

**Minutes of the South Hinksey Parish Council
at South Hinksey Village Hall**

Monday 12th May 2014

Present: Sarah Balaam (Vice-Chair), Christine Chater, Liz LeFevre, Maggie Rawcliffe (Chair)
Cllr Bob Johnston (OxonCC), Sheridan Edward (Clerk)

Other attendees: Libby Jukes, Pauline Hartman, Ray Hartman, Richard King, Adrian Porter, Peter Rawcliffe

Time commenced: 7:30pm

1. Election of Chair

The Council **resolved** to re-elect Maggie Rawcliffe as Chair.

2. Election of Vice-Chair

The Council **resolved** to re-elect Sarah Balaam as Vice-Chair.

3. Apologies

Matthew Frohn.

4. Declarations of interest

None.

5. Public questions, comments or representations

None.

6. Minutes of April 2014 meeting

The Council **resolved** to agree the minutes of the April 2014 meeting.

7. Matters arising

Burial Ground gates. Dave Cullen identified that one of the posts was rotting away. **Action: SE to chase quote.**

Parish Emergency Plan. **Action: SE to add to the next month's agenda.**

Manhole covers. AP and SB reported that Thames Water were aware of and dealing with damage outside No.19. MR reported that Galliford Try were aware of damage to the manhole cover by the post box. A new manhole cover has been ordered.

8. Finance – payments and receipts

Payments

Payee	Reason	Amount	Power to act
Came & Co	2014/2015 insurance	£322.21	s140 LGA 1972
BGG Garden and Tree Care	April maintenance	£435.00	s96 HA 1980
BGG Garden and Tree Care	Cutting back vegetation on Parker Rd	£510.00	s96 HA 1980
DJ Cullen	Installing signs on Devil's Backbone	£216.00	s96 HA 1980

Receipts

None.

The Council **resolved** to approve the payments above.

9. Planning applications

None.

10. Correspondence

No correspondence was presented at the meeting. **Action: SE to circulate any correspondence for information only.**

11. County Councillor's Report

BJ stated that he had been allocated more stewardship funds, which he would allocate for the re-painting of white road lines in his parishes. BJ reported a possible delay in the installation of the CCTV at Redbridge Hollow, as the provider may not have the correct posts for mounting. If so, there could be a delay of 3-4 months. He also stated that there could be some disruption from the electrification work on the railway line. Work to install equipment would require loud pile-driving at night. However, it was anticipated that any disruption would only be for a couple of nights. BJ also reported that the Oxon CC had added to their list of works the provision of sliproads on the A34 at Lodge Hill. It was hoped that this would relieve congestion along the road, although there was no timescale for the work. Work was also due to be undertaken over the coming months at the Hinksey Hill interchange and Abingdon Road roundabout. The work may not be completed until October, but it was expected that the reconfiguration would ease congestion.

Action: councillors to inform SE of any lines that need re-painting for SE to pass on to BJ.

12. Project updates

Community Woodland. MR reported that the Good Friday picnic at Chilswell Valley had been very successful for BBOWT and future events were being planned. The Council would help publicise any future events or volunteering schemes.

Hinksey Hill traffic issues. LLF reported that the Police were still carrying out speed checks on Hinksey Hill. There was nothing else to report.

13. Flooding

Barry Russell did not attend the meeting. **Action: MR to contact to arrange an alternate date.**

PR summarized the reasons for the flooding in Oxford, and outlined the scheme, possible design and timescale for the Western Conveyance. PR reported that there was positive feedback from central government and the EA, and that money had been pledged to continue investigating the feasibility of the scheme. It was anticipated to take 8 years to complete and would cost c.£123m, £50m of which would be provided by central government and Thames Regional Flood & Coastal Committee. AP noted that it was essential to gain support and financial backing from local businesses and organisations. It was also noted that the Western Conveyance could have a very small adverse effect on flooding in Abingdon, which would be offset by three smaller local flooding schemes.

14. Footbridge over the railway

PR reported that both Andrew Smith MP and OCC had written to the Equality and Human Rights Commission, who felt that this and other cases warranted further investigation into whether due consideration was given to equality and accessibility. PR had sent a letter to Nicola Blackwood MP asking for her support and to ask her to contact the Minister for Equalities, but had yet to receive a reply. **Action: SE to draft letter of thanks to Andrew Smith MP.**

15. Barleycott Lane / John Piers Lane / Betty Lane

The Council **resolved** to approve the letter to OxonCC, with amendments to the final paragraph, asking them to repair the road surfaces on Barleycott, John Piers and Betty lanes.

16. Standing Orders / Financial Regulations

The Council **resolved** to readopt without amendment the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.

17. Finance report

SE reported on the finances for year ending 31st March 2014. Expenditure had been broadly on budget with the exception of the vehicle-activated sign. Receipts had also been lower than budgeted due to a decrease in income from the burial ground. However, the deficit for the year was only c.£780. The Council held £13,350 In reserves, with £9,850 in general funds.

The Council **resolved** to approve the Annual Return and Annual Governance Statement 2013/14.

18. South Hinksey to North Hinksey footpath

SE reported that he had ascertained the details of the landowners along the footpath: Oxford City Council, Corpus Christi College, and the Co-operative. An old ordnance survey map showed the path as being a cycle route. OCC were unaware of this, and SE was contacting the Wayleaves Officer at Scottish and Southern Energy to check with them. PR stated that he felt the path had been included in a former Oxford City Council Local Plan. **Action: PR and SE to investigate former Local Plans. SE to chase SSE.**

19. Any other business

Galliford Try. They were responsible for the removal of the flood barrier from round the village. **Action: SE to write a letter thanking them for their work.**

Defibrillator. LLF had attended a meeting about providing local accessible defibrillators. They would be easy to use, and accessible with a code from the ambulance service from ringing 999. It was felt that it could be useful to have one installed in the parish. The cost would be £2500, with a grant available of £500. The Council agreed that it was worth further consideration. **Action: LLF to investigate and provide more details at the next Council meeting.**

20. Feedback from members of the public

None.

Time concluded: 9:00pm

MINUTES SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Signed: _____
Maggie Rawcliffe – Chair

Date: _____

Date of next meeting:

Monday 2nd June 2014 at 7:30pm at South Hinksey Village Hall

Monday 7th July 2014 at 7:30pm at South Hinksey Village Hall