

Minutes of the South Hinksey 2022 Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 30th May 2022 at 6.30pm in the Village Hall

Present:

Janet Cochrane, Michael Cochrane (Chairman, Parish Council), Dudley Goodhead, Linda Goodhead (Parish Councillor), Bob Johnston (County Councillor), Patricia Jones (Vice-Chair, Parish Council) and Geoffrey Ferres (Parish Clerk)

1. Apologies

Christine Chater (Parish Councillor), Debby Hallett (District Councillor), Janet Lester (Parish Councillor) and Emily Smith (District Councillor).

2. Minutes of the 2019 Annual Parish Meeting

The minutes were taken as read and agreed, then signed by the Chairman.

3. Report of the Village Hall Management Committee

Adrian Porter had sent a written report on behalf of the Village Hall Management Committee, which the Clerk summarised for the benefit of the meeting.

4. Report of the County Councillor

Cllr Bob Johnston gave a brief annual report. He reminded the meeting of the change of control in last May's elections with the Conservatives replaced by a Progressive Alliance of Green, Labour and Liberal Democrat councillors.

He spoke about his own new role chairing the pension fund. He described the challenge of decarbonising the investments. The fund has 72,000 members.

He went on to say that he feels the relationship between officers and members has improved greatly. He gave an example of work to re-wild the county.

He listed items relating to the parish: the 30mph speed on Hinksey Hill; the south-facing slip roads on the A34 at Lodge Hill; the flood relief channel. He said he has not heard back regarding Lodge Hill but will contact the officer tomorrow.

In discussion, he explained that the compound for the work to replace the bridge carrying the ring road over the railway line at Kennington

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will destroy Kendall Copse, a community woodland created around the same time as South Hinksey's.

5. Report of the Parish Council

Michael Cochrane delivered a report on behalf of the Parish Council. He covered six topics on which the council had worked in the past year:

- the request for a weight limit to stop vehicles using Hinksey Hill as an alternative to the A34
- the potential impact of the Oxford Flood Alleviation Scheme
- the loss of the bus service on Hinksey Hill
- the pressure for something to be done about the A34
- the management of the community woodland
- the project to create additional plots in the burial ground.

On the subject of the burial ground, he warned of the possible cost of the work and suggested the council might have to consider splitting the work into two stages, taking out a loan from the Public Works Loan Board or generating income from a sale of plots.

Cllr Bob Johnston said in relation to the A34 that there seems to be a paralysis in government decision-making. He advised that management of the community woodland to create a wildflower area required the Council to deal with the cuttings which could either be removed or spread thinly elsewhere on site.

Patricia Jones recalled a comment repeated at a recent consultation meeting regarding the Oxford Flood Alleviation Scheme that the scheme was doomed if any of the parish councils objected to it.

She mentioned the objections submitted by North Hinksey Parish Council to the planning application and said she shared the concerns they had expressed.

Cllr Bob Johnston said that he had made an input to the District Council's submission. He said Kennington Parish Council had decided not to make submission regarding the planning application.

Dudley Goodhead said Cumnor Parish Council has urged that the opportunity be taken to create a cycle route into Oxford.

The meeting discussed whether a proposal could be found to include the Westwood Hotel site within the parish that would be acceptable to the District Council.

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6. Questions from parishioners

There were none.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.35pm.

Signed:

Chairman, South Hinksey Parish Council

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