

The Parish Council of St. Helen Without

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 26th April 2021 at 7.30 p.m. by Video Call

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

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

1. Apologies for Absence

Mr David O'Hara

2. Declarations of Personal or Personal and Prejudicial Interests

None

3. Matters raised by members of the public

None in attendance

4. Attending Councillors and MOD

Cllr Catherine Webber – OxPlan 2050 – Cllr Webber is very involved in the Climate Emergency Advisory Committee, with trying to put forward a Tree Planting Policy to double the Vale's tree cover (this should be by July) and setting up a Biodiversity Group. Cllr Bahu to share with Cllr Webber, the PC's ideas for tree planting on Sandleigh Rd Rec Ground. There will need to be a management plan post planting, which the Woodland Trust should be able to help with.

MoD

The Army allows people to walk their dogs on the Airfield. A resident of Rookery provided and emptied dog waste bins but is no longer able to do this. Mr O'Hara has offered to follow up with the Army's contractors. The PC has also offered but would require permission from the Army.

Cllrs Bahu & Ayub have been looking at the Army Covenant fund with Mr O'Hara, considering potential projects that will benefit both the local community and Army residents. One such thing is a possible post lockdown event, maybe linking with the Friends of Shippon Group.

The Scout Leader in Shippon contacted Mr O'Hara to say that a local resident had complained about people related to the Scout group, parking on Faringdon Road. The Scout Leader assured that there are only 3 Scout Leaders parked continuously during Scout meets and parents picking up / dropping off are only there for 10 minutes at a time. It may be that the extra parking is being caused by the Entrance gates to the Barracks being temporarily closed more often due to the filming at the Airfield.

Car boot sales have recommenced.

5. Minutes of the Meeting held on 8th March 2021

The minutes were agreed and signed by the Chair.

6. Neighbourhood Plan

Cllrs Page & Parkin are putting together a meeting with John Ashton and Jan Banfield.

Cllr Bahu attended the Garden Communities Conference and will be meeting with the Garden Communities Manager at the Vale to discuss some of the ideas raised. A lot of the conference was focused internally on the Garden Community, rather than their links with the wider community. Cllr Bahu to follow up with the Neighbourhood Planning Group when it gets up and running.

7. Matters arising from the Minutes

None raised

8. Finance and Administrative Matters

a) Accounts for payment

Payee	Purpose	Total	VAT
Parish Clerk	Salary March & April	£1039.60	
Parish Clerk	Expenses March & April	£88	
CFO	Annual Subs	£70	
Mike Page	Chair's Allowance	£100	
*Richard Bahu	Paint, outdoor gym	£10	
*Came & Company	Insurance renewal	£825.55	

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

*These invoices were received after the Agenda was published.

b) Grants

None

c) Insurance Renewal – to be discussed at the next meeting.

d) Chair's Allowance – Cllr Page requested his annual Chair's allowance for £100. It was unanimously agreed.

9). Sandleigh Road Recreation Ground

The Inspection roster for 2021 is below: Any requests for amendments should be sent to the Clerk.

2021			
June	Cllr Hamasq Ayub	July	Cllr Caroline Parkin
August	Cllr Mike Page	September	Cllr Vicki Talbot
October	Cllr Richard Bahu	November	Cllr David Churchouse

Cllr Churchouse carried out the March and April inspections. Everything appeared to be in order. Cllr Bahu will paint the bases of the outdoor gym equipment. The chippings on the entrance pathway have now bedded down.

10). Correspondence

Oxfordshire County Council

Healthwatch Oxfordshire Update

Matthew Barber Police & Crime March Bulletin

Vale Communications

Community Infrastructure Levy - Notice of Submission for Examination and Modifications to Draft Charging Schedule - All the documents can be viewed on the council's website at:

www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/draftcilchargingschedule

Hard copies of the documents have also been placed at the district council offices on Milton Park, however unfortunately the offices are currently closed to the public due to the Covid-19 pandemic. If you would like to view hard copies, please contact us on 01235 422600 or email planning.policy@whitehorsedc.gov.uk so we can discuss options with you.

Collection of Covid tests for parents/carers of primary school aged children

There's been some confusion about how parents and carers of primary school aged children can access lateral flow testing. The national messaging signposts people to three options but in Oxfordshire there's currently only two options – ordering tests directly from the government or collecting them from the symptomatic testing centre at Osney Lane, Oxford (Car Park at Former Contractors Compound, Osney Lane, Oxford City Centre OX1 1NY). This confusion has meant a number of parents/carers have incorrectly turned up to our symptom-free testing sites to collect test kits. This service is not yet available at our **symptom-free** centres, however, we are putting plans in place and hope to have more news on this soon. For anybody that's not able to get to a testing centre to collect the kits once they become available can now order to have them delivered on the [government website](#).

Community Hub support

Our Community Hub team continues to make excellent progress with following up on those recently added to the shielding list – they've called 4,167 people since 16 February to let them know about the support available to them. On the whole those they've reached are generally comfortable and don't need any support.

Abingdon's multi-storey to be reserved for vaccination parking only, on specific days

We're reserving parking at the Charter multi-storey car park in Abingdon for people getting their Covid jabs on certain days over the next month or so. Thousands of patients are being invited to get their jabs at the Malthouse Surgery over the coming weeks and many of them will be people in their 80s and over and getting their second dose. The Charter is the closest and most suitable area for elderly and vulnerable residents to park. Spaces at the car park are currently limited due to essential repairs and maintenance taking place on the upper floors, so on the vaccination days, we're asking motorists arriving in town for any other reason to use the town's other car parks. Spaces will remain available in the multi-storey for disabled motorists and passengers. We're keeping residents regularly updated and all the information is on [our website](#).

Warning about potential scam

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We've been made aware that a company has been cold-calling and door knocking claiming to be from the district council, or working with us, to offer 'Eco grants'. We've had reports of this happening in Chinnor and Stanford in the Vale. We have no connection with this company, and we would never cold call people in this way to sell products or services. If, for any reason, council staff do need to visit residents, they will always carry identification. Anyone who is concerned about potential scams can report them to [Trading Standards](#)

Applications for Containing Outbreak Management Fund – Transportation Grant Scheme are now open - Applications are now live and will stay open until noon, Friday 14 May 2021.

This scheme will fund those who are providing or arranging secure means of transport to help contain COVID-19 outbreaks and spread of infection. The council is particularly interested in funding projects, services or initiatives that include:

- ✓ Arranging transportation for residents to health and medical appointments – including vaccinations
- ✓ Arranging transport for those who are particularly vulnerable to COVID-19 e.g. clinical extremely vulnerable residents
- ✓ Organising a transportation of goods in order to encourage those who are advised to shield to stay home. E.g. food, prescriptions
- ✓ Providing transportation of food and equipment around the food network. E.g. meals on wheels, transporting food between larders, community fridges and foodbanks

Who can apply

- ✓ Constituted Foodbanks and food projects including larders and community fridges supporting vulnerable residents affected by the Covid-19 pandemic
- ✓ Constituted and not for profit community and voluntary organisations
- ✓ Town and Parish Councils who are collaborating with un-constituted third-party groups e.g. COVID-19 community response groups, mutual aid groups
- ✓ Community interest companies
- ✓ Non-profit businesses

How can I apply? Applications can only be made via the council's online grants system – FlexiGrant. See below for relevant links for your districts. <https://southandvale.flexigrant.com/> We hope this information proves helpful for you, If you have any queries regarding the eligibility criteria or the application process, please contact grants@southandvale.gov.uk

Other

Kompan Playgrounds
Vale of White Horse
Playsource Limited
Function 28
Toolstation

Covid Testing Centres

Dalton Barracks, Abingdon, Oxfordshire OX13 6JB

Please see below the confirmed dates, between now and the end of April, for when MTUs are scheduled to return to site;

April

20th, 21st, 22nd, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th.

May

1st, 2nd, 8th, 9th, 15th, 16th, 22nd, 23rd, 29th, 30th.

The MTU is moving to the end of the runway w/c the 12th.

The public will **not** be able to collect lateral flow tests from the MTU here. Mobile Testing Units are currently only offering PCR tests for symptomatic members of the public. Anyone wishing to collect LFTs can do so from asymptomatic test sites or from the Regional and local Testing Sites in the afternoons.

[Find a test centre \(test-and-trace.nhs.uk\)](https://find-covid-19-rapid-test-sites.maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk) [https://find-covid-19-rapid-test-sites.maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/](https://find-covid-19-rapid-test-sites.maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk) has a map showing test sites and can be filtered to show where LFTs can be collected from.

11).Cllrs reports and items for future agendas

12). AOB

CIL – Cllr Page circulated to all Cllrs his response to the Vale outlining the anomalies in the email, which they had sent to the PC, regarding the distribution of CIL.



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13) Date of next meeting

It was confirmed that the next meeting will be held at 7.30p.m. on Monday 3rd May 2021 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 8.15 p.m

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

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