

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

Monday 9th November 2009



Present: Sarah Balaam, Clive Briffett (Chair), Elizabeth Halcro, Liz LeFevre, Maggie Rawcliffe (Vice-Chair)

Arash Fatemian (Cllr, OxonCC)

Parishioners: Peter Rawcliffe, J Harris, Linda Bloch, Adrian Porter, Chris Jankiewicz, Matthew Balaam, Alana Weir, Stuart Jones, Jo Slater

1. Parishioners' Comments

Nine parishioners attended to comment on the planning application for the General Elliot. Two further objections were received in writing prior to meeting. The plans had been made available for viewing prior to the meeting and several comments had already been received. Comments from parishioners were added to the spreadsheet of comments during the meeting. The spreadsheet was then circulated.

2. Apologies

Sheridan Edward (Clerk), Gareth Jennings (Cllr, VOWHDC)

3. Declarations of Interest

SB – Item 7: planning application – 44 Manor Road

4. Minutes of October 2009 meeting

Re: District Councillor Report. GJ clarified by email that VOWH had £700k missing (rather than £20k) and that petty cash had gone missing (rather than stolen).

Read and agreed.

5. Matters Arising

a) Church Close Barrier. Feedback from VOWH Parks manager Ian Matten: Salt and grit bins to be installed, engineer following up barrier design, to provide support but still permit access. Parishioners requested lighting and proposed between number 7 & 4. Grant was available to partially fund and would be discussed between the Council and residents when further information was made available.

b) Railway Bridge Cycle ramp. Progress is being made. PR thanked for his work.

c) Communication Strategy. SE had arranged a meeting with Matthew Carlos and Linda Slater.

- d) Church Close Car Park:** A meeting was to be arranged to discuss car park between Nick Frearson and two members of Parish Council. It was reported that the parking situation seemed to be getting worse. It was proposed that a written questionnaire be sent to all residents of Church Close. **Action: EH to compose questionnaire.**
- e) Weed removal.** £320 +vat to remove weeds from village. Matthew Ellett had been instructed to do asap.
- f) Burial ground sign.** MR had ordered the sign ordered, to arrive in January. **Action MR to arrange movement of existing board with Dave Cullen.**
- g) Flu Pandemic.** Notices sent to all of parish - Chilswell Path still to be done. **Action CB to deliver to Chilswell Path.**
- h) Free Trees.** CB and EH had planted eleven trees in churchyard and verge on Parker Road. Notification been submitted to BBC Breathing Spaces Tree O'clock record attempt.
- i) Manor Road Ditch.** SB had chased OCC but no satisfactory response. Council agreed to investigate works themselves. Propose new gabion wall and new silt trap. **Action Sarah to obtain quotes / expertise in coming months.**
- j) Potholes** Those in the village still not repaired. **Action: AF to pursue.** Betty lane to be resurfaced 1st April by County Council
- k) VWHDC Planning Meeting.** CB attended and reported there was general opposition to reduction in powers for planning applications for parish councils.
- l) District Councillors report:** Air pollution monitoring - no response. **Action: EH to chase.**
- m) Community Land:** SE had Spoke with Nick Frearson who is happy with Martin Lyon's proposed arrangement whereby community given right to use field on X occasions throughout year. **Action: SE to finalize details with Nick Frearson.** Council agreed to sign licence with Goldace for former car park site.
- o) A34 Litter:** OxClean were due to coordinate a spring clean in March. New litter has been seen on exit slip south bound to Hinksey interchange. **Action: MR to inform Highways. Council to decide in new year whether to participate in spring clean.**
- p) Flooding:** No update. **Action: SE to chase.**
- q) Devils Backbone tree maintenance:** SE had discussed with Nick Frearson who confirmed it was his responsibility and would carry out the work over the coming months. **Action: SE to compose letter to CC referring to health and safety on path due to willows cracking.**
- r) Burial Ground Leylandii.** SE still to discuss with Peter Rawcliffe. To be reviewed in the spring.
- s) A34 bridge closure.** SE spoke with the Highways Agency, but no further information was available on the proposed work. **Action: AF to discuss with Highways and request that one lane be left open at all times.**

6. Finance – Payments and Receipts

Payments

Matthew Ellett	Various works	£782.00
Maggie Rawcliffe	Expenses	£20.79
Sheridan Edward	Oct-Dec wages	£478.72
Woodcutt Signs	Burial Ground sign	£245.00
Clive Briffett	Expenses	£61.43

Receipts

Forestry Commission	Comm. Woodland grant	£294.32
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7. Planning Applications

The General Elliot SHI/11845/5-X Demolition of existing extensions and erection of extension to side and rear to create dining space and accommodation

The Council had made the application available for viewing over the previous weekend and had collected comments and feedback from parishioners. The Council fully supported the Vale Brewery's efforts to reopen the General Elliot and redevelop for B& B usage but, after consultation with parishioners, agreed to oppose the planning application due to size. **Action: CB / SE to submit comments to VOWH.**

44 Manor Road SHI/14242/3-LB - rebuild of existing staircase

No objections.

Pin Farm SHI/8322/2 – new dormers on roof and conversion of barn to studio accommodation

No objections.

8. Correspondence

Breakfast seminars at Seacourt tower.

Nominations for people who contribute to local community. **Action: CB to nominate EH.**

9. County Councillor's Report

AF reported that it had been a quiet month and budget meetings would be reported on at the next meeting. The surgery has been attended. AF stated that Network Rail were planning to reconstruct the Redbridge bridge in 2011 to increase the height to allow for a raised track. Temporary footbridges for pedestrians and cyclists would be in place. OxonCC had received tenders from contactors for the removal of fly tipped waste from Redbridge. Of between £250k and £1.1m. Any concerns should be forward to AF. Radley PC had supported the speed limit from reduction from Hinksey Hill to Abingdon from 60mph to 40 mph. AF was now OxonCC cycling champion for new cycle routes. Any new proposals should be sent to AF. **Action: Peter Rawcliffe to send details to AF about footbridge ramp.**

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No report.

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12. Lighting on Railway Bridge

It was noted that lighting on railway bridge was poor, especially on stairs and that positioning of the light in the adjacent quarry dazzled pedestrians on the way out of the village on approach to the foot bridge. It was asked whether these could be repositioned to light the stairs and not dazzle.

13. Funding of Children's Party

Council agreed to make £50 donation towards cost of children's Christmas party.

14. Burial Ground Pathway

The church was obtaining tenders for new paths to be available for review in Jan and the Council was asked to consider paying to extend new paths to gate on Parker Road, depending on the quote. **Action: SE to pass on quotes for Council's consideration once obtained.**

15. AOB

Wildflower meadow. The test hole in the burial ground had collected no water and was to be filled in. Action: SE / MR to arrange with gravedigger.

Date of next meeting: Monday 4th January 2009 at 7:30pm