

## The Parish Council of St. Helen Without

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at 7.30 p.m.  
At Shippon Church Hall

**Present:** Cllrs. M. Page (in the Chair), V. Talbot, R. Bahu, D. Churchouse, H. Ayub, M. Littleboy, N. Benchiba-Savenius

**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

**Co option** – Cllrs were unanimously in favour of co-opting Najat Benchiba-Savenius to the role of Cllr.

**Resignations** - Cllr Talbot has made the decision to step down from the Parish Council due to other demanding commitments. Cllr Talbot has been the second longest serving Councillor on the PC and has spoken up fiercely on behalf of residents of the Parish. It is a sad loss to the PC and we wish Cllr Talbot all the best for the future.

Cllr Nadia Roper also decided to stand down and the PC thanks Nadia for her contribution and offers best wishes for the future.

### 4. Attending Councillors and MOD

#### MoD

Colonel Wincott will be carrying out a phased hand over to the new Station Commander in August. The Army are aware of noise complaints about the Motor sports held on the Airfield. Environmental Health attended the Car Chase Heroes event and were satisfied that the level of noise was acceptable. Car Chase Heroes have adapted their exhausts to try and dampen down the sounds and the Army is encouraging others to also try and mitigate for the noise emitted. Now filming has completed at the Airfield, the motorsports events will revert to their original location on the Airfield. Cllr Val Shaw will be forwarding a complaint about the Carnival Motor Event to Layla Moran.

There will be events on the Airfield, however, the Army will listen and try and mitigate where at all possible. The Fireworks are extremely noisy and can cause huge issues for pet owners, farmers and horse owners. Colonel Wincott wants to go ahead with these where possible, after all the lockdowns, however, if the PC has issues to raise, Mr O'Hara will take it back to the Station Commander.

As it is an Army base, there will be noise of a military nature, however, shooting practice should not go on after 10pm.

The Army will not do any pyro training whilst the grass is tinder dry from the heatwave. Fireworks will only go ahead if the grass is in a suitable condition at the time.

**Fireworks Events Traffic Plan** – at the Jubilee event, the organiser capped attendance at 5000 (including 650 free tickets for the Army) and stated that these people would attend in no more than 1700 cars. There appeared to be more people attending than this. The onus lies with the Army to monitor the numbers on the Airfield.

#### Cllr Catherine Webber

**The Climate Action Fund** of £50K proved to be very successful and resulted in 13 projects across the Vale benefitting from it, with many more applicants. Due to the success, another one will run later in the year.

**The Design Guide** is now complete and contains lots of Green Policies. Although it is not as legally binding as Building Regs, Developers will need to consult it.

**Didcot Garden Party** will be returning again this summer – all events are free.

The Litter Bugs Detective Trail for children will be held again this summer at various locations <https://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/vale-of-white-horse-district-council/recycling-rubbish-and-waste/welcome-to-the-litter-bug-detectives-trail/>

### Vale of White Horse Full Council - Motions

The Council resolved to ask the Leader and Chief Executive to explore:

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1. Expanding the Council Tax Reduction Scheme to reduce the tax burden for lower income households
2. Ways to protect funding for partnership grants delivering advice services to residents in next year's budget and future years as far as possible
3. Ways to continue and widen the remit of the community hub, which was initially created in response to Covid to support residents and is now acting as a central point for information and support.
4. Working with partners to improve access to affordable food across our district
5. Asks the leader to write to relevant government ministers and our local MPs to ask for urgent action to relieve the cost-of-living crisis through such measures as:
  - Provide immediate financial support for consumers of heating oil, Bottled gas, solid fuels, those reliant on generators for electricity and those on prepayment meters.
  - Increase Rural Fuel Duty Rate Relief and expand the number of rural areas covered
  - Consider reducing VAT to 17.5% putting money back into the pockets of average families, boosting the economy and helping to support local retailers
  - Deliver a real and immediate increase in investment in UK renewables and an energy plan for the UK which immediately reduces costs for the end user and leads to the decarbonisation of the UK energy network in the long term.

**Food Banks** – Cllr Benchiba-Savenius to follow up with her contact, who runs a food bank, about local need. Some food banks are left with food, whilst others are running out, so it maybe that sharing stock could be a way forward. Cllr Bahu to put as much info as possible on the website. Cllr Webber to let the PC know if there is anything that it is possible to do for the greater Abingdon need. NB-S/RB/CW  
Asda and Tesco are running schemes where children can get free or cheap meals over the summer.

### Cllr Richard Webber

The result of the Government Leadership Contest is likely to have a negative impact on the County's budgets. It is so important not to let the Climate Emergency sink down the Agenda.

**Dalton Barracks** - Highways have expressed concern about about managing traffic around the DB Development when it is built.

**Lodge Hill** – there should be some movement on this in the next month or 2. It is already paid for.

Cllr Bahu to send the details of the WaDS newsletter editor to Cllr R Webber.

RB

### 5. Minutes of the meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022

The Minutes were agreed and signed by the Chair.

### 6. Adoption of the New Code of Conduct & New Register of Interests Forms

There was a unanimous vote to adopt the new Code of Conduct and new Register of Interests forms are to be submitted for all Cllrs.

### 7. Dalton Barracks SPD

The SPD has now been published and sets out the aspirations of the Vale for what they would like to see on the development, such as design, open spaces and sustainability. The PC was involved in the SPD process. It has now moved to the Masterplanning phase where the DIO and Developers look at the SPD and see what will actually work. The PC has been assured that it will have equal status in the masterplanning group. The Lead on the Masterplan has advised us that the DIO wishes to consider the Oxford Mobility Plan before the Masterplan is further progressed. The Oxford Mobility Model is put together from a consortium of consultants looking at all forms of transport, with a seeming focus on future models such as autonomous cars, drones etc. Cllr Bahu felt concerned that this focus on future modes of transport, may result in more houses on the DB site, owing to reduced need for traffic infrastructure. Cllr Richard Webber pointed out however, that the Vale had received official blessing to use a revised housing formula which should reduce the overall need for housing in the District.

The Vale applied to Homes England for £100K funding and the PC requested a portion of this (£20k). The Vale were successful but for a lot less than the application and so the PC's portion will consequently be a fraction of the £20k requested.

### 8. Community Governance Review

Although it is not in the Parish, for info Sunningwell have indicated they would like to take part of Boars Hill, currently in Wootton Parish, to be within their Parish boundary.

### 9. Matters arising from the Minutes

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### Jubilee Legacy Trees

Cllr Churchouse will need volunteers to get this started and will send an email to all Cllrs soon. DC

### 10. Matters raised by members of the Council

Barrow Road chicaine – to be raised again at a future meeting and rework options. The PC has put in for Barrow Road to be included in the 20mph scheme.

### 11. Finance and Administrative Matters

a) Accounts for payment (In Accordance with Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972)

Payee	Purpose	Total	VAT
Friends of Shippon	Jubilee Events	*£750	
PCC of Shippon	Jubilee Banner	*£52.80	
RBLI	Memorial Plaques Jubilee Trees	*£775.95	
HAGS	Sandleigh Road Play Equipment	*£11,998.80	£1999.80
BGG	Grass Cutting May	*£126	£21
Thyme & Date	Jubilee Picnic	*£67	
ST Grounds Maintenance	Bin Emptying May Bin Emptying June	*£20 £20	
Parish Clerk	Salary June & July	£1058	
Parish Clerk	Expenses June & July	£88	
PCC Of Shippon	Room Hire PC Meeting July	£20	
BGG	Grass cutting June Grass verge cutting	£126 £960	£21 £160
Paul Prior	Painting Village Gates	£520	
Monica Littleboy	Land Registry Search	*£3	
Friends of Shippon	Jubilee Events	£267.83	

\*Paid in between meetings

### b) Grant Requests

None

**Jubilee payments** – DC to send out a list of Jubilee spend, a lot of which will be funded by the Lottery Grant. DC

### Bank Signatories:

The current list of signatories are:

Cllrs. Page, Parkin, Talbot & Bahu

Cllr Talbot to be removed and Cllrs Littleboy & Benchiba-Savenius to be added. AC

### 12. Recreation Ground

The ROSPA Annual Inspection will take place in July – no report as yet.

### 13. Correspondence

#### Oxfordshire County Council

- Matthew Barber Police & Crime Bulletin May
- NHS COVID Vaccinations - 5-11 Year Olds - All children aged 5-11 continue to be offered vaccination against Covid-19. To book an appointment, please visit <https://www.nhs.uk/covidvaccination> or call 119.

The NHS wants to support you to make an informed choice with more information available here **COVID-**

#### **19: A guide for parents of children aged 5 to 11 (publishing.service.gov.uk)**

- Application to Record a 20ft width for Marcham Bridleway No. 3/30  
The report and appendices are available to view and download on the County Council's website at <https://letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/03654-marcham>
- Parish Transport Representative Meeting Minutes
- Revised focus for Didcot Garden Town - Revised plans to help improve the lives of residents living in and around Didcot Garden Town have been approved at two Cabinet meetings. More information

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on the revised delivery plan can be found via [southoxon.gov.uk/didcot-garden-town](https://southoxon.gov.uk/didcot-garden-town) or [whitehorsedc.gov.uk/didcot-garden-town](https://whitehorsedc.gov.uk/didcot-garden-town).

### OALC

- May & June Updates

### Vale Communications

- South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse district councils have launched a joint litter mapping project aimed at identifying where and what type of items are littered, this information will then be used to target those areas. [https://survey.southandvale.gov.uk/s/LitterPickingProject\\_Form/](https://survey.southandvale.gov.uk/s/LitterPickingProject_Form/)

Litter is defined as any item left out in public which should have been put in a bin.

- Bagged dog poo, Bottles, Cans, Cigarette butts, Food items, Fast food packaging, Face masks and disposable gloves

More information is available [www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/littermapping](https://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/littermapping) The litter mapping survey will run until 30 September.

- **Street Naming & Numbering** - Erection of 1 new residential dwelling to be known as: 34 Lashford Lane, Dry Sandford, ABINGDON OX13 6DY
- Building previously used as interim office now to be used as permanent office space requiring postal delivery. To be known as: DVSA, Marcham Interchange Enforcement, Marcham Road
- **Government pledges £100,000 of support for two local garden villages** - Berinsfield Garden Village will be receiving £50,000 The other £50,000 will go to Dalton Barracks Garden Village.
- **Alderman honour awarded to three ex-councillors** - Three former Vale of White Horse councillors who served the district for a combined total of 52 years have been honoured as Aldermen. Jim Halliday, Jerry Patterson and Reg Waite were awarded the title at a recent special Council meeting in recognition of the service they provided to the council and the district.
- **Vale of White Horse and South Oxfordshire district councils have opened a voucher scheme to support households who can't afford to pay for life's essentials.** - A portion of funds allocated to Oxfordshire County Council have been allocated to Vale of White Horse and South Oxfordshire district councils as part of a wider support package across the county, which includes help for children eligible for free school meals through the holidays. Funding is limited and the scheme is open initially to people who have not had support from it before. However, the councils will open it to second applications if funds remain. The funds are not restricted to people in receipt of benefits and there is no requirement that residents must be employed or must be unemployed. In contrast to previous schemes, a portion of the funds will be allocated specifically to support pensioner households. To find out about the scheme and to complete an application form please visit the councils' webpages:
  - [whitehorsedc.gov.uk/household-support-fund](https://whitehorsedc.gov.uk/household-support-fund)
  - [southoxon.gov.uk/household-support-fund](https://southoxon.gov.uk/household-support-fund)

The scheme will end in September 2022, unless funds are spent sooner.

- **South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils are carrying out a Community Governance Review** which involves reviewing parish arrangements, inviting requests for changes and then implementing any which would benefit the local area. The review could result in changes like altering a parish boundary, creating or merging a parish, changing a parish name, or changing the local electoral arrangements. To view the proposals for each area and to find out how you can have your say, please visit [southoxon.gov.uk/communitygovernance](https://southoxon.gov.uk/communitygovernance) or [whitehorsedc.gov.uk/communitygovernance](https://whitehorsedc.gov.uk/communitygovernance). The consultation runs from Thursday 30 June to midday on Friday 29 July 2022.
- **FREE Litter Bug Detectives** From Saturday 6 August to Sunday 4 September South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse district councils are once again running FREE Litter Bug Detectives activity trails aimed at primary school children (under-12s) to promote recycling and reuse messages and explain the damage litter does to our environment. For more info: [www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/litter-bug-detectives-trail](https://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/litter-bug-detectives-trail) and download the trail map of the area you wish to visit. The map will show a trail to 14 sites.

### Other

- Whitstable Designs – Parish Council Websites
- GladeHaven Contracting Limited
- Scribe Accounts
- **National Highways - A34 Improvements north and south of Oxford** – NH has been exploring opportunities to reduce congestion and improve safety on the A34, between the M4 and M40. Good progress has been made on the project, which is looking at how to address the future needs of this part of the strategic road network. The A34 improvements project is just one of a large portfolio of

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schemes being developed for possible consideration for delivery beyond 2025, when the third Road Investment Strategy (RIS3) period begins. The project website will contain up-to-date information at [www.nationalhighways.co.uk/a34oxford](http://www.nationalhighways.co.uk/a34oxford)

<https://nationalhighways.co.uk/our-roads/a34-improvements-north-and-south-of-oxford/>

- Shield Services
- **The Trust for Oxfordshire's Environment (TOE)** is Oxfordshire's independent environmental funder. Through our Local Environment Fund, we provide grant funding for local community projects which enhance biodiversity and improve people's access to nature. This year, we are asking our stakeholders to help us improve our work by answering some questions. Your answers will help us improve our grant-making and ensure that more community groups know about our funding and that we are here to work with them. We would be grateful if you could respond to our 5-minute survey by following the link below. <https://tinyurl.com/y93kpptf>
- Thames Water - Developing our draft Water Resources Management Plan 2024

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

None

### 15). AOB

None

### 16.) Date of next meeting

It was confirmed that the next meeting will be held at 7.30p.m. on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2022 at Shippon Church Hall.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 9.10 p.m

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

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