

To Members of St Helen Without Parish Council

4th September 2023

You are hereby summoned to attend the Meeting of St Helen Without Parish Council to be held at Shippon Church Hall on Monday 11th September 2023, commencing at 7.30 p.m. Members of the public and press are welcome to attend and may make representations under item 5 of the agenda. Anyone wishing to address the Council will be given three minutes to do so. They may then observe the rest of the meeting but will not be able to speak other than at the express request of the Chair.

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Anna Clarke
Clerk, St Helen Without Parish Council

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Declarations of Personal or Personal and Prejudicial Interests
3. Matters raised by members of the public
4. Attending Councillors and MOD
5. Airfield Noise
6. Minutes of the meeting held on 17th July 2023
7. Matters arising from the Minutes
8. Dalton Barracks SPD / CPRE
 - Progress to Date
 - Masterplan
 - Transport Consultancy
9. Matters raised by members of the Council

10. Finance and Administrative Matters

a) Accounts for payment

Payee	Purpose	Total	VAT
Parish Clerk	Salary August	£641.70	
Clerk Expenses	Expenses August	£52	
MRH Services	Move SID Location/change battery	£32	
BGG	Grass cutting recreation ground	£132	£22
ST Grounds Maintenance	Bin Emptying July	£20	
Rospa	Annual Inspection Report	£132	£22

b.) Grants

11. Correspondence

Oxfordshire County Council

Matthew Barber Police & Crime Bulletin

Councillor Priority Fund

Highway maintenance open day invitation - Saturday 16th September 2023

Depot open day at Drayton on the morning of Saturday 16th September to have a look around at the site equipment and some live demos – including using sand to have a go at lining (road marking), along with chatting to both Milestone and County Council staff.

2023 NHT Public & Public Representatives Satisfaction Survey

Oxfordshire County Council's highway service has participated in an annual National Highways and Transport (NHT) public satisfaction survey for a number of years. This survey forms part of the picture to better understand and respond to the needs of our customers.

<https://www.nhtnetwork.co.uk/isolated/data/scorecard/new/bespoke/349>

If you are not able to access it and need a paper version, please contact our Customer Service Centre on 01865 792422. The highways service is keen to hear views as soon as possible but people will have the chance to comment until end of February 2024. Your engagement in this is appreciated.

If you require any technical assistance please email support@measure2improve.com. Once completed your response will be recorded to help support the findings of the survey.

OALC

July & August update

Community Transport Grants

Following the communication regarding community transport grants earlier this month we have received a number of queries, mainly regarding suitable uses for the funding and the nature of community transport.

Oxfordshire County Council's website has a community transport section which gives a good overview of the principle behind community transport, in addition to a directory of the county's providers, case studies and a toolkit for establishing a new scheme. The community transport pages can found here:

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/roads-and-transport/public-transport/accessible-transport/community-transport>

It is anticipated that most grant applications will be from existing community transport schemes looking to expand or otherwise improve their provision (for example via new coverage or additional vehicles/electrification) and parish or town councils looking to establish new schemes. Should communities be seeking external provision we would expect that this would be via a CT scheme rather than a commercial bus operator as we continue to look to support the sector. Finally, applications should be for the funding of transport provision, rather than transport-related infrastructure.

Should you have any further queries, please don't hesitate to get in touch via communitytransport@oxfordshire.gov.uk.

Vale Communications

155k of longer-term funding for vital information and advice services

Organisations based in the Vale of White Horse who provide vital information, advice and outreach services can now apply for up to five years of funding, thanks to a new grant scheme. Vale of White Horse District Council has launched the £154,920 partnership grant to help ensure that information and advice organisations who help people in the areas of debt, employment, finance, housing, energy, family, law and courts, immigration and health can secure funding for their services.

Commitment to climate action

As the energy crisis continues to impact households, local advice services have an increasingly important role to play in supporting residents with low incomes, living in low energy performance homes. They provide a vital service to access funding and practical help to improve energy efficiency through better insulation, ventilation and cheaper, low carbon heating solutions ensure people are comfortable and safe in their own homes.

As part of the application process organisations will be asked about their commitment to the climate emergency and what support they offer residents in this area.

Organisations can apply via the council's website <https://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/partnership-grant-2024-29-opening-july-2023/>

The funding scheme is now open [from 24 July 2023] and is due to close on 18 September 2023, with successful applicants due to be awarded funding from April 2024.

New grant scheme opportunity for Electric Vehicle chargers

Oxfordshire County Council (OCC), in partnership with Oxfordshire local authorities, is looking to use government funding to provide a network of public Electric Vehicle (EV) charging across Oxfordshire.

One of the ways they are looking to do this is through a Community EV Microhubs scheme, that would provide one or two chargers in towns and villages across the county especially in areas that currently have limited EV charging provision. Expressions of interest can be submitted through the OCC's consultation platform Let's Talk Oxfordshire: <https://letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/ev-microhubs-eoi>

The closing date for expressions of interest is 15 September 2023.

Have your say on our landscapes and what's changing them

A new study has launched to better understand, protect and enhance the unique landscapes across South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse and you're invited to have your say.

South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils are preparing a new Landscape Character Assessment and are calling for residents, businesses and visitors to share what they love about local landscapes and what they think is changing them. The study is being carried out by environmental consultancy Land Use Consultants (LUC) on behalf of the two councils.

The Consultation Hub is open for comments until 29 September 2023, which users can leave anonymously. To find out more and have your say, visit <https://south-and-vale-landscape-character-assessment-luc.hub.arcgis.com/>

Homes Infrastructure Funding update

You are probably aware that on 18 July, Oxfordshire County Council's Planning and Regulation committee resolved to refuse permission for a package of transport schemes around Didcot known as HIF1.

The Secretary of State has since called in the planning application and will now be determining it himself, supported by a public enquiry. In practice, this means that the submitted planning application remains 'live' and has not yet been determined, as Oxfordshire County Council did not issue a decision notice based on the planning and regulation committee outcome.

The anticipated timetable of the government's inquiry and the Secretary of State's decision is not yet clear.

We will provide more updates in due course, although we recommend keeping an eye on the Oxfordshire County Council news pages for their latest position on the subject.

Have your say on our proposed new headquarters

The planning application for South and Vale councils' proposed new headquarters in Didcot has been submitted by South Oxfordshire District Council and [is now available online](#) for people to have their say.

You can view the plans and leave your planning related comments as part of the formal planning application process. **Find out more and have your say before 31 August 2023, on the Didcot**

Gateway webpage. <https://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/vale-of-white-horse-district-council/about-the-council/our-new-headquarters/>

Steel monument to honour local heroes at Abbey Meadow

A local historian, Mienneke Cox, has been honoured in the grounds of Abbey Meadows thanks to the cycling charity, Sustrans. This is part of a series of portrait benches installed in recognition of Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee year. <https://www.sustrans.org.uk/our-blog/news/2023/july/honouring-abingdon-s-past-present-and-future-on-the-national-cycle-network/>

Other

Smartwheelie – Wheelie bins stickers

Taurus HR Solutions

Solar panels for Village Halls

Rospa Annual Inspection Report

Kompan UK

CFO Newsletter

Vigilis Tree Shelters

12. Cllrs reports and items for future agendas

13. AOB

14. Date of next meeting

To confirm the date of the next Parish Council Meeting, which is scheduled for 7.30 p.m. on Monday 30th October 2023 at Shippon Church Hall.

Minutes & Agendas can be found on our website at: <https://sthelenwithout-pc.co.uk>