

South Hinksey Parish Council

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Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of South Hinksey Parish Council held at 7pm on Wednesday the 9th of August 2023 in the South Hinksey Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Clayton, Goodhead, Jones (Chair) and Peacock.

In Attendance: L Morrison Allsopp Clerk and RFO and two members of the Betty Lane Cycle/Footpath Working Group.

23/73. Apologies for absence – Cllr Maitland could not be present in person but attended via Teams. Cllr Goodhead gave apologies for District Councillor Debbie Hallett who she had invited to attend.

23/74. Declarations of Interest: None.

23/75. Public questions, comments or representations: None.

Resolution under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 Section 1, extended by the Local Government Act 1972, Section 100 that the following items are confidential as they relate to confidential legal matters. As such, the press and public are excluded from this part of the meeting. Council also agree to admit members of the Working Party to participate in the meeting. Agreed unanimously.

23/76 Betty Lane Stopping Up Order Public Inquiry and related Issues

Three things to discuss and agree

Submission to the Inquiry, letter to Mrs Barney and issue of the Presentation of the case.

The Submission: To be discussed and agreed:

- a) Two versions of the submission.
- b) Comments from a resident on the matter
- c) Email from Mrs Barney
- d) agreement from Kingerlee
- e) pictures, text and frontispiece circulated today.

The Submission

- a) Two versions of the submission.

Council resolved unanimously to work on Submission V2.

Cllr Maitland's offer to add in all the appendices etc. was accepted.

Council unanimously agreed the following amendments;

Point 7, remove the word “heavily”.

Appendix 5.4 add “These pictures extend for a period of over a year.”

Point 25, insert the word provide “temporary” access and at the end, “This temporary solution will still require access across the land in question which is the road.”

The following amendments were agreed by the casting vote of the Chair.

Point 23, Insert a sentence after the word process add “The Council appreciates the desire of the applicants to maintain this land as it borders their property and a future agreement with the Council could deliver on both a path and the use of a parcel of land for the Applicant under licence and subject to contract.” End of paragraph add “supporting a negotiated position.”

The following amendment was agreed unanimously.

Point 38 add new appendix, with the pictures of the before and after at the end of the road.

b) Comments from a resident on the matter.

Cllr Jones brought to the attention of the meeting that she had received a Note from an objector who believed that the proposed path would include vehicular access and would reduce the security of their property. Consultation already took place for the South Hinksey Parish Plan and further consultation will follow before implementing the path.

c) Email from Mrs Barney

Two prong argument that the Planning authority gave unanimous agreement to the planning application and the Council is trying to thwart this and that Council is acting to undermine her rights as a parishioner.

Submission point 22 amend to “meeting with Working Group of Parishioners.” Amend Councillors to Working Group. Add “Since this meeting the applicant has written to the Council to complain about this meeting. The Council refutes her contentions.” Agreed unanimously.

Resolution to agree to delegate to the Clerk in consultation with Cllrs Maitland and Goodhead to make any necessary minor administrative and clarifying changes for understanding, check references and links and all the agreed amendments. Agreed unanimously.

Front sheet of appendices with statements from residents. It was agreed unanimously, that the names and addresses be redacted and the names and addresses be available confidentially to the Chair of the Inquiry on request.

2. Letter to Mr and Mrs Barney

Version 2 of the letter was agreed with the following amendment; after protection of the Parish Council, remove the word Oxfordshire. Clerk to remove any typographical errors and grammatically correct and send to Mr & Mrs Barney as soon as possible.

Cllr Maitland left the meeting.

3. Presentation of the case

It was resolved unanimously that Cllr Clayton would present the case to the Public Inquiry with the support of two Parishioners and the Parish Clerk. Parish Clerk asked to write to Department for Transport requesting more details of the day and if only a Councillor or a Solicitor can give evidence. Clerk will forward to Cllr Clayton contact details for a Councillor of another Parish who has experience of giving evidence to a public inquiry. Submission date 17th of August.

The Chair expressed her thanks to the working group.

Date of next scheduled meeting 30th August 2023

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.30.