

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 4th November 2024

Present:

Geoff Webster	(GW)	Vice-Chair
Joe Deane	(JD)	Councillor
Jim Coleman	(JC)	Councillor
Sandra Cosier	(SC)	Councillor
Ellen Judson	(EJ)	Councillor
Charlie Maynard	(CM)	District Councillor

In Attendance:

10 Members of the public
Dan Levy (DL) County Councillor

MIN REF	ITEM
24/086	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Keith Hickson (KH) Chair Trudi Gasser (TG) Parish Clerk Steve Cosier (SCo) District Councillor
24/087	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST No Declarations made.
24/088	APPROVAL of MINUTES Minutes Parish Council Meeting of the 7 th October 2024 were approved for publication.
24/089	MATTERS ARISING Minutes approved Waste Bins: New litter dog bin on granary way, Location given what three words Additional bin being installed in cemetery – a location had been provided to WODC, it should be installed in the next week or so.
24/090	COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS See attached appendix.
24/091	QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Speeding on B4449/Sutton: letter in regarding speed limits through Sutton sent to Clerk and Chair raising concerns about the current speed limits not being adhered to and wanting to understand how we could fund traffic monitoring through the main road through Sutton, with the view to generating a case for further traffic calming measures. <p>The PC's expectation was that it would get data from the new signs. As they would log data.</p> <p>There was a general discussion about speed watch</p> <p>Could we find more money for another sign at the Beaumont green end of</p>

	<p>Sutton, there is a non-functional one there at the moment, however this is set to 30 not the 20 limit, there was concern over light pollution with the sign potentially facing houses if mounted close to Beaumont green. There was a comment about specific signage, a local village has had signs drawn by kids that were thought to be effective.</p> <p>With a view to reducing the number of gravel lorries ‘thundering’ through Sutton. There is apparently a Lady to contact (WODC planning) for planning agreements for the pit to look at trucks down the roads. It was suggested that in the planning they would have agreed to have used the A40 rather than through Sutton. JC questioned who pays for traffic calming is it highways or the PC?</p> <p>Blackditch – the brook</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discharge: is there is an official discharge of industrial effluent. How can they get information on the nature of this discharge? <p>We had a comment on this a while ago, Environment agency. CM suggested that the clerk has the land agent’s details and could follow up. David Bury should be able help us understand who is discharging (which business) then we can look to understand the nature of it.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Growth in Brook: The brook is not clear, lots of vegetation, bank alongside Deanfield’s site? Who still owns that land? <p>EA flood map website main river or water course, if it’s a main river the ea permission is required If it’s an ordinary water course then it is easier, look on the land registry to see who owns it. Suspected that it is owned by Deanfield, we can clarify who owns it then follow up with them. We could then look to suggest who owns it and then follow up or offer support. If it doesn’t look clean then guidance given that contacting EA and registering the leak.</p>
24/092	<p>PLANNING</p> <p>No new applications had been received for comment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning application by Oxfordshire County Council, for planning permission: Change of use from C3 dwelling to C2 small children’s home and side extension together with associated internal and external works including an extended parking area with five additional on-site parking spaces with two EV charging points and two cycle spaces, the replacement of some external windows and doors, the installation of PV panels, the removal of the oil tank, the covering of the well and pond, a new soil vent drainage pipe, additional fencing and screening where required and soft landscaping works at Willow Bank House, Sutton Lane, Sutton, Witney, Oxfordshire, OX29 5RY. The PC are due to submit comments in a couple of weeks. • APPLICATION NO: 24/02469/LBC PROPOSAL: External alterations to include replacing an existing wooden

	<p>Lean-to glasshouse with a powder coated aluminium Lean-to glasshouse sited on dwarf stone wall in keeping with existing stonework within the property. Planning (Listed Building and Conservation Areas) Act LOCATION: Blackditch Farm Blackditch Stanton Harcourt Second submission – PC still stand by original comments – discussed, not proportional or in keeping</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> REFERENCE NO: 23/03220/S73 PROPOSAL: Variation of Conditions 2, 24, 25 and 26 to Planning Permission 18/01611/FUL to allow changes to the landscape proposal and to include additional pedestrian footpath (amended description and plans) Town and Country Planning Act LOCATION: Land At Former Stanton Harcourt Airfield Main Road Stanton Harcourt Comments – SC added her thoughts for information
24/093	<p>S106 Art Contribution OCC Representative will attend the February PC meeting to discuss with the PC.</p>
24/094	<p>PC WEBSITE Still looking at host for the website for the new gov.uk address. Hoping to move the issue on before the meeting.</p>
24/095	<p>VILLAGE VOICE Copy for next edition: The PC members agreed to take it in turn to supply copy.</p>
24/096	<p>FINANCE Initial discussions for the budget plans:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Add another sign for the other end of Sutton Defib for the old guard room. Other plans – we have a few weeks as it needs to be ready for the next meeting
24/097	<p>CORRESPONDENCE Nothing to report as covered in Questions from Members of the Public.</p>
24/098	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p>Sign for the guard room - three quotes proposed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The PC agreed that the 1st quote was good Sandra to follow up with Trudi. <p>Cricket club path sign to gap in the hedge.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We should consider a sign to the hole in the hedge <p>Sign at the quiots who owns it. We could look at replacing it.</p> <p>Insulation in the roof, there is none. Charlie suggested that we should chase hayfields for it.</p> <p>Flag pole on the site. recommendation is that we don't have a permanent flag pole, could we then have a collapsable or temporary one.</p>

	<p>Who has the key for the bunker? Further investigations.</p> <p>Guardroom Lights – expensive to change them out. Plan is that we will look to offer other lighting rather than reworking the current lights. Yoga Hirer is happy with the lighting as they bring their own.</p>
24/099	<p>NEXT MEETING</p> <p>7.30pm on Monday 2nd December in the John Holland Room, Village Hall.</p>

Signed

Date

ACTIONS CARRIED FORWARD FROM EARLIER MEETINGS:

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Pre-June	<p>B4449 Reducing the noise and vibration BT OpenReach replaced the wrong manhole cover. The one by 10 Beaumont Green has been recorded as Urgent by both OCC Highways and BT OpenReach.</p> <p><i>The PC now has reference numbers to report issues.</i></p>	Ongoing – to be reported on Fix MY Street
CFW from July mtg	21/092 All/PC to continue logging TW complaints with DL/OCC None received – Notice to be put on Village Voice (Hardcopy & Facebook) asking all issues to be sent to Parish Clerk with the Title ‘Water Issues’ PC will then progress with Thames Water. Action MJ	Ongoing
CFW from June mtg	22/026 Welcome Pack JD currently drafting a document	Cfw
CFW from April mtg	<p>JD to produce a draft S106 submission for Guardroom Solar Heater for the next meeting.</p> <p>JD to continue to try to resolve the lighting issue, to enable the lights to be dimmable.</p>	<p>Cfw</p> <p>Cfw</p>
CFW Sept	<p>23/088 Planning</p> <p>ACTION: TG to check the Planning Application Tracker and report any decision notices issued at future meetings.</p>	Ongoing
CFW Sept	<p>23/090 Guardroom</p> <p>ACTION: JD To continue progressing the Guardroom Solar Heating project.</p>	Cfw

I hope this report finds everyone well. Please find a report on some of the current WODC issues.

Polling Stations and Polling Districts

The Council is seeking residents' feedback to improve our polling stations for future elections. WODC have a statutory duty to review polling premises every five years, they will be considering factors such as:

- Accessibility: Can everyone easily access the polling station?
- General Suitability: location, is the premise in the correct place to serve voters. WODC are looking for residents to share their thoughts by letting them know what you think about your local polling station. Their locations or alternative sites.

The consultation will run until Monday November 4th.

WODC welcome residents comments, by sending feedback.

Send your feedback to <https://www.westoxon.gov.uk/.../polling-districts-and.../>

Text Scamming

WODC have been made aware of a text scam that is sending messages to people to advise that they are eligible for a 'Cost of Living payment 2023/24', or that it is regarding a 'Notice on Application for Living Expense Subsidy.'

If residents receive any such message, take care to read it fully and if something seems off, please do not enter any financial or personal information.

The website address and content within the message will ask you to input your information, or small fee in order to receive the benefit. This is incorrect and is a scam. If you receive a suspect message, please report it by forwarding the message to 7726.

If you have been the victim of fraud you can report it to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or online <https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/>

You can also seek free and confidential advice from Victim Support on 0808 281 0112 or 0808 168 9111 or by visiting www.victimsupport.org.uk

Rural Crime Partnership

The Rural Crime Partnership brings together Thames Valley Police, South Oxfordshire Vale of White Horse and West Oxfordshire District Councils and their corresponding Community Safety Partnerships. It is funded through the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) for Thames Valley and the Home Office's Safer Streets initiative.

The partnership's programme of work currently focuses on tackling rural acquisitive crime, which can seriously impact on the livelihoods of people working and living in rural communities, tackling rural acquisitive crime is about preventing the theft of farm machinery, vehicles and tools.

Advisers from Thames Valley Police are working with farmers and landowners to improve farm security. Providing DNA tagging kits for farm machinery and vehicles and working with community members to develop crime prevention networks. Fly tipping specialists within councils have been given new signage and equipment to help in the fight against fly tipping - identified by residents as a key issue in rural areas. Partnership members are working with individuals and community stakeholder groups within rural communities to understand their experiences of rural crime and their priorities for dealing with it.

What Is Rural Crime?

Rural crime tends to fall into one of the following categories:

- Agricultural - theft or damage to property (including fuel) or livestock on working farms or their small holdings.
- Equine - theft or damage to buildings or equipment at working stables or equestrian centres, as well as livestock worrying or neglect.
- Wildlife - hare coursing, poaching or interfering with protected species.
- Heritage - heritage crimes are defined as any offence which harms the value of Britain's heritage assets and their settings to this and future generations. Offences include theft, arson and other types of damage, illegal metal detecting and trespass.
- Environmental - waste dumping, fly tipping, polluting watercourses and land.

The Rural Crime Survey

By participating in this survey, you will help us identify the key challenges and opportunities in our region: <https://yourvoice.westoxon.gov.uk/en-GB/projects/r-c-p-about-this-project>

Thank you. Councillor Steve Cosier (Steve.cosier@westoxon.gov.uk)

County Councillor report

Stanton Harcourt Parish Council

November 4th 2024

I am writing this after the Chancellor of the Exchequer's Budget last week and while working on the County Council's budget for 25-26 which needs to be set in February..

We already know that increases in the National Minimum Wage and in Employer National Insurance are going to increase pressures on already stretched resources at all local authorities. I look forward to getting details of some of the additional funding, particularly to support our obligations to children with SEND requirements. Our expectation is that the additional SEND money announced will still leave all councils with SEND obligations running at a deficit, and that includes Oxfordshire. Councils will get details of central government support in late December, and will finalise their budgets in February.

Roads

A40

Homes England have agreed to release the funding related to the A40 project. As you will recall, this project was initiated by the previous administration, with a view to obtaining funding from two government departments, but unfortunately the funding was not inflation-indexed. We have had to resize the project to fit the budget available, and to ensure that no Oxfordshire council tax payers' money is used.

There will be a new junction to link the Park and Ride in Eynsham to the A40, improvements to the Eynsham Roundabout and to the junction in Cassington. These will remove some of the key impediments to free movement of traffic on the A40. There will be new crossings for pedestrians and cyclists, new bus stops, and an improved bike lane between Eynsham and Wolvercote.

If more money is made available, which is possible given increased housing targets for West Oxfordshire, then we will engage in Phase 2 of the project, to the west of Eynsham.

A new round of consultation will commence in November, with a view to planning permission being considered early in 2025. The views of residents and users will be much appreciated.

South Leigh traffic calming

The creation of a 4-way junction at Shores Green, incidentally paid for out of the other pot of government money to the HIF2 scheme, along with the Park and Ride, will give a new route onto the A40 for Stanton Harcourt residents. Please note that traffic calming measures are being installed in South Leigh, to counter the increased traffic that might use South Leigh as a consequence of the new junction.

Oxford Railway station.

Still no update from Network Rail. That means that the date at which Botley Road can be reopened to cars and buses is unknown.

Buses

A reminder that a daily ticket, with a cap of £6-50 for adults, and monthly ticket with a monthly cap of £25, are available, for use across Oxfordshire and into the neighbouring counties. We are in discussions with the bus companies about how this will change as a consequence of the rise in the single bus fare cap from £2 to £3, announced by the Chancellor.

There has been an increase in the frequency of the buses serving the southern bit of the Eynsham Division, including the First and Last Mile service that runs through Stanton Harcourt.

Willowbank House

The planning application for the change of use from a private residence to a small Children's Home is in the consultation phase, and you are welcome to make any comments relevant to the application. Details are on the County Council planning portal, at

<https://myeplanning.oxfordshire.gov.uk/Planning/Display/R3.0111/24>

Lower Windrush Valley Project.

The new project manager has started work. He has joined after many years of nature support for BBOWT. There was a hiatus caused by the departure of his predecessor. He is likely to want to restart the coordinating group which contained, among others, a representative of each parish in the area, and it would be good for someone from Stanton Harcourt to be involved.

As ever, do contact me on dan.levy@oxfordshire.gov.uk