

## The Parish Council of St. Helen Without

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at 7.30 p.m.  
At Shippon Church Hall

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

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

### 1. Apologies for Absence

**Cllrs.** R. Webber, H. Ayub & 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**

**On behalf of Cllr Richard Webber**

**HIF 1** is going to be delayed due to rising costs in raw materials, potentially adding approximately £27 million to the costs. Now there is uncertainty as to whether it will actually go ahead. In terms of climate change mitigation, there is a question mark over whether the building of new roads is actually the best way ahead.

**Reservoir** – OCC has come up strongly against this because of the carbon output. Once built, it will continue to create a large carbon footprint.

**Traffic congestion, Barrow Rd and Faringdon Rd Junction** – Cllr Webber has asked Highways to look into solutions, alongside those which Cllr Bahu has been discussing with them.

**Frilford Crossroad** – solutions are being considered to mitigate for traffic at the crossroad. They will be put out of consultation.

**Dalton Barracks** – The Vale has been approached by a cycling fraternity asking if an area can be retained for their use (there can be up to 3 - 400 bikes at a time).

The Vale has been surveyed as the 9<sup>th</sup> most eco friendly authority in England, out of a total of 340.

A Full Vale Council Meeting will take place on 8<sup>th</sup> December with 4 motions:

1. Reservoir On concerns raised about Thames Water's proposed Reservoir South of Abingdon
2. To Support the Principles of the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill
3. Becoming a trans inclusive Council
4. For the establishment of a long-term sustainable programme of Domestic Retrofitting

### 5. Minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2021

The Minutes were agreed and signed by the Chair.

### 6. Defibrillator Shippon

The Clerk to look at the junction of Faringdon and Cholswell Roads as a possible alternative to installing the defibrillator at the Prince of Wales Pub and the possibility of the Army helping with the electrics.AC

### 7. Dalton Barracks SPD / CPRE

The PC is considering asking Marybeth Harasz and Nigel McGurk to provide consultancy on the SPD, however it is not possible to commit until it becomes clearer as to whether the PC will be receiving all or a share of the £20K, for which the Vale has submitted a bid to Homes England. Cllr Page to write to Marybeth Harasz to express the PC's interest in working with her, should funding allow. MP

**CPRE** no longer appear to be objecting to development at DB as it means development in the surrounding countryside will be less likely as a result. Cllr Page will be raising this at his meeting with the Chairs of neighbouring parishes, as allowing Shippon to shoulder all of the housing need allocation for the area, is not an acceptable response to solving housing need.

### 8. Community Governance Review (CGR)

Cllr Page met with the Clerk for Abingdon Town Council, who confirmed that the transfer of title for Austin Place from SHW PC to ATC is in process and that there will be a clause to protect SHW PC, indemnifying the legal costs. The issue of the CGR was also raised and Mr Warner stated that there

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were no plans for ATC to move to try and acquire SHW PC. Steven Corrigan mentioned that there is a precedent for forming a consortium with neighbouring parishes, which would create a larger parish entailing a main PC, with the other parishes sitting under wards. Cllr Page has arranged a meeting with the Chairs of surrounding parishes, to try and create a one voice approach to the SPD. MP

### 9. Fireworks

Cllr Page has received complaints about the extra displays, which are increasingly being held at the Airfield. Mr O'Hara has stated that, other than the main ones, all the displays are low impact. The traffic at the last event was disastrous, resulting in Shippon becoming gridlocked. The Army is taking this up with the organiser of the event as the organisation of these events appears to be deteriorating. The Army benefits financially from these events and the Parish Council feels it would be appropriate to offer a gesture of goodwill to the people of the Parish for the inconvenience that they have suffered. DO'H

### 10. Matters Arising From the Minutes

Nothing raised

### 11. Finance and Administrative Matters

#### a) Accounts for payment

Payee	Purpose	Total	VAT
Parish Clerk	Salary October & November	£1039.60	
Parish Clerk	Expenses October & November & Microsoft Subs	£88 £59.99	
Richard Bahu	Ink cartridge & Duct Tape	£34.30	
PCC Of Shippon	Room Hire PC Meeting SPD Meeting	£20 £40	
Prince of Wales Pub	Catering SPD Meeting	£84	
ST Ground Maintenance	Bin emptying October	£20	
PCC of Shippon	Grant for Handrail	£300	
PCC of Dry Sandford	Grant St Helen's Church Restoration Fund	£300	
*Aspire	Grass Cutting	£948	£158

\*Received after the agenda was published

#### b) Grant Requests

- Cleanslate - £100 unanimously agreed, to be paid at the January meeting
- St Helens Church (Restoration Fund) - £300 unanimously agreed
- PCC of Shippon (Handrail) - £300 unanimously agreed

### 12). Sandleigh Road Recreation Ground

The Inspection roster for 2022 is below: Any requests for amendments should be sent to the Clerk.

2022			
January	Cllr Caroline Parkin	February	Cllr Hamasq Ayub
March	Cllr Vicki Talbot	April	Cllr David Churchouse
May	Cllr Mike Page	June	Cllr Richard Bahu

### 13). Correspondence

#### Oxfordshire County Council

OALC October Update

Parish Transport Representatives Minutes, October Meeting

**UK national threat level raised to 'severe'** - The UK was previously at the 'severe' level for several years so this change should not cause undue alarm. However, it does mean the risk of a terrorist attack has increased and it serves as a reminder to be aware of the risks. If you are planning any events in the coming weeks, please review your risk assessments considering this change. Further guidance <https://www.cpni.gov.uk/>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/act-awareness-elearning> Anti-terrorist hotline on 0800 789 321.

**Winter Emergency Planning** - The Oxfordshire Emergency Planning Unit has a variety of resources available to assist you with creating a community emergency plan. If you have any questions around

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Community Resilience or Community Emergency Plans, please don't hesitate to contact the team at [emergencyplanning@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:emergencyplanning@oxfordshire.gov.uk).

### **Vale Communications**

**Garden Waste** - The garden waste service will return to its normal fortnightly collections from 25 October and so from that day onwards, customers can put their brown garden waste bins out on their normal collection day in their recycling week every fortnight.

**Dalton Barracks SPD** – The Vale is creating a set of guidelines on how future development at Dalton Barracks should look and feel, and how it should contribute to the area. Part of the Ministry of Defence site at Dalton Barracks was chosen for development as part of [the Vale of White Horse Local Plan](#). The development will include 1,200 homes as well as a primary school and a local centre. The Supplementary Planning Document, (SPD) provides more detailed guidance on policies in the Local Plan, such as the Dalton Barracks Strategic Allocation (Core Policy 8b in the Local Plan Part 2). We've produced a more [detailed FAQs with more information](#).

[https://files.smartsurvey.io/2/0/YIR0CJT3/Dalton Barracks FAQs Oct 2021.pdf](https://files.smartsurvey.io/2/0/YIR0CJT3/Dalton_Barracks_FAQs_Oct_2021.pdf)

You can view the documents on [our website](#).

<https://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/vale-of-white-horse-district-council/planning-and-development/local-plan-and-planning-policies/supplementary-planning-documents/dalton-barracks-supplementary-planning-document/>

The SPD is expected to be considered for adoption in early 2022.

**New council building concept design gets the go ahead** - The concept design for the new district council building at Didcot Gateway has been approved. The new building will be home to the offices the council shares with the neighbouring Vale of White Horse District Council – the two councils work jointly across most of their services and share staff. <https://www.southoxon.gov.uk/south-oxfordshire-district-council/about-the-council/our-new-headquarters/>

**Councils urge global leaders to agree urgent climate action at COP26** - With the effects of climate change already having a catastrophic impact across the world, South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils are urging the leaders attending **COP26** to urgently agree on significant global climate action before it's too late. "In the Vale we have our own ambitious carbon reduction targets, however, to become a net zero district we need national and international action to ensure funding is available and to bring about changes in law. Depending on the outcomes of COP26, there may also be a need for us to adapt and work with others to meet new timescales and initiatives."

**Good causes in the Vale benefit from White Horse Community Lottery** - White Horse Community Lottery: Easy online fundraising for good causes <https://www.whitehorselottery.co.uk/>

### **New Chair and updates for Didcot Garden Town Advisory Board members**

Members of the Didcot Garden Town Advisory Board met recently to hear about the latest developments in the town and to welcome their new Chair, Cllr Liz Leffman, who is the Leader of Oxfordshire County Council.

### **Call for people to buy local as free parking days returns in the run up to Christmas**

Shoppers in South Oxfordshire and the Vale of White Horse are being given a helping hand to buy local this Christmas. Those who are unable to get to local businesses by walking, cycling or public transport can take advantage of free parking in district council car parks. The annual free parking tradition is provided by South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils to encourage people to shop locally for their Christmas presents.

### **Drivers will be able to park for free in South and Vale car parks on the following days:**

- Abingdon – Saturdays 4, 11 and 18 December
- Didcot – Mondays – 6, 13 and 20 December
- Faringdon – Saturdays 27 November, and 4 and 11 December
- Wallingford – Thursdays 9, 16 and 23 December
- Wantage – Saturdays 4, 11 and 18 December

On the above days there's no need to display a ticket, however maximum stay times will still apply in specific car parks\*.

**Community Governance Review** - Vale of White Horse District Council will be undertaking a Community Governance Review (CGR) during 2022 with any agreed changes implemented for the 2023 elections.

### **Vouchers will help residents with winter essentials**

The Vale will be supporting residents struggling to afford household essentials this winter through a new voucher scheme. The new, targeted programme uses money from the government's Household Support Fund to help pay for vulnerable households' food, energy, and water bills and other essential household costs. The funds are not restricted to people who receive benefits, and a range of factors are taken into

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consideration when assessing applications. The scheme will open in the next couple of weeks and will end in March 2022. Details on how to apply will be on <https://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/household-support-fund/> The county council is also providing support for children and young people eligible for free school meals from the same government fund.

**Latest on Broadband across the districts** - For some useful information on what is happening around the county to boost the broadband supply, please see our [update on the latest broadband projects](https://www.southandvale.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Broadband-across-the-districts.pdf). <https://www.southandvale.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Broadband-across-the-districts.pdf>

**Move Together** – The Vale are looking for more volunteers to help with a project to help residents who were shielding during the pandemic, or whose health and wellbeing has been impacted by Covid-19. We are working with Active Oxfordshire to support people to move more, to help improve physical health, mental health and wellbeing, with activities tailored to suit individual needs. If you know someone who might be interested in becoming a Move Together volunteer, or someone who already runs activities in the district that help to improve physical and or mental wellbeing, and has the capacity to take on more clients, please ask them to contact the Active Communities team. Training and guidance will be given. If someone is able to help, please ask them to contact Ashley Chapman on 07717714477 or [ashley.chapman@southandvale.gov.uk](mailto:ashley.chapman@southandvale.gov.uk).

**Drink and needle spiking** - If you have any concerns, please take a look at the [talk to Frank website](https://www.talktofrank.com/news/spiking) which has some great tips on staying safe and what to do if you think you or a friend has been spiked. <https://www.talktofrank.com/news/spiking>

### **Other**

Gallagher Insurance Brokers

Kompan

Direct Data Analysis - professional research, data collection and reporting

### **Have your say on rural isolation!** –

Community First Oxfordshire (CFO) on behalf of Healthwatch Oxfordshire is undertaking a short survey to better understand the levels of rural isolation felt in rural communities. The survey is designed for everyone to have their say and is anonymous. To complete the online survey follow this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/RurallIsolationOxon>

A report of the survey results, which will include recommendations based on these results, will be produced and published in March 2022. If you have any enquiries or would like help filling in the survey or would like it in another format/large print/language please contact the CFO team on [info@communityfirstoxon.org](mailto:info@communityfirstoxon.org) **Please complete the survey by 20 December 2021**

### **14).Cllrs reports and items for future agendas**

#### **15). AOB**

Cllr Churchouse to Chair a committee of people from the Village to put some suggestions together.  
AC/DC

#### **16) Date of next meeting**

It was confirmed that the next meeting will be held at 7.30p.m. on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at Shippon Church Hall.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 9.15 p.m

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

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