

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

Monday 18th May 2015

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

Sheridan Edward (Clerk)

Other attendees: None

Time commenced: 7:30pm

1. Apologies

Cllr Bob Johnston (OxonCC), Cllr Debby Hallett (VoWHDC), Cllr Emily Smith (VoWHDC)

2. Declarations of interest

None.

3. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

The Council **resolved** to re-elect MR to the Chair and SB to the Vice-Chair.

4. Public questions, comments or representations

None.

5. Minutes of April 2015 meeting

The Council **resolved** to agree the minutes of the April 2015 meeting.

6. Matters arising

Chilswell Path bins. SE has sent an email to the new district councillors and was awaiting a response. **Action: SE to chase.**

Footpaths in burial ground. The vicar and a churchwarden had confirmed that they would be obtaining quotes shortly and would be presenting to the PCC at its next meeting. They would then contact the Parish Council.

Bagley Croft. SE had yet to receive a reply to his request and follow-up for Planning Enforcement to investigate the threat to the trees. **Action: SE to continue to chase.**

7. Finance – payments and receipts

Payments

Payee	Reason	Amount	Power to act
BGG Garden and Tree Care	April grass cutting	£435.00	s96 HA 1980
Oxford City Council	Streetlamp easements	£0.13	s301 HA 1980
Berinsfield Community Business	April wildflower meadow cutting	£72.00	s214 LGA 1972
Came & Company	Insurance from 1 st June 2015	£324.40	s140 LGA 1972

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

Receipts

Payer	Reason	Amount
Oxfordshire County Council	Grass cutting grant 2015	£497.53
Brenda Gustafson	Grave reservation fee	£300.00

8. Planning applications

P15/V0662/HH – Grove House, Badger Lane – garage with first floor and new swimming pool building

It was noted that this application had been withdrawn

P15/V0398/HH – Hinksey Hill Farm Cottage – erection of single storey side and rear extension

The Council **resolved** to object to the application on the grounds that the size of the extension exceeded to volumes permitted under the Green Belt policy, and that to allow the application would set a dangerous precedent. **Action: SE to reply to Planning.**

P15/V0996/HH – 21 Manor Road – erection of stone wall plus outbuilding and store

The Council questioned the height of the utility room and wondered if the pitch of the room could be lowered to reduce any impact on the neighbour. It was noted that the utility room would not affect the visual amenity from the street. The Council **resolved** to object to the planning application should the neighbour feel that the utility room would lead to loss of light. **Action: SE to speak to neighbour.**

9. Correspondence

Review of bus services. The Council had received confirmation of the review of bus services and SE had forwarded it for circulation on SHInfo.

Verge maintenance. The Council had received official notice that OxonCC-maintained verges would be cut only twice a year. This would not affect verges in South Hinksey, as these were maintained at the same level by the Parish Council.

10. County Councillor's Report

BJ submitted a report that was presented to the Council. He reported it had been quiet due to the elections, but was attending briefings regarding the Transport Plan and the possible new park and ride at Lodge Hill. He also

reported that when the electrification work was complete the current old turbos would be replaced with electric rolling stock cascaded from the Thameslink project.

11. District Councillor's Report

Debby Hallett and Emily Smith had been elected as district councillors for the new ward of Botley and Sunningwell. Due to the recent election neither was able to attend the meeting, but hoped to attend forthcoming meetings.

12. Campaigns

South to North Hinksey footpath. After writing to the Chief Executive of Midcounties Cooperative, SE was finally contacted by a member of the Property Management team who was discussing it with their legal department.

Action: SE to continue to chase.

Footbridge over the railway.

Barleycott Lane / Betty Lane. SE had circulated the update on SHInfo and received feedback from two residents on Betty Lane, which he had forwarded on to Highways.

13. Traffic issues

Ring road between Hinksey Hill and Kennington roundabouts. OxonCC confirmed that they would inform the Council once there was any progress and SE had received no update. **Action: SE to continue to chase.**

Parking on the pavement. There had been concerns about residents parking on the pavements in the village, and the subsequent risk to pedestrians then having to use the road. **Action: SE to send a notice on SHInfo.**

Hinksey Hill VAS. It was noted that the vehicle-activated sign wasn't working. **Action: SE to ask Highways to investigate.**

20mph speed limit. The Council felt that a 20mph speed limit in the village should be investigated, especially with the increase in non-residential traffic from the pub. **Action: SE to investigate outcome and efficacy of Oxford city scheme, and whether other areas of Oxfordshire had now adopted the 20mph speed limit.**

14. Maintenance issues

Devil's Backbone fence. Nick Frearson confirmed that he was aware of the problem of the dangerous barbed wire and would be dealing with it.

Stile at Barleycott Lane. It was noted that this needed repairing. **Action: SE to raise with Nick Frearson.**

Fly-tipping. There had been fly-tipping on St John's College land next to the bus lay-by at the top of Hinksey Hill. **Action: SE to raise with St John's.**

15. General Power of Competence

The Council **resolved** to think about it further, and raise at the June Council meeting. **Action: SE to add to agenda of June meeting.**

16. Any other business

None.

17. Feedback from members of the public

None.

Time concluded: 8:50pm

MINUTES SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Date of the next Parish Council meeting: Monday 1st June 2015 at 7:30pm