

## The Parish Council of St. Helen Without

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 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 (Via Zoom)

**In attendance:** Cllrs. C. Webber, R. Webber (via Zoom), 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

None in attendance

### 4. Attending Councillors and MOD

#### MoD

Lieutenant Colonel Andrew Gartside is the new Station Commander. Cllr Page to send a letter of welcome through Mr O'Hara. MP

Mr O'Hara confirmed that there will not be a new motorcross course at the Airfield. The motorcross company wanted to hold an event at the Airfield and agreed to rebuild the Army's track but they will not be using it as their permanent track. It is for Army motorbike teams and Army training, not for general commercial use.

Cllr Churchouse to write to the DIO to ask what their plans are with a number of areas ringfenced as potentially for development in addition to the Airfield. DC

#### Cllr Richard Webber

There is a lot of concern about OCC's budget. The Govt will be looking for savings and Local Govt will likely take a hit. County Council contracts are being renegotiated on a regular basis owing to inflation and Adult & Child Social care is increasing. Highways may have to take a hit to prop these up.

Cllr R Webber to contact the Planning Dept re concerns about increased traffic resulting from the new Aldi in the Parish. RW

**Reservoir** – a meeting took place on 30<sup>th</sup> October to create a forum encompassing all groups opposing the reservoir. No further update for the time being.

Cllr R Webber to follow up with OCC on Barrow Road becoming a 20mph zone. OCC have stated that it will not be looked at for another 18 months. RW

#### Cllr Catherine Webber

The Queen's Canopy Initiative has been extended to March 2023. Vale are asking people to send photos of trees planted, so that they can keep a record. [communications@southandvale.org.uk](mailto:communications@southandvale.org.uk)

Abbey House opened on 3<sup>rd</sup> October, after the Vale moved their office from Milton Park. All Full Council meetings will be held at the Beacon in Wantage.

**Waste Routes** – from 10<sup>th</sup> October there will be changes to some waste routes / bin days to make it more energy efficient and environmentally friendly. All those who are affected will be contacted by letter and will receive a new calendar. It will also be online [www.whitehorse.gov.uk/collectionchanges](http://www.whitehorse.gov.uk/collectionchanges)

**Article 4** – Cllr Page thanked Cllr C Webber for her help opposing the application for an HMO at 3 Stowford Cottages. Cllr Webber spoke to Planning Committee, who were mostly unaware of Article 4. Cllr Webber has a meeting planned with Adrian Duffield, Emily Hammerton and others in November to look at this further. It was agreed that HMO's are sometimes needed. This will ultimately be a cabinet decision, not a Planning decision.

### 5. Minutes of the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2022

The Minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.

**6. Masterplan** – The first meeting of the Master planning process has taken place. There are a number of issues in the background causing the DIO to push things back, however, they think things may get going again by the end of the year. Cllr Bahu was informed by Laura Peacock re the Consortium working on the mobility project for DB, that they are looking to do a Beta test for the DIO for DB. Cllr Bahu

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suggested extending it to the whole Parish. The DIO say that they can't progress the Masterplan for DB until the Mobility Model for DB is released.

### 7. Community Governance Review

Nothing came out of the review for SHW PC this year. To be taken off the agenda for the time being.

### 8. Fireworks

Mr O'Hara confirmed that there will be Fireworks at the Airfield on 12<sup>th</sup> November but no event in December.

### 9. Civility and Respect Project and Pledge

Cllr Page read out the Pledge and there was a unanimous vote to sign. The Clerk to submit. AC

### 10. WaDS CC Warm Room

WaDS CC are proposing hosting a warm space café during the winter months. Ian Bristow has asked if the PC would be prepared to commit to any financial help for it as Dry Sandford residents look to the Community Centre in Wootton. It would be run for approximately 3 months at a cost of £3k. It was agreed that, as SHW PC's usage is likely to be proportionally less than Wootton, SHW PC should contribute less. Although it was agreed in principle, more detail will be needed. For Shippon, the Army Community Centre may be an option, as the Church Hall is too cold. Cllr Page to contact David O'Hara re use if the Army centre and Laurence Brockhurst for more details on the WaDS warm space. MP  
Cllr Webber to let RB know if it is possible to apply to the £100k County Scheme for Warm spaces, MH and loneliness. RW

### 11. WaDS Newsletter

Printing costs are going to double. SHW PC relies quite a bit on WaDS to disseminate information to residents. In principle, it was agreed to contribute, however, more detail would be needed on how it is commercially sponsored.

### 12. Matters arising from the Minutes

The Action record was reviewed and updated.

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

None

### 14. Finance and Administrative Matters

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

Payee	Purpose	Total	VAT
Parish Clerk	Salary August & September	£1058	
Clerk Expenses	Expenses August & September	£88	
Norton	Annual Subscription	£64.99	
Caloo	Body Twister replacement plate	£88	£14.80
Rospa	Annual Inspection Recreation Ground	£126	£21
BGG	Grass Cutting July	£126	£21
	Verge Cutting August	£960	£160
ST Grounds Maintenance	Bin Emptying July & August	£40	
PCC Of Shippon	Room Hire PC Meeting September	£20	
Website domain renewal	NameCheap	£9.48	
MRH Services	Bird prevention on swings, repair Body Twist	£168.61	
Moore Stephens	External Audit	£240	£40

### b) Grant Requests

None

### 15. Recreation Ground

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Covered in Sub Committee Minutes

### 16. Correspondence

#### **Oxfordshire County Council**

##### **Temporary Traffic Regulation Notice – S14 Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**

**Temporary Road Closure at Shippon, Barrow Road** - A temporary Notice is being made by Oxfordshire County Council to implement the temporary restriction and will operate from 24 October 2022 up to and including 28 October 2022. This is a 24 hour per day closure.

**Next Parish Transport Representatives Meeting, Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October.** The outline agenda is as follows:

1. 1330-1500: main meeting with presentations and general Q&A
2. 1500-1600: surgery session, for individual parish-based concerns, issues or suggestions

[Central Oxfordshire Travel Plan](https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/roads-and-transport/connecting-oxfordshire/central-oxon-travel-plan) <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/roads-and-transport/connecting-oxfordshire/central-oxon-travel-plan> here is an update on OCC's proposals for a workplace parking levy, traffic filters and expanded city centre zero emission zone in Oxford. A consultation on proposals to introduce the trial traffic filters will start on 5 September 2022 and last for 28 days, ending on 3 October 2022. If approved by county council cabinet, we would expect the trial to start in the summer of 2023 and continue for a minimum of six months. Members of the public and stakeholders will be able to continue to give us their views on the trial during this six-month period. Please visit our website to find out more about the traffic filters and respond to the survey: [letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/traffic-filters-2022](http://letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/traffic-filters-2022). Public consultation on the workplace parking levy and zero emission zone is likely to take place next year. Please get in touch if you have any questions – please do this using the email address [trafficfilters@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:trafficfilters@oxfordshire.gov.uk)

Matthew Barber's August Police & Crime Bulletin

**CONSULTATION – Abingdon proposed 20mph & 30mph Speed Limits** – Abingdon proposed 20mph & 30mph Speed Limits. Oxfordshire County Council wants to make our built environments safer and more attractive places to walk and cycle. To enable this, 20mph speed restrictions are being used to help promote alternative modes of transport for local travel. Further details on how the council is considering making 20mph the new 30mph for Oxfordshire communities can be found at <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/roads-and-transport/traffic/requesting-20mph> [https://letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/abingdon\\_2030mph2022](https://letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/abingdon_2030mph2022)

#### **OALC**

**We have a number of vacancies on our Executive Committee.** These are casual vacancies which have arisen towards the end of the four year term of office (2019-2023). We are seeking three councillors one from a town or parish council in West Oxfordshire, one from a town or parish council in Cherwell and one from one of the four parish councils in Oxford City. The Executive Committee meets 4 times per year, remotely at present, on a Monday afternoon. Representatives are expected to think broader than just their own council and to contribute positively to discussion on aspects of local government at all levels. It is an opportunity to see parish councils in a wider context.

**Civility and Respect Project and Pledge.** In our July Update for member councils there was an **extensive section on the Civility & Respect Pledge which NALC and SLCC are encouraging all councils** to sign up to. For all councils to have a resolution on their next agenda supporting the pledge and encouraging better standards of behaviour. The Pledge is here <https://www.nalc.gov.uk/our-work/civility-and-respect-project#take-the-pledge> and the results are mapped so everyone can see which councils have taken the Pledge.

August Update

#### **Vale Communications**

**Help with energy bills** – new support for those on low income in the Vale of White Horse Households on low income in the Vale of White Horse will soon receive a one-off payment to help with the rising cost of energy bills. All eligible households should receive their money by 28 September 2022. For more information, people should visit [whitehorsedc.gov.uk/counciltaxrebate](https://whitehorsedc.gov.uk/counciltaxrebate).

#### **District councils to be temporarily based in Abingdon**

At the end of September, to significantly reduce unnecessary costs, VOWH DC will be moving to some temporary office space in the Vale's Abbey House building in the centre of Abingdon where we plan to stay for a couple of years while South Oxfordshire District Council completes the development of a new office building at Didcot Gateway. The doors will open at the Abbey House offices on Monday 3 October. Vale News August & September

#### **Over £91,000 allocated to protect newts and other species**

New freshwater habitats and wetlands will be created in East Hanney, Garford and Grove to help provide an ideal environment for wildlife to thrive, including protected species such as Great Crested

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newts. Cabinet members at Vale of White Horse District Council agreed to allocate £91,232 of developer contributions; money collected as part of developers' agreements to build new homes in the area.

### Homes urged to respond to voter registration reminder

Households across South Oxfordshire and the Vale of White Horse are being urged to respond as soon as possible if they receive a reminder to update their voter registration details. The reminder explains exactly what occupants need to do – it is very important to read it and follow the instructions carefully to confirm any changes. The easiest way to do this is by visiting [householdresponse.com/southandvale](https://householdresponse.com/southandvale) – you will need the two-part code found on the letter.

### The Proclamation of King Charles III

Whereas it has pleased Almighty God to call to His Mercy our late Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth the Second of Blessed and Glorious Memory, by whose Decease the Crown of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland is solely and rightfully come to The Prince Charles Philip Arthur George: We, therefore, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal of this Realm and Members of the House of Commons, together with other members of Her late Majesty's Privy Council and representatives of the Realms and Territories, Aldermen and Citizens of London, and others, do now hereby with one voice and Consent of Tongue and Heart publish and proclaim that The Prince Charles Philip Arthur George is now, by the Death of our late Sovereign of Happy Memory, become our only lawful and rightful Liege Lord Charles the Third, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of His other Realms and Territories, King, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith, to whom we do acknowledge all Faith and Obedience with humble Affection; beseeching God by whom Kings and Queens do reign to bless His Majesty with long and happy Years to reign over us.

Given at St. James's Palace this tenth day of September in the year of Our Lord twenty thousand and twenty-two.

GOD SAVE THE KING

### Other

#### ROSPA Safety Inspection Report

**IF Oxford**, the city's science and ideas Festival returns 6<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> October, with a mix of 100 events for all ages across 25 venues, plus online. Bookings are open now at [www.if-oxford.com](http://www.if-oxford.com)

#### **Webinar Invitation: A Guide to responding to planning applications within the Oxford Green Belt**

CPRE Oxfordshire has organised a webinar on "A guide to responding to planning applications within the Oxford Green Belt", taking place via Zoom 1300-1400, Friday 7 October. Find out more & register here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/looking-at-how-to-respond-to-planning-applications-in-the-oxford-green-belt-tickets-406166112777>

#### **Community First Oxfordshire – Annual General Meeting 2022**

Monday 17 October, Online via Zoom, 13:00-14:30

#### **Oxfordshire South & Vale Citizens Advice - AGM 2022**

13<sup>th</sup> October, 6.30 p.m. The Roysse Room, Guildhall, Abingdon

### 17. Cllrs reports and items for future agendas

None

### 18. AOB

A letter of Condolence on the death of Queen Elizabeth II was sent to King Charles III. SHW PC, acknowledges the Accession of Charles III.

Photos of the Book of Condolence have been taken for posterity.

The Clerk to follow up on the weeds left on Sandleigh Road, following the Big Clean by the Vale Waste Team. AC

### 19. Date of next meeting

It was confirmed that the next meeting will be held at 7.30p.m. on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at Shippon Church Hall.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 9.20 p.m

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

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