

The Parish Council of St. Helen Without

Minutes of the Parish Council Sub Committees Meeting held on Monday 20th March 2023 at 7.00 p.m. at Shippon Church Hall

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

In attendance: Cllrs. R. Webber, C. Webber

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs H. Ayub, Mr David O'Hara, Anna Clarke

2. Declarations of Personal or Personal and Prejudicial Interests

No

3. Matters raised by members of the public

None present

4. Minutes of the meeting held on 23rd January 2023

Cllr Littleboy wished to clarify that she was not requesting a permanent SID for Lashford Lane, rather to invest in a new SID, with which to increase the frequency of rotation between locations. The Minutes were adopted, subject to this amendment, and signed by the Chair.

5. Highways & Amenities Sub Committee

Highways

Sandleigh Road Recreation Ground – Cllr Bahu reported the following:

- **The new trees have been planted and are being watered by local residents.** The Chair expressed gratitude to Cllr Littleboy for arranging this with residents.
- **Recreation Ground Pathway** – the contractor engaged to cut back the overgrown vegetation will place the resulting chippings over the recreation ground entrance path; Cllr Bahu will obtain more if necessary to bring to standard.
- **Playground Equipment** – The PC's contractor, Mick Herring, confirmed that he will be painting the Sputnik when weather conditions allow. He will also be inspecting the Exercise equipment with a view to treating the rust and repainting.
- **Grass Cutting** – Cllrs Page, Bahu & Littleboy met with the owner of BGG over concerns of tire tracks and ruts that had appeared on the recreation ground. BGG stated that this was not due to their activities, as they had not carried out work during the period that the damage had occurred. Going forward, BGG will Liase with Cllr Littleboy via the Clerk, to ascertain whether or not the recreation ground needs attention, having regard to growth and weather conditions. BGG did point out a way in which it was relatively simple to gain access to the field without using a key and this will be remedied by Mick Herring.
- **Honey bottom Lane** - At the PC's request, Biffa have collected the bags of rubbish from a local resident, who had carried out a considerable amount of litter picking. Cllr Bahu has arranged with Biffa, regular cleaning and litter picking of the following roads:
Honeybottom Lane, Long Tow, Faringdon Road, Cholswell Road, Church Lane, Barrow Road and Gozzard's Ford. Cllr Bahu will continue to monitor the situation. Additionally, we have a volunteer who is underaking his Duke of Edinburgh Scheme award and has volunteered 10 hours of litter picking in the Parish. Cllr Churchouse requested that the Great British Spring Clean event be advertised through our website newsletter. RB
- **Litter bins** - as a result of the forgoing, there is an apparent need for more litter bins, particularly in the vicinity of bus stops and noticeboards in the Parish. The Clerk will obtain costs for the installation of bins and update at the next meeting. The suggested locations are Honeybottom Lane, the notices boards at the junction of Cholswell Road and Faringdon Road and Lansdowne Road and both of the bus stops. AC

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Barrow Road Traffic Calming Measures

- Cllr Bahu has been in consultation with Mark Francis with regards to the cost of traffic calming measures, in particular, a chicaine, the cost of which would be circa £5k. There was a lengthy discussion and Cllr Bahu was asked to look at options including painted traffic calming measures. It was noted however, that speed was not an issue, as evidenced by data from our speed camera and that once the Airfield development was completed, this road would have to be dealt with as part of the developer's responsibilities. However, the concerns of residents in Barrow Rd were noted and the Council will do all it can within its powers to come up with an acceptable short term solution pending eventual development on the airfield.
- Having received the results of the air quality survey we commissioned some 2 years ago, we understand that air quality in Shippon is rated as very good we note, however, that most of the analysis was done during the pandemic and therefore the roads were quieter than usual. We have asked for further work to be undertaken now that traffic has returned to normal levels.
- **SID** – The battery on the mobile SID has now been replaced. In the view of issues raised by Cllr Littleboy about Lashford Lane, there was some discussion about whether the Council should invest in an additional SID. Our current SID has a data recording analysis facility and costs in the region of £3,500, which was considered excessive given the nature of the speeding problems, or lack of them so far identified. However, it was noted that Lashford Lane containing as it does Dry Sandford Primary School, was of particular concern and Cllr Bahu was asked to research alternative cameras, which did not offer the data analysis capability and may therefore be cheaper. RB
- **20 mph Speed Limit** – this is being examined by OCC and we understand that our Parish is due for 20 mph speed limits in 2024. These will apply in all roads in the Parish which have housing frontages on them and, subject to some concerns about the impact of 20mph speed limits on local bus services, the council have agreed to support this initiative.
- **Queen's Platinum Jubilee canopy** – The Chair wishes to record the Council's thanks to Cllr Churchouse for all his work on progressing the Queen's canopy and we now have trees planted at the following locations:
 - 7 at Sandleigh Road Rec Ground
 - 2 for the Army at Long Tow to fill in the gaps
 - 1 in Stowford House Garden
 - 1 Shippon Church yard
 - 1 for St Helen's Church, which was actually planted in Dry Sandford Primary School due to capacity issues at the Church.
 - Arrangements are in hand to insure that the individual trees are labelled to show which species they are. The Chair thanked Cllr Littleboy and Cllr Bahu for liaising with the residents over care of the trees.

6. Finance Sub Committee

3rd Quarter Bank Reconciliation - It was formally noted that the 3rd Quarter Bank reconciliation has been successfully completed and endorsed by Cllr Churchouse.

7. Development & Planning Sub Committee

The PC awaits information from the Vale following concerns raised about permitted planning carried out at 88 Barrow Road, which a number of residents felt was unsightly.

a) Decision Notices

b) Ongoing Applications

c) Ref:	P22/V2401/OH
Date	7 th October 2022
Description	The proposal is to erect a new H-Pole and lay underground cables to an existing H-Pole. As this work falls within an area which has been highlighted as being a risk zone of a site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI).

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Address	Cothill House Abingdon OX13 6JL
St Helen Without PC's comments	
Decision	2 nd December 2022 (No decision Issued)

Ref:	P22/V2439/OH
Date	11 th October 2022
Description	Proposed maintenance works in the North Hinksey area. Due to the SAC land designation consent to carry out work is required under s37 of the Electricity Act 1989 from the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy. Completion of Stage 5 Form B document is required.
Address	Church Lane Dry Sandford Abingdon OX13 6JP
St Helen Without PC's comments	
Decision	6 th December 2022 (No decision Issued)

Ref:	P22/V2583/HH
Date	31 st October 2022
Description	Replace existing flat roof over porch with new flat roof with projecting canopy. New timber pergola to the side of the property (single storey) with perspex roof over. Raise roof over existing dwelling to create new loft roof. New flat roof dormer with insulated cheeks and GRP roof over
Address	As You Like It Faringdon Road Shippon Abingdon OX13 6LN
St Helen Without PC's comments	The new front Porch, no objection. Ridge height to be raised by 0.94m, I have no objection to that. Currently the overall height to the chimneys (which are to be removed) is virtually the same as now proposed for the new ridge. There is precedent in Faringdon Road for roof ridge heights to be increased [The Moorings went from a bungalow to a house in the last 6 months] and I do not think what is proposed here will impact on the neighbours. When considering the overlooking and privacy from the proposed new roof dormers I have considered the position of the property on the plot as, unusually, it sits at an angle to its immediate neighbours. Saroman, to the north is not overlooked and any view is partly restricted by the ridge height of the existing rear extension of As you Like it. Wildmoor, to the south could be overlooked as the new dormer windows are less than 10 metres from that property; without plans or information on the windows at Wildmoor I cannot comment further but would ask the planning officer to inspect the site to ensure there is no adverse impact on Wildmoor. The pergola would appear to be very close to, or touching the boundary
Decision	26 th December 2022 (No decision Issued)

Ref:	P22/V2914/HH
Date	8 th December 2022
Description	Oak framed timber clad two bay carport and parking space
Address	As You Like It Faringdon Road Shippon Abingdon OX13 6LN
St Helen Without PC's comments	No objection
Decision	2 nd February 2023 (No decision issued)

Ref:	P23/V0143/HH
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Date	18 th January 2023
Description	Detached annex
Address	78 Lashford Lane Dry Sandford OX13 6EB
St Helen Without PC's comments	St Helen Without Parish Council would comment as follows: This proposed Annex sits to the rear of the plot and its size and shape is proportional to the overall site. It is not overbearing on, or overlooking neighbouring properties and will stand on the site of an outbuilding to be demolished as part of this application. The purpose as a Granny Annex is acceptable and allows the elderly residents to remain in their home and has the added security of allowing younger family members to be on site and help care for them. SHWPC have no objection to this application but would request a condition is attached to planning permission stating that in the future The Annex to 78 Lashford Lane and 78 Lashford Lane remain as one parcel of land in perpetuity and cannot be sold separately; thereby ensuring the purpose of this planning application is maintained
Decision	15 th March 2023

Ref:	P22/V2931/FUL
Date	23 rd January 2023
Description	Restoration and Change of Use of Barns to create Single Dwelling.
Address	Church Farm Barns Barrow Road Shippon Abingdon OX13 6JF
St Helen Without PC's comments	St Helen Without Parish Council would support this development in principle as we believe the proposed 3 bedroom dwelling to be more suitable to the area than the previous application for offices. This planning application is more in keeping with the openness and rural aspect of this historic part of the village of Shippon than the previous application which was refused due to the possible significant harm to biodiversity. SHWPC has no objection to this application as long as the Vale of White Horse Planners are satisfied that the Ecological Report January 2020, the Environmental Risk Assessment and the supplementary Bat Report meet all the planning requirements in relation to biodiversity and the protection of the species found on the site.
Decision	16 th March 2023

Ref:	P23/V0229/LDP
Date	26 th January 2023
Description	Erection of a timber pergola within the curtilage of Laburnum Cottage.
Address	Laburnum Cottage 90 Church Lane Dry Sandford Abingdon OX13 6JP
St Helen Without PC's comments	For info only
Decision	26 th March 2023

Ref:	P23/V0230/LDP
Date	2 nd February 2023
Description	Single-storey rear and side extensions designed to accord to permitted development requirements.
Address	Oakwood House 5 Sycamore Close Abingdon OX13 6ER
St Helen Without PC's comments	For info only

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Decision	30 th March 2023
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Ref:	P23/V0206/HH
Date	17 th February 2023
Description	Proposed single storey extension to the rear of the existing property, together with a first-floor extension to bedroom with a single storey bay extension to the front of the property.
Address	15 Rookery Close Shippon Abingdon OX13 6LY
St Helen Without PC's comments	No Objection
Decision	7 th April 2023

Ref:	P23/V0422/HH
Date	2 nd March 2023
Description	Single storey rear and side/front extensions, new windows, conversion of garage and replacement parking to frontage
Address	18 Rookery Close Shippon Abingdon OX13 6LY
St Helen Without PC's comments	No objection
Decision	20 th April 2023

Ref:	P23/V0525/HH
Date	1 st March 2023
	Demolish existing front wall and gates; replace with new front wall and gates.
Address	Laburnum Cottage 90 Church Lane Dry Sandford Abingdon OX13 6JP
St Helen Without PC's comments	No objection
Decision	26 th April 2023

Ref:	P23/V0531/HH
Date	2 nd March 2023
Description	Erection of detached single garage
Address	Cherry Cottage 166A Cothill Road Dry Sandford Abingdon OX13 6JW
St Helen Without PC's comments	No objection.
Decision	27 th April 2023

8).Cllrs reports and items for future agendas

9).Date of next meeting

It was confirmed that the next meeting of the Sub Committees will be held at 7.00p.m. on Monday 22nd May 2023 at Shippon Church Hall.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 7.30 p.m.

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



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