

The Parish Council of St. Helen Without

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 9th December 2019 at Shippon Church Hall

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

In attendance: Cllr Catherine Webber, Mr David O'Hara, Anna Clarke (Clerk).

1. Apologies for Absence

None

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

Oxford City has begun the examination of its Local Plan. The examiner is making OCC put numbers to their minimum allocation as the DC is challenging the SHMA figures.

OCC have been asked by the inspector to tighten up the wording in one of their policies so that it is less negative about building houses (at present it is very positive in encouraging employment only). He said that the policy must be more proactive in encouraging house building in Oxford to house their employees. The inspector was at pains to point out that Oxford city was in a unique position in which it was asking surrounding villages to cooperate by having OC's houses so that their green Belt was not spoilt. This was a big ask as Oxford was expecting the villages to build in their GreenBelt to answer Oxford's needs, and so every effort had to be made to make sure that Oxford took all the houses it possibly could before expecting other villages to take their unmet needs.

The Wootton & SHW NP has been passed at the Cabinet Meeting. Cllr Webber asked for it to be minuted at the meeting about the fantastic work both parishes had put into the plan and that it came in cheaper than a single plan due to all the expertise from members of the Strategy group.

Climate Emergency is extremely high on the Vale's agenda and there is now a Climate Emergency Advisory Committee.

All current ambitions however, are being curtailed by the Vale's lack of finances.

Rough Sleepers – the Vale is trying to catch rough sleepers before they become entrenched. The number to call if concerned about somebody sleeping rough is: 01235 422452 or the Street Link website https://www.streetlink.org.uk/StreetLink_HomePage

The 'Future Home Standard' Survey is open until 10th January 2020.

MoD

Model Jets – proposals are being put together to try and mitigate the noise e.g. only flying 2 at a time, reduced times both midweek and weekends and rotating their location on the Airfield.

Meeting with Station Commander – to take place at the Officer's Mess on Tuesday, 28th January.

Fireworks on the 9th November at the Barracks went well. It was very well arranged and there were no issues with parking. However, a letter will need to be sent to the Manor School as there were cars parked all along the road as a result of their fireworks display.

Airfield Development - Mr O'Hara will be getting briefed on January 9th by the DIO on the Airfield Development.

Sports Field – as a long term plan, the MOD would like to develop the current sports pitch, converting it to astroturf and putting a proper track and floodlights in, similar to that of Tilsley Park.

Street Lighting – Mr O'Hara to ask the Unit welfare Officer to come along to the meeting to discuss the requested plan for street lighting.

5. OxCam Expressway

There was a unanimous decision that, as a council, SHW PC objects to the Expressway on principle. The NAWPEG minutes mistakenly said that Wootton PC and SHW PC would be holding a joint public meeting, however, it was agreed that, until there is a consultation, SHW PC will not be holding a public meeting.

6. VE Day

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There is currently nothing official in the diary for the Army. Cllr Talbot suggested a big street party to be held on the Airfield Runway. The village pub and Church would be invited and it would be a mix of Army and Village residents.

7. Minutes of the meeting held on 4th November 2019

The minutes were agreed and signed by the Chair.

8. Website

There is now a legal obligation to ensure that the website is accessible by September 2020. Cllr Page to follow up with Cllr Bahu where the website development is up to. MP

9. Neighbourhood Plan

The Clerk to get quotes for 30 bound copies and loose leaf copies for all Cllrs. AC

10. Matters arising from the Minutes

Nothing raised

11. Finance and Administrative Matters

a) Accounts for payment

Payee	Purpose	Total	VAT
Shippon Church Hall	Room rental	£16	
*Parish Clerk	Salary November	£610.32	
*Parish Clerk	Expenses November	£44	
ST Grounds Maintenance	Bin emptying October	£20	
Aspire	Grass cutting June, August & September	£2844	£474

*includes backdated salary increase from April 2019

£16.99 added for an ink cartridge for the Parish Clerk after the agenda was published.

b) Grants

None

12). Matters raised by members of the Council

High Sheriff Award – the Clerk to forward information to Cllr Talbot re putting forward the Chair and Vice Chair of the NP Steering Group. AC/VT

13). Sandleigh Road Recreation Ground

The Inspection roster for 2019/20 is below: Any requests for amendments should be sent to the Clerk.

All

2019/2020			
November	Cllr Vicki Talbot	December	Cllr Richard Bahu
January	Cllr David Churchouse	February	Cllr Phil Painting
March	Cllr Lee Church	April	Cllr Caroline Parkin
May	Cllr Mike Page	June	Cllr Vicki Talbot

Cllr Talbot carried out the inspection in November and all was well, however, 31 Lashford Lane had erected a new fence, which comes approximately ½ metre into the recreation ground. Cllrs Churchouse & Church to visit and report back to the Clerk if necessary to send a letter re bringing it back into line with the other houses. DC/LC/AC

A resident, has offered to be responsible for watering the trees if a new copse was put in. The Clerk to get a quote a 12 trees. AC

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

14). Correspondence

Oxfordshire County Council

Oxfordshire Growth Board Survey

RDPE Growth Programme Grant

Healthwatch Oxon

High Sheriff Awards 2019-20 by 17th January 2019

OALC

Elections conduct

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Vale Communications

Letter to EU Citizens

<http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/services-and-advice/community-advice-and-support/brexit>

Free Parking in the run up to Christmas:

www.southoxon.gov.uk/parking

www.whitehorse.gov.uk/parking

Survey Town & Parish Forum

Electoral Role

Parish Precept 2020-21 request

Other

Adcon Building Works

Arien Designs Ltd

Matthew Barber Police & Crime Bulletin

Rural Services Network Bulletin

Low Carbon Hub – advertising

Larkmead School & OCVA working together to get students volunteering from a young age in the Community

15). Cllrs reports and items for future agendas

Cllr Page to meet Tom Turner for possible co-option at the next meeting.

16). Date of next meeting

It was confirmed that the next meeting will be held at 7.30p.m. on Monday 20th January 2020 at Dry Sandford Primary School.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 9.10 p.m

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

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