

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

Monday 1st December 2014

Present: Sarah Balaam, Christine Chater, Matthew Frohn, Liz LeFevre, Maggie Rawcliffe (Chair)
Sheridan Edward (Clerk)

Other attendees: Maria Banks, Quentin Francois, Cass Hazlewood, Anna Lamb, Emily Smith (prospective VoWHDC Cllr candidate)

Time commenced: 7:30pm

1. Apologies

Cllr Bob Johnston (OxonCC),

2. Declarations of interest

None.

3. Public questions, comments or representations

MB and AL attended the meeting to raise noise and safety concerns regarding the General Elliot PH. It was reported: that live music from the pub was too loud, potentially in breach of licence conditions; that customers leaving the pub, waiting taxis, and early morning deliveries were creating unacceptable noise levels for the time of day; and that traffic exiting the pub car park was potentially hazardous to pedestrians and cyclists using Manor Road and the Devil's Backbone. CH noted that the pub had only just opened and that he welcomed and encouraged feedback from residents so that such issues could be dealt with. He reported that the issue of noise from live music was being addressed, and that he would investigate ways to prevent noise on the street from customers, taxis and deliveries. SB noted that street signage was a condition of planning permission for the pub car park. **Action: MR to arrange a site visit between the Council, residents and the pub to investigate solutions to the road safety issues.**

4. Minutes of November 2014 meeting

The Council **resolved** to agree the minutes of the November 2014 with minor amendments.

5. Matters arising

Devil's Backbone fence. There was no update. **Action: SE to continue to chase Highways.**

Fly-tipping. The fly-tipping had not been removed. **Action: SE to chase with Environment Wardens.**

Charnwood Planning application. SB had raised concerns with Planning who confirmed that the designs were within permitted development limits. Residents had been informed, and asked to contact the Council should they feel there were any infringements.

Emergency plan. MF was collecting data for the vulnerable persons register. Details would be sent round on SHInfo, and the councillors were given forms to circulate. MR thanked MF and Adrian Porter for all their hard work.

OFA Annual Public Meeting. MR attended the meeting and raised the Oxford Flood Network scheme for installing sensors on property to remotely monitor water levels.

Town and Parish Forum. MR attended the meeting and noted the discussions regarding the proposed Community Infrastructure Levy. It was also noted that parish councils with neighbourhood plans would receive a greater proportion of any levies in their parish (25% as opposed to 15%). **Action: SE to investigate feasibility of a neighbourhood plan, and add to January's Council meeting agenda.**

Appearance of Hinksey Hill. It was noted that some residents had carried out work to cut back vegetation, but there was still a problem in some areas. **Action: SE to send letter to LLF to deliver to residents.**

Pavement opposite Westwood Hotel. SE reported that Highways had inspected the area, identified defects and Bob Johnston had confirmed that the work could be carried through his stewardship fund. It was noted that the footpath on the opposite side also needed edging out. **Action: SE to contact Bob Johnston.**

6. Finance – payments and receipts

Payments

| Payee | Reason | Amount | Power to act |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------|---------------|
| Berinsfield Community Business | Wildflower meadow - September | £389.88 | s9 OSA 1906 |
| BGG Garden and Tree Care | October grounds maintenance | £435.00 | s96 HA 1980 |
| Sheridan Edward | Oct to Dec wages and expenses | £867.01 | S112 LGA 1972 |

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

Receipts

| Payer | Reason | Amount |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------|---------|
| Forestry Commission | Annual Community Woodland payment | £257.61 |

7. Planning applications

P14/V2597/FUL – kiosks at A34 South Hinksey junction

The Council raised no objections but requested that the kiosks be painted with anti-graffiti paint. **Action: SE to contact Planning.**

8. Correspondence

A34 upgrades. Central government had announced £50m funding to provide technology upgrades to the A34, including making improvements at the Peartree and Botley junctions, and the Lodge Hill junction. The plans would include CCTV and electronic signs to inform drivers. There were also plans to increase the number of lanes along certain stretches. The Council felt that these plans could have a major impact on the parish and needed closely monitoring.

9. County Councillor's Report

Bob Johnston sent his apologies and submitted a report. His group was working on their budget, and expected that the Conservative budget would contain cuts to bus subsidies, grass cutting and highways maintenance. He also confirmed that the Hinksey Hill interchange would include box junctions, and that the work on the Hinksey Hill footpath would be paid for by his stewardship fund.

It was noted that the Council was still awaiting an update on the discussions with Sue Scane regarding provisions for pedestrians and cyclists on the Hinksey Hill interchange. **Action: SE to contact Bob Johnston.**

10. Project updates

Community Woodland. No update. **Action: MR to contact Community Payback scheme to arrange for removal of sleeves in the spring.**

Hinksey Hill traffic issues. LLF reported that the police continued to monitor traffic speed along Hinksey Hill.

11. Footbridge over the railway.

No progress.

12. Flood barrier

Barry Russell had completed his study of the groundwork needed and sent it to Peter Dela at VoWHDC. At this stage, the estimated cost for the work had not been made known. MF had also drawn up a list of volunteers to erect the flood barriers, and Barry Russell would be organizing a training session. **Action: SE to contact Peter Dela to ascertain whether it is a decision Peter can make, or whether it would need escalating, and if so whether the Parish Council should contact Matthew Barber.**

13. Automated external defibrillator

LLF reported that they were establishing a JustGiving page, and once that was up-and-running and they knew what level of donations were coming in, they would then apply for further funding. It was recommended that the page be set-up before Christmas.

14. Barleycott Lane / John Piers Lane / Betty Lane

There was no update. **Action: SE to chase Laura Hutchins.**

15. South Hinksey to North Hinksey footpath

SE reported that he had still had no contact from Tuckwell & Son, and that the Coop had passed it to their legal team. **Action: SE to chase Coop and Tuckwell.**

16. Bagley Croft

SE confirmed that the listing application had been submitted, and they were awaiting a reply.

17. Any other business

Manor Road footpath. It was noted that a hedgerow and part of the bank by the barn conversion on Manor Road was encroaching a long way onto the footpath along Manor Road. **Action: SE to raise with Highways.**

18. Feedback from members of the public

None.

Time concluded: 9:10pm

MINUTES SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Signed: _____
Maggie Rawcliffe – Chair

Date: _____

Date of next meeting: Monday 12th January 2015 at 7:30pm in South Hinksey Village Hall