

# Minutes of the South Hinksey Parish Council

at South Hinksey Village Hall

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2010

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**Present:** Sarah Balaam, Clive Briffett (Chair), Sheridan Edward (Clerk), Elizabeth Halcro, Liz LeFevre, Maggie Rawcliffe (Vice-Chair)

**Parishioners:** Linda and Dudley Goodhead

## 1. Apologies

Arash Fatemian (Cllr, OxonCC), Gareth Jennings (Cllr, VOWHDC)

## 2. Declarations of Interest

EH and MS – Village Hall

## 3. Parishioners' Comments

LG reported that she was happy to continue to represent the Council on the Botley Traffic Advisory Committee. Council thanked Linda for her work, emphasized the importance of traffic issues to the parish and confirmed they were happy with her to continue to represent the Council. LG reported that often she felt that issues were not given enough consideration in the meeting. SE suggested that concerns be raised prior to the meeting so that they could be formally added to the agenda. LG reported she was unable to attend the meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> May. **Action: LLF and EH to attend next BTAC meeting.**

## 4. Minutes of January 2010 meeting

Read and agreed.

## 5. Matters Arising

**a) Community Land.** Matthew Carlos recommended delaying the parishioners meeting until the weather improved. Now that it had, SB and MC would arrange the meeting. CB suggested that the two community land projects be referred to by separate names for clarity.

**b) Church Close barrier.** EH reported that the Engineers Dept had visited the site and recommended that the good half of the barrier be retained, with the other half replaced with a gate. The work had gone out for costing.

**c) Church Close lighting.** EH reported that VOWHDC were unable to install lighting as they were responsible for only one property. Having looked into the feasibility of the Council providing lighting, the Council felt that the project was not financially viable.

**d) Church Close car park.** SE reported that Ed Green felt that the proposed scheme may not be financially viable but needed to confirm this and that he would do so by the end of the week. **Action: SE to chase.**

**e) Air Pollution.** The monitor was finally installed on 31<sup>st</sup> March and would be in place for 6-9 months.

**f) Village Hall grant.** EH had spoken to David Wilkins, a trustee of the Village Hall who would put together projected figures and present to the Council at the June meeting. SB and SE felt that it would be useful for the Council to receive the figures in advance of the meeting.

## 6. Finance – Payments and Receipts

### Payments

SLCC	2010/11 Membership	£72
OGBN	2010/11 Membership	£15
Elizabeth Halcro	Expenses	£5.96
Maggie Rawcliffe	Expenses	£7.05
Clive Briffett	Expenses	£11.71
Liz Le Fevre	Expenses	£11.23
St Laurence Church	Grant March 2010	£500

### Receipts

VOWHDC	Precept, 1 <sup>st</sup> installment	£1900
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## 7. Planning Applications

SHI/15419/3 – Renewal

Renewal of planning application for the erection of a three storey extension. No objections.

## 8. Correspondence

**a) Thames Valley Police.** Community Policing Awards. Posters circulated for noticeboards.

**b) Thames Valley Police.** Draw the Line recruitment drive. Posters circulated for noticeboards.

**c) Ryder Cheshire.** Volunteer recruitment drive. Posters circulated for noticeboards.

**d) VOWHDC.** Vale House fundraising evening. Posters circulated for noticeboards.

**e) Verdant Waste Services.** Presentations regarding new waste collection services beginning in October. **Action: MR and SB to attend Abingdon seminar.**

## 9. Approval of the 2009/10 Accounts

SE reported that the end of year figures were as per the Jan-Mar report. SE also stated that all funds were in a healthy position and that there was £8.5k in the general fund. CB asked whether the relatively high amount in the current account should be transferred to the savings account. SE replied that at present the interest rate was so low in the deposit account so as to make virtually no difference.

The Council approved the 2009/10 Accounts, and Annual Return.

## 10. County Councillor's Report

AF submitted a report that SE read out. AF reported that he had been promoted to Cabinet Member for Adult Services. AF met with John Beaumont, highways engineer, regarding the potholes. John stated that they were waiting for the start of April when they would have the budget for the work, and also when a new contractor, WS Atkins, would be in place. AF also reported that as Cycling Champion he was in contact with Cyclox and other partners to develop a bike polite scheme to encourage better road behaviour.

## 11. District Councillor's Report

None.

## 12. Speed Controls on Hinksey Hill

LLF reported that there had been an accident on Hinksey Hill where the Council had requested the new speed limit. OxonCC had scheduled this work in 2009 but failed to carry it out. LLF contacted Mark Francis to emphasize the urgency of the request. Mark Francis confirmed that the work was scheduled to take place in the current year. As the situation had been ongoing for sometime the Council felt that constant pressure should be exerted on OxonCC until the work was completed. **Action: SE and LLF to continue to chase progress from Mark Francis.**

## 13. Grit Bins

EH reported that she had identified a disused bin in the burial ground, which was now empty and could be used for Church Close. **Action: EH to confirm that VOWH are happy to use the bin.** LLF reported that both Betty Lane and Spring Copse had requested grit bins. **Action: SE to order bins.**

## 14. Councillor Vacancy

SE circulated the advert for applicants for the vacant post and information for parishioners regarding the electoral process and recommended that they be circulated on SHInfo and Facebook. Council approved documents. **Action: SE to forward to Linda Slater and Matthew Carlos for circulation.**

## 15. AOB

**a) Noticeboards.** MR reported that Dave Cullen had quoted c.£400 to move the existing burial ground notice board and erect the new sign. The Council approved the work.

**b) Oxford Flood Alliance.** Peter Rawcliffe had organized a meeting in South Hinksey to discuss suggestions for medium term measures for flood alleviation. Several government agencies and senior local government officials attended, including Amanda Nobbs Chair, Regional Flood Defence Committee, Prof Edmund Penning-Rowsell, Head, Flood Hazard Research Centre, Middlesex University, Keith Mitchell County Councillor, Leader of OxonCC, Simon Hughes, Area Manager Thames West, EA, John Copley, Head of Service, Environmental Development, OCC, Mark Taylor, Senior Engineer, Thames Water, Peter Thompson, Vice Chairman, Oxford Civic Society, and Debbie Dance, Director, Oxford Preservation Trust. CB reported that it was a highly successful and well-run meeting. The Council also agreed to contribute £50 towards the cost of the meeting. **Action: CB to write to PR to thank him for his work.**

**c) Community Land agreement.** SE had received back the lease agreement from Nick Frearson which was then signed by CB.

**d) Community Woodland.** The Council confirmed that they were happy for CB to continue to oversee the project. CB reported that Sonny had agreed to continue with the grass cutting and Simon Ringrose would provide chippings. Cb also suggested that the Council invite the NPS back to continue the work.

**e) Community Grassland.** CB reported that he and several volunteers had continued to monitor the land currently leased to Nick Frearson as set aside and suggested that Nick be approached in Sept/Oct to discuss the possibility of converting this to a nature reserve. Council agreed to in principal with the scheme and felt that Sept/Oct was a good time to raise with Nick.

**f) Chairman's Report.** CB had circulated the Chairman's report to the Council. The Council approved it and MR would deliver at the APM.

**g) OGBN.** The Council stated they were happy for CB to continue to represent them on OGBN and report back.

**h) Devil's Backbone.** It had been reported that part of the fencing had come down along the path. Action: SE to investigate responsibility and report.

**Date of next meeting (Annual Meeting of the Parish Council): Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2010**