

## Minutes of the South Hinksey Parish Council

at South Hinksey Village Hall

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2011

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Present: Sarah Balaam (Vice-Chair), Tom Barron (from item 5), Sheridan Edward (Clerk), Liz LeFevre, Maggie Rawcliffe (Chair)

Cllr Arash Fatemian (Oxon CC)

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With sadness, MR reported the death of former Chair of the Council, Clive Briffett, and noted his excellent chairmanship, passion and commitment.

### 1. Apologies

Elizabeth Halcro, Cllr Ron Mansfield (VoWHDC)

The Council noted the continued absence of Elizabeth due to ill health. **Action: SE to contact the Elections Team to update them and seek their advice.**

### 2. Declarations of Interest

MR – Village Hall.

### 3. Parishioners' Comments

None.

### 4. Minutes of October 2011 Meeting

Read and agreed.

### 5. Matters Arising

**Betty Lane.** Colin Marshall, Environment Warden, has stated that he feels that signs are a good deterrent and has suggested a wording for it. SE confirming the best format for the sign and necessary permissions. The Council felt that a permanent sign would be the ideal option. **Action: SE to follow-up.**

**20mph Speed Limit.** AF reported that there was still a moratorium on 20mph until a review had been carried out and that any individual decision would be taken by the cabinet member for Transport. **Action: The Council asked AF to raise with the cabinet member.** The Council also noted that Royal Mail drivers were often seen driving dangerously fast. **Action: SE to draft letter to Royal Mail.**

**Salt Bins.** SE has requested salt for the bins in the parish. He spoke in person with Andy Burchett from the City Council regarding the Devil's Backbone bin and he confirmed it would be filled in the coming days. AF raised that OxonCC would provide the Parish Council with a tonne of salt to replenish supplies. The Council noted that one fill was sufficient for the previous year.

**Council meeting on Hinksey Hill.** Due to building work, it was agreed that a meeting at LLF's house on Hinksey Hill would be delayed until the following summer

## 6. Payments and Receipts

### Payments

Liz LeFevre	Wheelie bin speed limit stickers	£56.98
Continental Landscapes	Sept / Oct Maintenance	£680.00
Sheridan Edward	October / November expenses	£27.00
Maggie Rawcliffe	October expenses	£7.91

### Receipts

Abingdon Stone	Memorial fee	£30.00
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The Council noted that there was verge maintenance work outstanding. **Action: SE to chase.** The Council felt that as the burial ground maintenance and other work had very different requirements, separate tenders should be obtained and the work possibly split between two contractors. **Action: SE to prepare tender briefs for the following year, including maintenance of community land and a cut of the part of the field prior to annual fete.**

## 7. Planning Applications

### 21 and 23 Manor Road – Reinstatement of three dormer windows – 1102417/FUL

Council raised no objections.

### 19A Manor Road – Erection of two-storey front extension – 11/02412/FUL

Council raised no objections.

## 8. Correspondence

**Town and Parish Forum.** The Council were invited to attend the forum on 23<sup>rd</sup> November. MR to attend. **Action: SE to RSVP.**

**ORCC Annual Review.** Given to MR to read and report back any issues.

**Betty Lane Campsite.** Carol Sweetenham copied the Council into a letter to the Caravan Club objecting to the application to register a field adjacent to Betty Lane due to the disruption caused by users over the summer, and the lack of consideration on behalf of the site owner. **Action: SE to obtain details from the Caravan Club.**

## 9. County Councillor's Report

AF reported that there was an Area Stewardship Fund to help with maintenance or improvement works. AF had a budget of £7k for the remainder of this year and £14k for next year. **Action: AF to forward information to Council and Council to identify eligible works.**

AF reported that following the Oxon CC plans to introduce parking fees at P&Rs, three of the sites, including Redbridge, had been returned to the control of Oxford City Council who had subsequently introduced charges. The two still controlled by Oxon CC – Thornhill and Water Eaton – were considering the introduction of fees.

AF also reported that Keith Mitchell was due to stand down in May after ten years as Leader of the County Council.

## 10. District Councillor's Report

None.

## 11. Project Updates

**Hinksey Hill Traffic Issues.** LLF reported that Karen Brown had agreed that the village could have the wheelie bin stickers. LLF had also purchased stickers for Hinksey Hill. **Action: LLF and SB to distribute.** LLF also reported that speed checks had been carried out again and they would continue to carry them out on bin and non-bin days to gain data on sticker effectiveness. **Action: SE to contact Laura Hutchins to arrange a meeting to discuss possibility of 'Concealed Entrances' or 'Please Drive Carefully' signs and get time frames for outstanding work on anti-skid surface and pavement improvement.**

**Manor Road Ditch.** SB and MR reported that the landowner had still not carried out work on the ditch. The Council asked AF if Oxon CC raise this issue with the landowner. **Action: SE to raise enforcement with Environment Agency.**

**Village Hall.** SE reported that following the threat of complaint, Darbys had completed the paperwork and Philip Marsh reported that two of three trustees had signed and they were just waiting on the third trustee. **Action: SE to continue to chase.**

**Bypass Crash Barriers.** SB reported that there had been no progress on this. **Action: SB to continue working on a report for the next Council meeting.**

## 12. Village Hall Solar Panels.

Due to the impending reduction in subsidy for the proposed scheme, the Village Hall Management Committee have decided to suspend their proposal for the time being.

## 13. General Elliot Appeal

Chris Jankiewicz, Peter Rawcliffe and Jeff Bryant had written a letter to Vale Brewery on behalf of a community group interested in opening talks with the brewery to find a mutually beneficial way forward, and asked for the Council's support for their work. The Council was supportive of the group's plans to open dialogue with the Vale Brewery and expressed a strong interest in being involved in talks to find a solution. **Action: SE to draft letter to the Vale Brewery expressing support with group in opening up dialogue and interest in being involved in future talks.**

## 14. Draft Interim Housing Supply Policy

SE forwarded the consultation documents to the Council to consider. The Council felt that although the proposed figure of ten new dwellings in the next 15 years was not onerous, they had concerns over their possible placement, especially given the proposed relaxation in policies. The Council felt it required more detailed consideration. **Action: MR, SB and SE to meet to formulate a response by 25<sup>th</sup> November.**

## 15. Any Other Business

**Community Woodland.** TB updated the Council on the work being carried out on the woodland. **Action: TB to inform JAG Timber about CB's death, and to contact TB or SE in future. Council to discuss management of woodland at next meeting.**

**Fencing on Devil's Backbone.** It was noted that this was still outstanding even though it had been reported by both SB and SE. **Action: SB to forward reference number to AF and AF to chase.**

## 15. Parishioners' Feedback

None.

**Date of next meeting: Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2011**