

Minutes of a meeting of South Hinksey Parish Meeting on Monday 7th April 2008 in the Village Hall, South Hinksey.

Present: Cllr. C. Briffett – Chairman
Cllr. Mrs S. Strawbridge
Cllr. Mrs M Rawcliffe

In attendance: Anne Wilson – Parish Clerk

179/07 Apologies for Absence

RESOLVED to note that apologies be received from Cllr. Mrs E. LeFevre.

180/07 Declaration of Interest

RESOLVED to note that there were no declarations of any personal or prejudicial interest.

181/07 Councillor Vacancy

RESOLVED that members would make a concerted effort to recruit a fifth Parish Councillor from the parish and noted that no election had been called for which meant someone could be co-opted.

The Clerk would look at various advertising options and contact members with her suggestions. Cllr. Mrs Rawcliffe would contact FOSH.

182/07 Minutes

RESOLVED to confirm the minutes **SHPC/10/07**

Cllr. Mrs Strawbridge asked that her name be amended from “Balaam” to “Strawbridge” in the minutes **SHPC/10/07**.

Members confirmed that under min. no **177/07** that they had no objections for the church’s proposals.

183/07 Community Woodland Project

Cllr. Briffett reported that the gentleman he needed to speak to was currently ill and therefore he was not able to contact him. He would be arranging a site meeting with the Contractor and expert advisor to ensure that the works carried out are in line with the contract.

FOSH had agreed to organise a lunchtime tree maintenance meeting late June. It was essential that the weeds were kept down and that the tree replacement programme agreed by the contractors was adhered to.

184/07 South Hinksey Litter Campaign

RESOLVED that members received Councillor Briffett’s report and copy of the letter in the newspaper. A lot of litter was collected and fly tipping reported. Mrs Briffett had offered to repaint the sign in the lay-by.

Further **RESOLVED** to write to Wyevale with regard to the amount of rubbish in their fenced off areas and ask them to carry out a regular maintenance/clearance programme.

Further **RESOLVED** that the Parish Clerk would; write to both Oxfordshire County Council and the Highways Agency regard to the litter on the verges.

185/07 Sale of Land at Chilswell Path

RESOLVED that Frankins Solicitors have confirmed that the contract should be received shortly. The Parish Clerk would follow this up.

186/07 Planning Applications:

RESOLVED that members noted the following:

APPLICATIONS REFUSED:

Application No. SH1/19261/1 Erection of 2 x4 bed houses on land between 34 and the General Elliot Pub the application was **REFUSED** on 20th March.

APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED IN BEWTEEN MEETINGS:

Application No. SH1/2195/6 The Firs, South Hinksey: demolition of the existing laundry room and erection of a two storey extension.

Comments sent:

- The Parish Council have no objections
- Details of the new flat roof structure to the extension are not evident
- There are no boundary lines shown on the elevations.

Application No. SH1/17832/5 Kestrel Lodge Hinksey Hill Farm.

The Parish Council have expressed the following concerns:

- The application is considered an overdevelopment of the site
- The extension into the greenbelt is not acceptable as the extension will be visible from both the golf club car park and from further down the slope
- More privacy in a garden is not a planning reason and therefore should not be considered as the house was bought with the garden being overlooked.

187/07 Village to Betty Lane Access.

Members noted Councillor Briffett will confirm whether a site meeting has taken place with a representative of the Oxfordshire County Council Highways Depot at Drayton re the poor condition of Betty Lane and the viability of connecting Chilswell Path to Betty Lane. They had received the letter from the Parish Council and Cllr. Briffett stated that the Parish Council should now be receiving a response following the site meeting. He was concerned about nay route being used as a rat run.

188/07 Flooding matters:

Cllr. Mrs Rawcliffe stated that the meeting with Graham Bell and Nigel Bray was the day after the meting. They would be meeting to walk around Redbridge.

189/07 Cheques for Payment:

RESOLVED that members confirmed the following cheques be passed for payment:

- Society of Local Council Clerks: Books for use by the new Clerk
£ 67.55 (Local Council Administration and Local Council Finance)
- Oxfordshire Association of Local Council's Training Course fee 9th
April **£47.00** (Parish Clerk)
- Salary for Anne Wilson Parish Clerk: 31/03/2008 5 months net pay **£812.64**

- Cheque for the Inland Revenue for Tax deductions on Salary to Anne Wilson
£229.02
- Bicester Town Council: expenses for Photocopying, pack of paper and payroll agency charges for Anne Wilson's Salary **£142.15**
- Anne Wilson Travelling expenses **£103.98**
- Society of Local Council Clerks membership and Manual (Membership cost £64.00, cost of Parish Clerk Manual is £45.00)

This was deferred until a new Clerk is appointed.
- Litter expenses cheque to Clive Briffett **£ 50.79**
- Zurich Insurance **£495.71**
- South Hinksey Village Hall **£165.00**

190/07 A 34

RESOLVED to note that this item was covered under min no.: **184/07**

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Parish Clerk would send the letter re: Transport Issues as proposed by to Chairman to Oxfordshire Highways

191/07 Correspondence

RESOLVED to Members are asked to consider or note the following:

- **Oxfordshire Partnership Briefing Meetings** – No member would attend this meeting.
- **VOWH Information Sheet No.2**, Will be circulated at the meeting requesting additional parish representatives for the local Standards Committee
- Letter from the VOWH already passed to Councillor Briffett regarding the **Youth Opportunity Fund and Youth Capital Fund Celebration event** that was held on 3rd April 2008 – was not able to attend.

Publications: To be circulated at the meeting include:

- Clerks and Council's Direct
- Local Councils Update March 2008

192/07 Appoint of Auditors

RESOLVED that Members noted that the Parish Council has received a letter from the Audit Commission dated 17th March 2008 confirming the re-appointment of BDO Stoy Hayward LLP as auditor to the Parish Council for the period 2007/08 to 20011/12.

193/07 Wind Turbines proposed for Hinksey Heights

RESOLVED that members noted a recent report in the Oxford Times with regard to possible wind turbines for Hinksey Heights. All Councillors agreed that the proposal was unacceptable for the landscape at South Hinksey and totally out of keeping. Concern was expressed about access to the site and the detrimental effect on wildlife in the area. As an environmental initiative no real objections were raised but members agreed that any location chosen for wind turbines had to be suitable to its local area. No formal application had yet been received.

194/07 Updates

- **Redbridge Hollow Illegal Dump**

RESOLVED to note that the Clerk had emailed Gary Brewer at the County Council regarding the illegal dumping and problem with fires following the discussion at the last meeting, to date no reply has been received.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk should follow this up and find out the current situation.

195/07 Date of Next Meeting

The meeting would not be on Monday 12th May at 7.30pm as advertised. **RESOLVED** that the Parish Clerk would circulate possible dates for members to agree the date for the May meeting.

196/07 Committee in Private Session

RESOLVED

In terms of Schedule 12, Local Government Act 1972, the following items will likely to disclose exempt information relating to personnel matters and it is therefore resolved that pursuant to the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and press be excluded.

SOUTH HINKSEY PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 7TH APRIL 2008

197/07 Parish Clerk

Rosemary Aldgate had decided the evening before the meeting, even though she had formally accepted the post of Parish Clerk in writing that no longer wished to be the new Parish Clerk. This meant that the post was vacant once again but the current Clerk offered to continue in post until as suitable replacement is found.

RESOLVED that the post would be advertised in local parish newsletters, through the SLCC local branch and in South Hinksey itself. Anne would obtain costs from the Oxford Times and The Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC) website with a view to possible advertising. She would consult on the latter two possibilities by e mail.