. Turner, D. Churchouse

In attendance: Cllr. C. Webber, Anna Clarke (Clerk).

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs R. Bahu, R. Webber & Mr David O'Hara

2. Declarations of Personal or Personal and Prejudicial Interests

None

3. Matters raised by members of the public

None present

4. Attending Councillors and MOD

Cllr Catherine Webber – Vale of White Horse District Council is looking to work with the Abingdon community to seek a viable future for Old Abbey House. The district council no longer needs the house in Abbey Close and is looking for a new owner. The council will test the property market to see if there are likely to be any potential buyers and, in parallel, is in discussion with local group Friends of Abingdon Civic Society to see if there are any suitable community uses that could give the building a new lease of life.

Every household must check their details - From 3 August the Vale will begin sending yellow letters to every home. The 'Canvass Communication Form' requires residents to check and confirm the details of everyone over the age of 16 that lives in their property. This is something required by law in order to ensure the electoral register is up to date. When you receive your letter, if you need to make a change to your registration information, please respond as soon as possible by visiting householdresponse.com/southandvale – you will need the two-part code on the yellow letter to do this.

Car Parks - There will be a Cabinet meeting on 7th August to discuss Vale car parks; the cost to the Vale is £700k p.a. to run them and there is a shortfall of £300k p.a.

Planning - Cllr Webber is trying to ensure that the pre app forum remains available as Scrutiny have discussed taking the facility away. This would affect the PC input at pre app stage for the Dalton Barracks application. Cllr Page stated that it was essential that the PC had a rep on such a forum. Cllr Webber to follow up. CW

MoD

There will be a Covid-19 testing site at Dalton Barracks.

The DIO carried out a preliminary inspection of the boundary and will be writing to all those backing onto the Airfield at Rookery Close and asking them to permanently lock their gates.

Car boot sales have resumed on the Airfield. The Clerk to ask Mr O'Hara for a copy of the risk assessment. AC

The DIO has requested that a bush blocking the footpath on Cholswell Road is removed. Cllr Page to ask Apire to quote for that area to be added to the grass cutting contract.

5. Minutes of the meeting held on 29th June 2020

The Minutes were agreed and signed by the Chair.

6. Media Policy

The Media policy was circulated and there was a unanimous vote to adopt it.

7. Website

Website Policy - The Website policy was circulated and there was a unanimous vote to adopt it.

The website developer (Quick & Simple) should have a first version to view shortly. Cllr Bahu following up. RB

Cllr Bahu will draft a Safeguarding policy based on other PC's copies, should the PC consider one to be needed.

The Neighbourhood Plan website will be terminated in February 2021. See <https://woottonabingdon-pc.gov.uk/> where Wootton PC have created their NP docs page.

8. Neighbourhood Plan

Cllrs Page & Parkin are reviewing.

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9. Matters arising from the Minutes

None

10. Finance and Administrative Matters

a) Accounts for payment

| Payee | Purpose | Total | VAT |
|---------------------------|---|--------|-------|
| Parish Clerk | Salary July | £506 | |
| Parish Clerk | Expenses July | £44 | |
| BGG | Grass cutting June | £126 | £21 |
| Zoom Video Communications | Subs for Zoom Meetings | £14.39 | £2.40 |
| Cllr Tom Turner | Social distancing tape/cable tie (Rec ground) | £8.78 | |
| IAC | Internal audit | £210 | £35 |

b) Grants

None

11). Matters raised by members of the Council

12). Sandleigh Road Recreation Ground

The Inspection roster for 2020 is below: Any requests for amendments should be sent to the Clerk.

| 2020/21 | | | |
|----------|----------------------|-----------|-----------------------|
| August | Cllr Tom Turner | September | Cllr David Churchouse |
| October | Cllr Phil Painting | November | Cllr Lee Church |
| December | Cllr Caroline Parkin | January | Cllr Mike Page |
| February | Cllr Vicki Talbot | March | Cllr Richard Bahu |

Cllr Page thanked Cllrs Bahu and Turner for getting the playground up and running again with Covid-19 safety measures.

Cllr Page went through the correspondence and it was resolved that it be noted.

13). Correspondence

Oxfordshire County Council

Temporary Traffic Regulation Notice – Temporary Road Closure and “No Waiting” restriction at Wootton / Dry Sandford, Lashford Lane and Church Lane. In the interests of public safety, it will be necessary for Oxfordshire County Council to close the road and impose a ‘No Waiting’ restriction as detailed above to facilitate carriageway patching works. The temporary closure and will operate from 17 August 2020 up to and including 21 August 2020. This is a 24-hour road closure.

Healthwatch Oxfordshire

Adult Social Care - Residents are being encouraged to share their experiences of adult social care to help Oxfordshire County Council shape and improve the services it offers

<http://news.oxfordshire.gov.uk/help-the-county-council-further-improve-adult-social-care/>

OALC

Good Neighbour Leaflet

June update

Re-opening of Play areas

Vale Communications

July update

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Play areas to begin re-opening in the Vale – please stay safe and wash your hands! If anyone notices any issues with a Vale play area they are asked to report it by calling 01235 422404 or by emailing parks@southandvale.gov.uk

Plans underway for the re-opening of leisure centres in Southern Oxfordshire

Changes to restrictions on shielded residents - The government is planning to lift restrictions on shielded residents at the end of this month meaning that residents that had previously been advised to stay at home during lockdown for their own safety will be able to visit shops again to get their groceries and other necessary supplies. It also means that the government's food parcels programme will be coming to an end – something that will affect around 700 of our residents across both districts. We will be making some adjustments to our own food distribution service to support any resident that needed help and not just those that were shielding. As well as urgent food parcels, we have been providing weekly top up provision to the national food boxes to 35 or so households, and we will be contacting them shortly to let them know what ongoing support is available if, for whatever reason they feel uncomfortable or unable to go to the shops for their essential supplies. We will make sure every single one of these residents has the right support in place, even if that means continuing with the service that we have been providing them for a while longer.

New look Didcot Garden Town Advisory Board - On 13 July, the Didcot Garden Town Advisory Board formally welcomed Cllr Rita Atkinson from Sutton Courtenay Parish Council as new member of the board

New Housing grants policy makes it easier for those in need of help with their homes - South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse district councils have made it easier for people with disabilities or who are vulnerable to receive housing assistance grants and loans to help make their homes safer and more comfortable.

Other

Fenlands Leisure Products

Toolstation

My Parish Council.co.uk

TGL Playground Inspections

Council Space

Oxfordshire Citizen's Advice Update

<https://mailchi.mp/ec77e8ec6b4c/in-touch-with-you-4433517?e=541cc57784>

Oxford Green Belt Subs Invitation

FeverSense – Contactless fever sensing devices

Earth Anchors

Noticeboards Online

Morti Sports & Play

14).Cllrs reports and items for future agendas

None

15).Date of next meeting

It was confirmed that the next meeting will be held at 7.30p.m. on Monday 14th September 2020 by Video Call. Access details can be provided closer to the meeting by the Clerk via email: clerkshwpc@gmail.com or Tel: 01865 321555.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 8.20 p.m

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

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