

The Parish Council of St. Helen Without

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 19th October 2020 at 7.30 p.m. by Video Call

Present: Cllrs. M. Page (in the Chair), V. Talbot, L. Church, R. Bahu, T. Turner, D. Churchouse

In attendance: Cllrs. C. Webber, R. Webber, Mr David O'Hara, Anna Clarke (Clerk).

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr C. Parkin

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 Richard Webber

Briefing from County Chief Medical Officer suggests Covid 19 cases for Oxfordshire appear to be slowing off.

Officers at County and District level are currently under a lot of strain due to the extra workload caused by Covid.

There is approximately £1k left in the Cllrs discretionary pot, available for local PC's to apply for initiatives.

Cllr Catherine Webber

Planning - The Vale have been working on a White Paper response on Planning. The White Paper contains very little reference to Climate Emergency and has been done at speed, making it a poor paper in the opinion of the Administration, who will consequently be objecting to it.

Old Abbey House – there is no money to keep this running. It needs a new roof and the running costs are huge. A paper has been submitted, suggesting it be sold.

Car Park Enforcement - should be implemented around November 2021.

Airfield Noise – Cllr C Webber has received a number of emails complaining about noise from motor racing and Fireworks on the Airfield and is aware of a number of further complaints made to Cllr Val Shaw. Some cars from the Motor Event, that were particularly noisy, were not supposed to turn up and are now banned from the event. Environmental Health have responded that they are unable to take further action, as it doesn't breach any of their rules. Cllr Webber to send Mr O'Hara the complaints from Cllr Shaw and Mr O'Hara to follow up directly with Cllr Shaw. CW/DO'H

SPD, Dalton Barracks Airfield - Cllr Page wrote to Adrian Duffield re the PC not being involved in the production of the SPD from the start of the process, as had been promised. 10 days later, a generic reply was received and there has been no further correspondence during the ensuing 5 weeks. Cllr C Webber has raised this verbally and forwarded the letter to Adrian Duffield. They have promised that the PC will be in the foreground with the SP. Cllr Webber to follow up again. CW

Paddock Planning App – This was called in. Cllr C Webber to follow up with Sarah Green where it is up to. CW

MoD

Fireworks - The next fireworks event will be held on 31st October but it is a low noise, family event. There will also be fireworks events on 14th & 15th November. Due to Covid, it is being held over 2 days, as fewer people can attend each event. The organisers have been working with Public Health England to ensure the events are safe. These will be noisy, however, it will be very well advertised and the organisers will try and mitigate as much as they can for the noise. Mr O'Hara to try and get an advert placed in the WaDS newsletter. DO'H

It was noted that this meant 4 fireworks events in the space of 3 months, which seems excessive. The PC expressed concern about the event on 15th, as it is a Sunday and a school night, so the noise may be particularly unwelcome. Cllr Page to write to the Colonel, who signs the events off, and Mr O'Hara to also take these concerns back to the him. Mr O'Hara also to check if the Fireworks Event Organisers give any proceeds to charitable organisations. MP/DO'H

Big trucks - should no longer be driving through the village. The recent occurrence, was for a one-off event (VIP visit) and shouldn't happen again. In general, any other Military traffic, which goes through the village, is probably another unit coming to Dalton and going that way by error. All the units on camp are well aware that they are not to go through Shippon.

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5. Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th September 2020

The minutes were agreed and signed by the Chair.

6. Website

The Website developer, (Quick & Simple), tasked with producing a new website for the PC has, unfortunately, due to personal circumstances, been unable to complete the site. Cllr Bahu circulate the various options to find a way forward. Ian Bristow has offered to help complete the website, (hosted by Wordpress), for an approximate fee of £1,000, (the same as the original quote from Quick & Simple). It is imperative that the website is up and running without delay, in order to legally comply with regulations. It was agreed, with a unanimous vote, owing to the extraordinary circumstances, to go ahead with accepting help from Mr Bristow. Cllr Bahu to follow up with Mr Bristow. RB

7. Neighbourhood Plan

Cllrs Page & Parkin are working on the review.

8. Matters arising from the Minutes

None

9. Finance and Administrative Matters

a) Accounts for payment

Payee	Purpose	Total	VAT
Parish Clerk	Salary September	£519.80	
Parish Clerk	Expenses September & ink cartridge, envelopes, address labels	£124.98	
BGG	Grass cutting September	£126	£21
Zoom Video Communications	Subs for Zoom Meetings	£14.39	£2.40

Nb. After the agenda was posted, the following payments were added:

Parish Clerk – stamps £7.80 (inc under expenses)

Ian Bristow – Wordpress - £36

b) Grants

None

10). Matters raised by members of the Council

Cllr Tom Turner will be resigning from the Parish Council from 23rd October due to family commitments. Cllr Page thanked Mr Turner, on behalf of the Parish Council, for his fantastic contribution over the last year.

11). Sandleigh Road Recreation Ground

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

2020/21			
October	Cllr Lee Church	November	Cllr Lee Church
December	Cllr Caroline Parkin	January	Cllr Mike Page
February	Cllr Vicki Talbot	March	Cllr Richard Bahu
April	Cllr David Churchouse	May	Cllr Lee Church

The waste bin is full. The Clerk has followed up with St Grounds Maintenance, who empty the bin.

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

12). Correspondence

Oxfordshire County Council

Healthwatch Oxfordshire Update

Live Well Oxfordshire - <https://livewell.oxfordshire.gov.uk/> - is an online directory of groups and services that can provide information, advice, or help and support for adults. Currently Live Well Oxfordshire has information on over 2000 services, and our ambition is for the site to become Oxfordshire's most trusted single resource in the community for people looking to find support.

Police and Crime Commissioner newsletter - September 2020

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Matthew Barber - Police & Crime Bulletin September 2020

<https://mailchi.mp/matthewbarber/september2020?e=e30338cb4f>

OALC

Updated advice on holding Public Meetings – OALC & NALC strongly recommend virtual meetings
OALC September update

Vale Communications

Important update on testing in Oxfordshire

There has been a worrying trend of people turning up at hospitals in Oxfordshire, asking to be tested for Covid-19. The Vale are supporting our NHS and Public Health colleagues in pushing out the extremely important message that people with symptoms must NOT go to a hospital. Testing does not take place in hospital settings and by turning up people are putting extra strain on resources by having to turn people away and also potentially putting vulnerable people at risk. Only book a test if you're displaying symptoms. You can book a test by calling 119 or by registering online via gov.uk/getting-tested-for-coronavirus.

Some Covid-19 news from the Local Government Association

The [NHS COVID-19 app was launched on Thursday 24 September](#) in England and Wales. As the app will include the ability to check into venues through a QR code, we are encouraging businesses to ensure they have the NHS QR code posters displayed in a prominent place ahead of the launch. The app will allow contact tracers to track down customers in order to provide public health advice in the event of a COVID-19 outbreak. Businesses who are already using their own QR system are being encouraged to switch to the NHS Test and Trace QR code. Venues must also have an alternative check-in method in place to collect the details of any visitors or customers without the app, for example a handwritten register.

Help for residents struggling financially from Covid-19

The government has given us some emergency assistance funding to support any of our residents who are struggling financially as a result of the pandemic. If you become aware of anyone in this situation, please signpost them to one of the following:

- Citizens Advice – 0300 3309042
- Wantage Independent Advice Centre – 01235 765348

It is also worth noting that these are limited funds, which we're expected to spend by 31 October 2020 at the latest.

The Government's White Paper on planning

The government's consultation into its proposals to reform the planning system ends on 29 October, <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/planning-for-the-future>

Electric Blanket testing

The county council is offering free electric blanket testing as they do every year, but because of Covid restrictions the process will be a bit different. The tests will be carried out across Oxfordshire in October. Book now by calling 01865 895999 Option 1 or emailing communityengagement@oxfordshire.gov.uk
£500 for low-income families - The government recently announced a £500 support grant for low-income families that are forced to self-isolate for two weeks following a Covid-19 test. The Vale has been asked to administer this scheme and are urgently looking into the implications as we have just a couple of weeks to put a system in place.

South Oxfordshire Local Plan Consultation - A six-week consultation has been launched on a number of changes proposed by the Planning Inspector to South Oxfordshire's emerging Local Plan 2035. To view and have your say on the Proposed Main Modifications and supporting documents please visit southoxon.gov.uk/newlocalplan <http://southoxon.gov.uk/newlocalplan> the deadline for giving feedback is Monday 2 November. If you know someone without internet access, they can view the documents at the following locations listed below. However, we are urging people to check the opening times and any Covid-19 and social distancing measures that might be in place before travelling:

- Public libraries in South Oxfordshire - people can check which libraries are open on Oxfordshire County Council's website <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/leisure-and-culture/libraries/reopening-libraries>
- Chalgrove Post Office
- Culham Parish Council (contact Cllr Casey-Rerhaye to arrange a viewing of the documents - Sam.Casey-Rerhaye@southoxon.gov.uk or 01235 799489)

Note - the availability of the documents at these locations might change in response to the ongoing pandemic.

The consultation documents are also available at our offices on Milton Park, however as our offices remain closed to the public this is strictly by appointment-only. Appointments can be arranged through our Planning Policy team on 01235 422600 or email planning.policy@southoxon.gov.uk

Electoral Register Updates

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Public Events - Covid 19 update for public events in your area contact - events@southandvale.gov.uk

The Digital Infrastructure Programme at Oxfordshire County Council has been awarded £1m from the MHCLG, 'Getting Building Fund.' We are using this funding to top-up the existing voucher scheme up to a value of £7,000 per qualifying property in Oxfordshire; both residential and business premises can receive this amount. Application process at <https://gigabitvoucher.culture.gov.uk>

To mark Clean Air Day 8 October, South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse district councils (<https://oxfordshire.air-quality.info/>) have launched a new campaign to encourage people to use less polluting means of transport, such as walking and cycling, for local journeys. The Air Quality team are sending posters to schools and community groups in the districts, but they will also be available to download from our dedicated webpage – www.southandvale.gov.uk/turnitoff.

Other

London Hearts – defibrillator charity

RedLynch Leisure – outdoor exercise equipment

Earth Anchors

Toolstation

Sanitising Station Company

Oxford science and ideas Festival goes digital – 1st – 31st October

Function 28

Fenland Leisure Products

Morti Sport & Play

Oxfordshire South & Vale Citizens Advice will hold it's AGM on October 20th at 7.00pm.

13).Cllrs reports and items for future agendas

None

14).Date of next meeting

It was confirmed that the next meeting will be held at 7.30p.m. on Monday 7th December 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 9.05 p.m

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

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