

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

Monday 4th January 2016

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

Geoffrey Ferres (Clerk), Cllr Debby Hallett (VoWHDC), Cllr Bob Johnston (OxonCC)

Other attendees: Peter Rawcliffe

Time commenced: 7.30pm

1. Apologies

Cllr Emily Smith (VoWHDC)

2. Declarations of interest

MR – Village Hall.

3. Public questions, comments or representations

PR attended the meeting to discuss items 11, 16 and 19.

4. Minutes of December 2015 meeting

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

5. Matters arising

St John's College fence. LLF reported that St John's College had repaired the fence.

6. Finance – payments and receipts

Payments

None.

Receipts

None.

7. Planning applications

Madhuban, Hinksey Hill: proposed two-storey extension and erection of detached double garage [P15/V3008/HH] [Deadline: 27 January] CC said she had spoken to the neighbour most affected who had expressed no concerns. The Council **resolved** to take no action.

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MF expressed concern about VoWHDC's reaction to the Council not replying to planning consultations and it was agreed the Clerk should ask Brett Leahy, Development Manager (Vale), who had spoken at the Council's November meeting, how this was viewed. **Action: Clerk to contact Brett Leahy.**

8. Correspondence

The Clerk read a letter sent to the Council by Kennington Parish Council regarding recent problems at Redbridge Hollow and said he would ring his opposite number. **Action: Clerk to ring Anne Feather.**

9. County Councillor's report

BJ reported that OxonCC is receiving about £20m less from the Government than even its previous worst fears. He said he had not seen details of the draft Budget for 2016-17 but DH said they could be found in the papers of a forthcoming Scrutiny Committee meeting.

CC asked about the Lodge Hill proposals and BJ said OxonCC was waiting to hear from Central Government.

10. District Councillors' report

DH and ES had circulated a written report

11. Campaigns

South Hinksey to North Hinksey footpath. The Clerk said he had nothing to report.

Footbridge. PR said he would be launching another petition shortly with an aim of 1,000 signatures.

Flood barrier. PR said he is chasing Magnus Williams of the Environment Agency.

12. Her Majesty the Queen's 90th birthday

The Council **resolved** to mark Her Majesty the Queen's 90th birthday in some way, such as a street party in the village for which a VoWHDC Event Grant could be requested. CC said she would sound out the opinion of residents on Hinksey Hill as to how they would like to mark the occasion. **Action: Clerk to investigate possibility of Events Grant from VoWHDC; MR to publicise the intention to hold an event via Shinfo.**

13. 2016-17 Budget

MR and SB had met with the Clerk on 27th December to draft the budget which had been circulated. A rise of £250 in the Precept was proposed, which was equivalent to a 5p reduction for a Council Tax Band D property due to the increase in the Council Tax base for South Hinksey for 2016-17. The Council **resolved** to approve the budget and a precept of £7,750. **Action: Clerk to send precept request to VoWHDC.**

14. General Elliott

The Clerk reported that he had received no further communication from Cass or Helen Hazlewood. It was understood the General Elliott was now for sale. **Action: Clerk to contact VoWHDC regarding enforcement of the planning conditions.**

15. Track beside A34 between South Hinksey and Botley

The Clerk reported that he had received a reply from the Parish Clerk of North Hinksey. LLF suggested contacting Sustrans. **Action: Clerk to seek action regarding the overgrown vegetation.**

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16. Burial ground

MR reported that her approach to the Trust for Oxfordshire's Environment for further funding had been unsuccessful.

The Clerk reported he had contacted Ringrose Trees and Carol Colclough who had agreed a start date of 2nd February. It was agreed there should be both general and specific publicity provided about the forthcoming work. **Action: Clerk to publicise through Shinfo and to write to the most affected residents in Church Close.**

With regard to wider issues, it was proposed to hold a special meeting entirely devoted to the burial ground. **Action: MR to canvass members for a date; Clerk to circulate information.**

17. Traffic issues

Speed limits on Hinksey Hill and in the village. LLF had sent the Clerk the draft of a response to Colin Weyer. The Clerk reported he has received a further message from Colin Weyer before responding to the previous one. **Action: Clerk to respond to Colin Weyer.**

The Council discussed how to engage residents and business on Hinksey Hill in the forthcoming consultation and whether posting the survey to them would increase the likelihood of responses. **Action: Clerk to liaise with CC and LLF.**

Letter from Peter Collins regarding trench on Hinksey Hill. LLF had gone to meet Mr Collins and to see the trench for herself. She suggested the way forward would be to arrange a site visit with OxonCC. **Action: LLF to contact Laura Payne.**

18. Maintenance issues

A34 flyover. It was agreed to contact Mark Kemp, a Deputy Director at OxonCC, who was understood to be responsible for liaison between OxonCC and Highways England. **Action: Clerk to contact Mark Kemp.**

Autumn leaves. LLF and CC had both reported the condition of the pavement on both sides to OxonCC using FixMyStreet.

The Clerk reported he had delayed contacting Kennington Parish Council about Hinksey Hill because he had received its letter first about Redbridge Hollow. **Action: Clerk to contact Kennington Parish Council; LLF and CC to speak to the manager of the Westwood Hotel.**

Noticeboard in Manor Road. SB reported the noticeboard in Manor Road had been damaged, **Action: Clerk to check the insurance policy; MF to photograph and then remove the damaged noticeboard; MR to contact the builder about replacing it.**

Church Close. It was reported there was a bramble needing attention in Church Close. **Action: SB and MF to look at it and, if necessary, cut it back.**

19. Village Hall

The Clerk reported he has contacted Lesley Pollock to ask whether the Council should sign the document sent to it by the Village Hall Management Committee.

20. Network Rail's Hinksey Flood Alleviation Scheme

MR reported hearing that the work had been put back several weeks.

21. Any other business

None.

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22. Feedback from members of the public

None.

Time concluded: 8.55pm

MINUTES SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Date of the next Parish Council meeting: 1st February 2016 at 7.30pm
in South Hinksey Village Hall

Signed: _____

Date: _____