

The Parish Council of St. Helen Without

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 18th October 2021 at 7.30 p.m.
At Dry Sandford Primary School

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

In attendance: Cllrs. C. Webber & R. Webber, Anna Clarke (Clerk)

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs. C. Parkin, H. Ayub, Mr David O'Hara

2. Declarations of Personal or Personal and Prejudicial Interests

Cllr Talbot – Army Covenant Fund

3. Matters raised by members of the public

None in attendance.

4. Attending Councillors and MOD

Cllr Page thanked Cllrs C & R Webber for their support in the Dalton Barracks SPD issue. There have been regular communications from Andrew Lane and 2 further meetings have been set up in October and November.

Cllr Page has responded on the PC's behalf to the Vale & SODC's draft Joint Statement of Community Involvement (SCI). The SCI states that it wants everyone involved in the consultation, however, further down the document, it says that they will mainly consult statutory bodies and will not have time to consult with all Parish and Town Councils. This would be useful for them, as PC's can feed back to Parishioners.

Cllr Catherine Webber

Civic Parking Enforcement – from 1st November, there will be a new team of officers patrolling SODC & the Vale to prevent illegal parking. There are two levels of fine/penalty charge:

- £70 for more serious offences such as parking on yellow lines,
- £50 for less serious offences such as overstaying in a limited waiting bay

You will only have to pay half the charge if you pay within the shorter time shown on your penalty charge notice (PCN). After this time, the full amount is due.

EV Chargers – there will be 60 new EV chargers being installed in carparks in Wantage, Abingdon & Faringdon.

White Horse Lottery – hoping to raise £30k by the end of the year. <https://www.whitehorselottery.co.uk/>

Garden Waste collection will be back to fortnightly from 25th October.

Tree Policy – has been made and volunteers can now apply to plant trees on Vale land. <https://www.southandvale.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/South-Oxfordshire-and-Vale-of-White-Horse-Policy-for-Planting-Trees-on-Council-Owned-Land-1.pdf>

Tiny Forests – Cllr C Webber to follow up on £25k funding and if Sandleigh Road Rec Ground can be used as a pilot. CW

Felled Trees, Lansdowne Road – Cllr Bahu to send photos to Cllrs C & R Webber to follow up. Action needs to be taken to deter more people from doing it. RB/CW/RW

Afghan Refugees – there are 6 more families moving into the South & Vale. The best way to contribute is through Amazon Wishlist. <https://news.oxfordshire.gov.uk/wishlist-for-afghans/>

Cllr Richard Webber

20MPH Speed Limit – this has been progressing and will be happening in all villages and market towns. To speed up the process, Councils can self fund the legalities involved. The total cost would be approximately £3,000 for signage, consultation and advertising. This would be carried out by County Highways. The PC would like to register interest for the Cllr Priority Fund (£1,500) for this use. Cllr R Webber to let County know that the PC is happy to use Barrow Road as a pilot site and has a lot of data. RW

The scheme overall needs to be condition specific, i.e. not all roads in the village will need it and it could end up being counterproductive. Areas where it would be useful to include Barrow Road, Elms Walk, around Dry Sandford Primary School, a section of Cothill. It may not be needed for Cholswell and Faringdon Roads.

St Helen Without is also due to become part of the speedwatch scheme.

HIF 1 Road (Housing Infrastructure Fund), Didcot to Culham River Crossing – Planning app is in and construction soon to commence on the HIF 1 road designed to solve all the traffic issues around Didcot and surrounding area. It will start at the Milton Interchange and run from Didcot to Culham

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Thames Bridge, including a crossing over the Thames, deliver a new bypass for Clifton Hampden, a new bridge over the railway at Didcot and widening of the A4130 to become a dual carriageway. There will be dedicated cycle lanes.

This is the first of a number of road improvement measures being taken. The HIF 2 scheme for the A40 to Witney, will be next to improve a section between Oxford and Witney, past Eynsham. Following on from that will be improvements at Frilford Crossroad.

Reservoir – Thames Water is making a joint push with other water companies, for the reservoir to go ahead. GARD (Group Against Reservoir Development) has been very involved and Cllr R Webber has pushed for them to be present at all meetings. It looks like the application may be withdrawn.

MoD

The Welfare Officer is progressing with the Army Covenant Fund, aimed at enhancing links with the local community.

Cllrs Bahu & Page will be meeting with the new Commanding Officer on 5th November. MP/RB

5. Minutes of the meeting held on 6th September 2021

The Minutes were agreed and signed by the Chair.

6. Defibrillator Shippon

It has been agreed that the PC will proceed with getting a defibrillator for Shippon Village. The approximate cost will be £2,000. The location is still to be determined. The Clerk to find out further details on equipment required and cost implications, if for e.g. it was attached to the Pub. There are currently 2 defibrillators at the Barracks. The Clerk to try and find out if there are any others in the vicinity. AC

7. Matters Arising From the Minutes

No 4 Bus - A resident raised the issue that the service for the number 4 bus between Abingdon & Oxford had been reduced on Saturday evenings. The Bus Company stated that it is down to lack of usage and will be reinstated if the need arises. It highlighted the issue that the PC does not currently have a transport rep, however, there are not presently sufficient resources to do so. To be reviewed at a future date if circumstances change.

8. Finance and Administrative Matters

a) Accounts for payment

Payee	Purpose	Total	VAT
Parish Clerk	Salary September	£519.80	
Parish Clerk	Expenses September	£44	
BGG	Grass Cutting September	£252	£42
Moore Stephens	External Audit	£240	£40
British Legion	2x Wreaths & Donation	£75	
Aspire	Grass cutting September	£948	£158
Dry Sandford Primary School	Room Hire PC Meeting	£10	
Ian Bristow	Wordpress website renewal	£240	
ST Ground Maintenance	Bin emptying September	£20	
*Prince of Wales Pub	Room Hire & Catering Strategy Day	£100	

*Received after the agenda was published

b) Grant Requests

None

9). Sandleigh Road Recreation Ground

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

2021/22			
November	Cllr Mike Page	December	Cllr Richard Bahu
January	Cllr Caroline Parkin	February	Cllr Hamasq Ayub
March	Cllr Vicki Talbot	April	Cllr David Churchouse

10). Correspondence

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Oxfordshire County Council

OALC Update

Workshops to introduce Oxfordshire County Council's new priorities 18th & 21st October.

NALC nominations for Larger and Smaller Council Committees - The closing date for receipt of nomination forms by NALC is 25th October. If you have any queries or need to seek clarification on any aspect of the elections process, please do not hesitate to contact Claire Fitzgerald at NALC on nalccommittees@nalc.gov.uk.

Vale Communications

You are invited to comment on the draft Joint Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) from Wednesday 8 September until midnight on Wednesday 20 October 2021. The quickest and easiest way to comment is to use our online comment form which is available here: <https://survey.southandvale.gov.uk/s/JointStatementOfCommunityInvolvement2021/?m=56336845i2h>

Great success as children across southern Oxfordshire become Litter Bug Detectives - South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse district councils' waste team successfully worked with 20 local parish and town councils to run children's activity trails in the school summer holiday. The trails were created by the councils' waste team for use by town and village councils and were available in August. The activities were aimed at primary school children and were produced to promote **recycling and reuse** messages and explaining the damage litter does to our environment. Just under 70 certificates
Garden waste collections restart 27th September - The councils are sending out more than 50,000 letters and emails to their garden waste customers explaining the situation in more detail, along with a copy of the temporary timetable. The timetable can also be found on dedicated website pages for garden waste customers, along with a more detailed version of the timetable. [Garden waste collection changes - Vale of White Horse District Council \(whitehorsedc.gov.uk\)](#) Any residents who do not wish to renew their current subscription, will continue to receive garden waste collections for three months after the subscription was originally due to end.

Ethical Standards Training - Patrick Arran, South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils' Head of Legal and Democratic and Monitoring Officer, advised that he would be running refresher training sessions on the behaviours expected under the ethical standards regime for parish clerks and parish/town councillors. These sessions will be held via Teams on Tuesday 9 November at 7.00pm and Thursday 18 November at 7.00pm. The sessions will last about 1 ½ hours depending on interaction. We intend to record the sessions and make them available for those unable to attend.

New policy to boost the planting and protection of trees on public land - South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils have launched a new policy which outline how they will protect, plant and manage trees on the land they own, and how they will support communities with their own tree planting initiatives. For more information visit: <https://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/vale-of-white-horse-district-council/planning-and-development/wildlife-trees-and-landscape/trees/>

Other

No 4 Bus – Concerns raised by a Dry Sandford resident about the loss of the No4 bus service on Saturday nights between Oxford and Abingdon.

The CEE Bill Alliance ask your council to join many others across the UK to support the [Climate and Ecological Emergency \(CEE\) Bill](#) and add your voice to those organisations calling for join-up action that responds to the emergency of our natural world, our parks, villages and towns, our landscapes and wildlife. More information about the CEE Bill and supporting organisations can be found at www.CEEBill.uk.

Gigaclear Works

Start	End	Address 1	Address 2	Traffic Management
13/09/2021	01/10/2021	FARINGDON ROAD	SHIPPON	SOME C/W INCURSION
16/09/2021	29/09/2021	ROOKERY CLOSE	SHIPPON	SOME C/W INCURSION
27/09/2021	29/09/2021	FARINGDON ROAD	SHIPPON	SOME C/W INCURSION
30/09/2021	13/10/2021	FARINGDON ROAD	SHIPPON	TWO-WAY SIGNALS
01/11/2021	12/11/2021	FARINGDON ROAD	SHIPPON	MULTI-WAY SIGNALS

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11).Cllrs reports and items for future agendas

12). AOB

The next location for the SID will be Cholswell Road and then Cothill.

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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 6th December 2021 at Shippon Church Hall.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 8.45 p.m

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

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