

# The Parish Council of St. Helen Without

## Minutes of the Parish Council Sub Committees Meeting held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 7.00 p.m. by Video Call

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

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

### 1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr H. Ayub

### 2. Declarations of Personal or Personal and Prejudicial Interests

Cllr Churchouse – Planning applications, Cotswold House, The Paddock

Cllr Bahu – The Paddock

### 3. Matters raised by members of the public

None in attendance

### 4. Minutes of the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2021

The minutes were agreed and signed by the Chair.

### 5. Highways & Amenities Sub Committee

a) **Highways Review** – Phase 1 was agreed at the last meeting. The report is available to view on the website. <https://sthelenwithout-pc.co.uk/highways/> and Facebook. 1 SID has so far been purchased and the poles are currently being installed for use over 6 locations. Funding options for a further 1 or 2 SIDS will be sought, for e.g. from businesses, schools. Community Speed Watch is on pause due to Covid, however the PC is registered to participate as soon as it is resumed, volunteer numbers permitting. The PC will need to purchase a speed gun (approx. £180-190). Other schemes in the review are more complex and will require more funding and will likely therefore depend on availability of CIL/Section 106 funding over the next few years. Highways Planners have provided feedback on the report and it is hoped they will offer support along the way. There should be more Cllr Priority Funding available from Cllr R Webber in the upcoming financial year. The report will be sent to the schools when they have been back up and running for a few weeks and a copy will also be sent to the Coach companies if deemed necessary after speaking to the schools. It is appreciated that coaches do reduce the numbers of cars, so benefits may outweigh the negatives.

When Cllr Page speaks to the schools, he will ask if any staff would like to join the PC, so that they can be fully involved in the discussions about traffic. The PC is mindful that, although there is an expectation that the schools will work with the PC on traffic issues, when parents have left the school gates, they are no longer the responsibility of the school. In the Manor's Traffic Review document, they stated that they would look at ways of reducing the % of cars amongst other ideas. Cllr Bahu offered thanks to Cllr Richard Webber and Mark Francis at Highways for contributions to the SID/poles.

b) **Bus Shelter, Excess** - The Insurance company are awaiting the Police report.

c) **Bridle Way** – The PC received a request for a donation towards the repair of the Bridleway on Lansdowne Road. The Clerk directed the resident towards the County, who are responsible for such repairs.

d) **Verges** – If residents want approved posts on verges, then they have to be self funded. The PC does not hold responsibility to do anything about stones on verges. If concerned, report to the County Council. <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/roads-and-transport/street-maintenance-z/verges>

e) **Army Covenant** – Cllrs Bahu & Ayub attended an online briefing and also talked to the Vale Garden Communities Manager. Cllr Bahu now has a list of Army Covenant ideas for grants e.g. outdoor table tennis, hanggliding, paragliding etc. Other ideas for consideration are the Heritage Trail, family links, Mental Health. It is a mult million pound grant scheme and will commence again in April.

f) **Sandleigh Road Recreation Ground** – Entrance Path – Ringrose have agreed to provide wood chippings for the entrance path but have transport issues. Mr O'Hara has asked Amey defence to help out with this. Volunteers will be welcomed to help spread the chippings.

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**Playground** – there is very little for toddlers at the playground. Cllr Bahu to look into options to be discussed at the next meeting. RB

**Trees** – The National Trust recently announced a project to get people involved in planting circles of cherry and other flowering trees. The Clerk to look into this and Tiny Forests for the recreation ground. AC

- g) **Drones Policy** – Drones are not permitted to be flown over Sandleigh Road Recreation Ground. Please contact the Clerk if you feel you have good reason to want to do so [clerkshwpc@gmail.com](mailto:clerkshwpc@gmail.com). The Drones Policy was unanimously agreed and adopted and will be posted on the website <https://sthelenwithout-pc.co.uk/policies/>
- h) **Village Gate** – Mr O'Hara has quotes for repainting and is awaiting confirmation.
- i) **Litter** - There is currently a lot of litter around, with the A34 slip road being particularly bad. Contact the Clerk if any areas to be raised for the Vale Deep Cleanse.

### 6. Finance Sub Committee

Nothing to update.

### 7. Development & Planning Sub Committee

**Cotswold House** – the PC was disappointed that this application was granted. It is in the old part of Shippon in between 2 listed buildings.

**The Paddock, Barrow Road** – Cllr C Webber sent out Emily Hamerton's response. It appears that the foundations will be lowered as requested but not across the whole site. There was an inference that ridge heights would be lowered by 1 metre; Cllr C Webber to get some clarification from Emily Hamerton on this. CW

#### **Byways, Cothill Road, Cothill, Abingdon.**

Two local residents have contacted the PC in regard to a building being constructed in the grounds of the above property. The building, which is in an advanced state of construction, with a roof to felt and baton stage. This area of the Parish is in the green belt and, whilst there are other outbuildings in the vicinity of this construction, our searches of the VWH planning portal have failed to find any reference to an application or planning permission for such a construction. This has been referred to Planning Enforcement. The Clerk to forward the information to Cllr C Webber. AC

#### a) Decision Notices

Ref:	<b>P20/V3306/HH</b>
Date	5 <sup>th</sup> January 2021
Description	Demolition of the existing garage, porch and conservatory. Construction of a new enclosed entrance porch and two storey side extension
Address	Windrush Faringdon Road Shippon Abingdon OX13 6LT
St Helen Without PC's comments	St Helen Without parish council has No Objection to this application with the condition that the property should not be extended any further in the future and is not viewed as overbearing on the neighbouring property to the west.
Decision	Planning Permission on 24th February 2021

#### b) Ongoing applications

Ref:	<b>P20/V2233/DIS</b>
Date	4 <sup>th</sup> September 2020
Description	Discharge of Condition 6 (Drainage Details) on Planning Application P20/V1362/FUL Erection of a new 4 bed flat roof bungalow
Address	The Bungalow Church Farm Faringdon Road Shippon Abingdon OX13 6LL
St Helen Without PC's comments	For info
Decision	16 <sup>th</sup> October 2020 (no decision issued)

Ref:	<b>P20/V2878/DIS</b>
Date	15 <sup>th</sup> December 2020
Description	Discharge of condition: 3 - boundary walls and fences on application P20/V1362/FUL. Erection of a new 4 bed flat roof bungalow.
Address	The Bungalow Church Farm Faringdon Road Shippon Abingdon OX13 6LL

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Decision	25 <sup>th</sup> January 2021 (No decision issued)

<b>Ref:</b>	<b>P21/V0025/FUL</b>
Date	21 <sup>st</sup> January 2021
Description	Temporary planning permission for use of land for film-making for a maximum period of 12 months (commencing January 2021) to include temporary buildings/ structures, hardstanding, road and pathways and use of land to station support services and storage. (As amended by additional documentation received 29 January 2021)
Address	Land at Abingdon Airfield /Dalton Barracks Faringdon Road Shippon Abingdon OX13 6JB
St Helen Without PC's comments	St Helen Without Parish Council have No Objection to this application for the temporary use of the certain parts of the airfield for filming purposes, however would like certain comments be taken into consideration. We would ask that the 8 metre high green screens planned for Area 4 are located well away from the rear gardens of the Rookery Close houses that back onto the airfield. The film production company have advised us that it is their intention to locate them in very close proximity to the old air cadet hangers and buildings which are in the south east corner of Area 4 and we would ask that this is made a condition of any approval. Any night time filming in this area to be kept to a minimum and any necessary additional lighting be projected away from the residential houses.
Decision	18 <sup>th</sup> March 2021

<b>Ref:</b>	<b>P21/V0127/LDP</b>
Date	25 <sup>th</sup> January 2021
Description	Proposed garden building.
Address	Walnut Cottage 199 Cothill Road Dry Sandford OX13 6JW
St Helen Without PC's comments	No objection
Decision	22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2021

<b>Ref:</b>	<b>P21/V0030/HH</b>
Date	4 <sup>th</sup> February 2021
Description	Part single, Part two storey extension. Dormers to front elevation. Alterations to fenestration. Removal of garage.
Address	13 Sandleigh Road Dry Sandford Abingdon
St Helen Without PC's comments	No objection
Decision	1 <sup>st</sup> April 2021

<b>Ref:</b>	<b>P21/V0241/FUL</b>
Date	16 <sup>th</sup> February 2021
Description	Installation of two new rooflights and two existing rooflights at first floor level. Installation of four rooflights at ground floor level
Address	2A Dunmore Court Wootton Road Abingdon OX13 6BH
St Helen Without PC's comments	No objection
Decision	13 <sup>th</sup> April 2021

<b>Ref:</b>	<b>P21/V0346/HH</b>
Date	18 <sup>th</sup> February 2021
Description	Single storey extension and alterations to roof to provide an additional bedroom
Address	69 Lashford Lane Dry Sandford Abingdon Oxfordshire OX13 6DZ

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St Helen Without PC's comments	St Helen Without PC has no Objection on the condition that the bathroom extension roof is pitched.
Decision	15 <sup>th</sup> April 2021

<b>Ref:</b>	<b>P21/V0024/FUL</b>
Date	4 <sup>th</sup> February 2021
Description	The erection of a Class E discount foodstore with associated access, parking and servicing areas, landscaping, and associated works
Address	Land to the West of Wootton Road Abingdon-on-Thames
St Helen Without PC's comments	Having considered this planning application St Helen Without Parish Council wish to register a holding objection at this time. Whilst, in principle, we support the change of use to an Aldi foodstore on the site we have major concerns over the layout of the site, the traffic flow data and the impact on our Parish, transport and road safety and flood risk. Site Layout: This field, known locally as the circus field, is one part of the strategic site in the Local Plan Part 1 (now adopted into the Local Plan 2031) North West Abingdon designated for about 200 dwellings . The whole site is split by the Wootton Road, B4017 and the other part of this strategic site now has planning approval given to David Wilson Homes for 200 dwellings. We would support the change of use to class E, commercial on the circus field but with 200 homes already agreed across the road no further residential development should be allowed on this particular site. That would allow the proposed store to be moved from the top Northern part of the circus field to a more central location so that access could be taken directly off of the Dunmore Road roundabout which is going to be re-worked to take account of the new David Wilson housing development.
Decision	16 <sup>th</sup> April 2021

### 8).Cllrs reports and items for future agendas

### 9).Date of next meeting

It was confirmed that the next meeting of the Sub Committees will be held at 7.00p.m. on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021 by Video Call. Access details can be provided closer to the meeting by the Clerk via email: [clerkshwpc@gmail.com](mailto:clerkshwpc@gmail.com) or Tel: 01865 321555

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 19.50 p.m.

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

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