

Minutes of the Meeting of East Hendred Parish Council, Thursday 4th October 2018 at 7.30pm at Snells Hall

Present: John Sharp (Chair), Charles Pappenheim, Selby Stocks, Roger Turnbull, Dominic Hardisty

Clerk/Finance Officer: Julia Evans

County Councillor:

District Councillor:

PCSO:

Members of the Public: Mr T. Judson

352/18	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllrs Webb and Williams. County Cllr Fox-Davies. Dominic Hardisty was welcomed as a new councillor and signed the relevant forms.	Action:
353/18	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Cllrs Pappenheim and Sharp for agenda item 9d, Cllr Stocks for agenda item 10j, Cllr Turnbull for agenda item 10i. Clerk to send a register of interest form to Cllr Hardisty.	Clerk
354/18	ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF 6th SEPTEMBER 2018 The minutes of the monthly meeting and the confidential session were reviewed. Proposed: Cllr Stocks; Seconded: Cllr Pappenheim. RESOLVED. The minutes were signed.	
	MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF 6th SEPTEMBER 2018 NOT OTHERWISE COVERED ON THE AGENDA:	
355/18	Emergency plan – progress: A meeting about community resilience was held on 13 th September. Attendance was poor; only one member of the public turned up. Cllr Sharp has contacted Harwell Parish Council regarding the Rowstock safe refuge.	CP/JVS
356/18	BOOKLET FOR NEW RESIDENTS: The booklet has been distributed to the whole village. Positive feedback has been received.	CLOSED
357/18	GRIT BOXES FOR PORTWAY CLOSE AND LUDBRIDGE CLOSE OCC Highways have been out to review the roads prior to adoption. They had no objection to the siting of a grit box. It was agreed that the Parish Council would purchase one for Portway Close. The Grit box for Ludbridge Close is to be provided by the Management Company. The Clerk noted that the new box may not be installed in time for this winter. Clerk to place the order.	CLOSED
358/18	SPEED MONITORING ON A417 A request has been sent to Lee Turner, with a copy for Cllr Fox-Davies. Awaiting a reply.	
359/18	NOMINATIONS FOR VALE COMMUNITY AWARDS Cllr Pappenheim proposed nominating Cllr Shortis for her work on the allotments and the welcome booklet. This was agreed. Cllr Pappenheim to write up the nomination. <u>Afternote:</u> the nominations have been submitted to the Vale.	CP
360/18	TREES OF REMEMBRANCE Possible locations for the tree were discussed. Cllr Pappenheim asked whether there was a suitable site on the north of the A417. Mr Judson agreed to look into this.	Mr Judson
361/18	OPEN FORUM Nothing was raised.	
362/18	COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER'S REPORT: A local report was circulated. It was reported that a car had been broken into outside the church on 3 rd October. A bag was stolen. The police are aware.	

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:

Cllr Fox-Davies sent a report by email which was circulated ahead of the meeting. The following matters were included:

1. OCC's cabinet has agreed to borrow up to £120m to invest in infrastructure improvements – easing the spending squeeze on road and property repairs. The decision means around £80m could be spent on highway improvements, with the rest of the £120m used to invest in other county council-owned assets especially schools. It will be paid for using Oxfordshire's expected growth in homes and consequent council tax income and gives scope to 'borrow to invest' that will, over the long term, save money. As the borrowing will be taken over a number of years, based on individual business cases, the programme of investment can be stopped if the increased Council Tax revenue does not materialise.
2. OCC will get a complete overhaul to ensure it is 'fit for the future' and continues to meet rising demand for services. The changes are crucial to enabling the county council to deliver its vision of 'thriving communities for everyone'. The transformation plan would protect and improve frontline services for residents, while cutting red tape and reducing the costs of 'back office' administration. The proposed redesign of the county council could save between £34m-58m a year and ensure a continued balanced budget, with the possibility of reinvesting in services in the future. Customer service, supported by new technology, would be at the heart of the proposed new 'operating model' to make the council much more efficient.
3. The latest snapshot of delayed transfer of care figures on September 13 showed there were 79 delayed patients in Oxfordshire – a 31% fall on the same period last year. The previous week there 77 representing a sustained and significant fall from 2017 when the highest local recorded weekly figure was 202. Based on the latest NHS published data, Oxfordshire is the 11th most improved system in the country, with a reduction of 58% in the number of bed days lost – more than twice the national average of 25%.
4. OCC welcomes the announcement of a preferred Corridor for part of the Oxford-Cambridge Expressway as it offers a degree of clarity on where the final scheme would go, but is very disappointed that access to the M40 through Oxfordshire is still unclear. Highways England, who are leading on this national project, have identified Corridor B as their proposal, the central corridor from the three broad corridors being considered. However, there is still no indication on which of the sub-options around Oxford would be taken forward. OCC will now carefully study the Corridor put forward, including the justification and technical detail which has led to this choice, and how it would affect already stretched roads, such as the A34 and interface with other schemes including East West Rail. OCC has set three tests to assess the decision-making process for that corridor and, eventually, the final route choice:
 - Impact on the A34: it should provide relief to congestion on the A34 and function as a separate strategic route, allowing the A34 around Oxford to work better for local traffic
 - Pressure on existing roads: It should not increase pressure on overstretched roads
 - Conflation with other schemes: It should be developed separately but alongside other local schemes, to ensure the highway

	<p>network works for Oxfordshire overall</p> <p>Invariably, a project of this magnitude and ambition will have an impact, which OCC will need to ensure is mitigated. OCC will seek clarity on how the corridor choice is developed so that a decision can be made on the best route for the scheme</p> <p>5. Oxfordshire's councils are working jointly on a countywide strategic plan which integrates planning for growth and infrastructure, with a focus on quality of life and health and wellbeing. The JSSP will address the strategic and cumulative implications of growth and set out a long-term framework covering the whole of Oxfordshire up to 2050. It will set out future housing requirements and identify strategic locations or broad areas for future growth. The JSSP will not allocate specific sites for development. Detailed local policies will be covered by future Local Plan reviews as necessary. OCC's role as highways and education authority, and as a provider of many essential services to the communities and businesses, makes it particularly relevant as a key player in the JSSP preparation process. Sustainable transport that create places where people can walk and cycle will underpin the JSSP. The six Oxfordshire Councils and the Oxfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership (OXLEP) under the Oxfordshire Growth Board agreed the Oxfordshire Housing and Growth Deal with Government in March 2018. Under the terms of the Deal the local authorities have committed to producing the JSSP for submission to the Planning Inspectorate for independent examination by 31 March 2020 and adoption by 31 March 2021. Early stakeholder engagement starts this Autumn and a public consultation is due in 2019.</p>	
364/18	<p>DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:</p> <p>No report.</p>	
	<p>FINANCE</p>	
365/18	<p>Approval of October Payments:</p> <p>The full list of payments is attached to the file copy of these minutes. The Accounts for Payment for October 2018 total £93.09. Proposed: Cllr Turnbull, Seconded: Cllr Pappenheim. Approved. The cheque payment were signed.</p>	
366/18	<p>External Audit Report</p> <p>Report presented. No actions required.</p>	
367/18	<p>Update on Electronic Payments</p> <p>Electronic payments were used for the first time this month. The clerk raised payments and Cllr Pappenheim will authorise them. Cllr Sharp signed the banking form for access and Cllr Turnbull was given the TSB mandate form to complete. Cllr Shortis' form has been sent to the bank.</p>	Clerk/CP
368/18	<p>Charge for the use of Snells Hall</p> <p>Cllr Pappenheim proposed that the charge for the use of Snells Hall for Parish Council meetings be increased to £30 per meeting. This is because the meeting has moved into the large hall. This was approved. Proposed: Cllr Stocks, Seconded: Cllr Turnbull. RESOLVED.</p>	
	<p>PLANNING ITEMS</p>	
369/18	<p>P18/V2295/FUL - Cclrc Rutherford Appleton Laboratory Harwell. New extract ductwork for existing laboratory facility. The Parish Council had no objection to this application.</p>	
370/18	<p>P18/V1935/HH – 31 Coulings Close. Erection of prefab garage 6.2m x 6.2m. This is a retrospective application. The Parish Council had no objection.</p>	
371/18	<p>P18/V1812/LB – 7-8 Newbury Road. Remove existing tiles and make good any</p>	

380/18	Examination of LPP2 Cllr Turnbull reported that the examination is not complete and the Inspectors report is awaited.	
381/18	FOI Request re development sites The Vale has requested clarification of the areas on interest and provided a map for consideration. The areas were agreed. The request to include Strategic Housing Land Assessment.	
382/18	TREE SURVEY The second quote was not received. As the survey needs to be carried out while the trees are in leaf it was agreed to proceed with the quote presented by Cllr Stocks. Clerk to place the formal order. <u>Afternote:</u> Due to the Clerk's holiday Cllr Stocks placed the order.	
383/18	ROWSTOCK ITEMS: Speeding issues – Cllr Williams was attending a meeting on this matter with Cllr Fox-Davies. Provision of dog bins – Cllr Williams has identified three locations for dog bins. He has been sent details of suggested bins. Awaiting confirmation of the required bin before contacting the waste team for permission to install them. Correspondence regarding A34 closures and the impact on Rowstock residents. Cllr Williams was attending a meeting on this matter with Cllr Fox-Davies on the same evening as the Parish Council meeting.	AW AW AW
384/18	COMMUNITY ART PROJECT No progress.	CS/SS
385/18	UPDATE ON THE COBB WALL AT THE PLOUGH Sally Straddling, Conservation Officer, has been contacted as Star Pubs have gone quiet. Awaiting a response.	
386/18	HENDRED ESTATE ITEMS: None.	
	WORKING GROUPS/REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS AND UPDATES	
387/18	Sports Club Cllr Stocks reported that he had attended the Sports Club AGM. The club has plans to extend and refurbish the clubhouse. They are also intending to resurface the tennis courts and are considering floodlighting for the football pitch, Cllr Pappenheim noted that the playpark upgrade is a major issue. It was suggested that the MUGA and Playpark be combined. Cllr Stocks to discuss with the sports club. A letter of support had been sent to David Jones regarding the S106 application.	SS
388/18	Allotments. Cllrs Pappenheim and Shortis have collected the rents. There have been no issues regarding to new rent levels or the leases.	
389/18	Bulletin/Website/Facebook: The next Bulletin is due at the beginning of December. Cllr Hardisty volunteered to help with the distribution. Cllr Stocks requested that the number of copies delivered to him be reduced by 8.	CP
390/18	Courtesy Lighting: Villagers have raised concern about the bus shelter opposite The Plough. Cllr Pappenheim to investigate the possibility of a solar powered PIR light. RT raised concerns about the darkness of the elevated footpath in Newbury Road. Cllr Pappenheim to investigate.	CP
391/18	Playgrounds: Clerk to update the inspection rota to include Cllr Hardisty. Cllr Pappenheim presented a quote for £540 to repair the fence at the kickabout area in Penney playpark. Proposed: Cllr Pappenheim, Seconded: Cllr Hardisty. RESOLVED.	Clerk CP

392/18	Transport: Cllr Webb to ask Thames Travel to issue an updated timetable. Cllr Pappenheim reported on a meeting he had attended regarding cycleways. He outlined the different proposals presented at the meeting and the issues arising from them. The meeting reluctantly agreed to the Icknield Way route, due to time pressures. Cllr Turnbull felt the route would have benefits. Cllr Hardisty raised concern about the speed of traffic on the Newbury Road where the Icknield Way crosses it, since this could present a problem for cyclists crossing the road. Cllr Pappenheim noted that the visibility splays are good, and the route is already well used by cyclists.	SW
393/18	Rights of Way: Nothing to report.	
394/18	Snells Path/Nature Reserve: Repairs to the walkway are ongoing.	
395/18	Harwell Liaison: Cllr Sharp reported that the application to move a small amount of waste from Winfrith to Harwell for processing has been approved.	
396/18	Lengthman/Litter Picker: Nothing to report.	
397/18	GDPR – Cloud Storage of PC Data Cllr Pappenheim proposed taking out a subscription to LiveDrive. The servers are UK based and the cost is £10 per month. There is a two week free trial. Cllr Hardisty proposed signing up. Cllr Stocks seconded. RESOLVED.	Clerk
398/18	GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE: a) Consultation on North Wessex Downs AONB Management Plan. Cllrs to review. Comments to be discussed at the next meeting. Clerk to send details to Cllr Hardisty. b) Corridor for Oxford to Cambridge expressway. The corridor has been selected. The route now needs to be defined. Cllr Turnbull felt that the proposals could lead to an increase in traffic on the villages concerned and may have an impact on the A417. A watching brief to be maintained.	All Councillors/Clerk
399/18	ANY OTHER BUSINESS (FOR INFORMATION ONLY): OCC Town and Parish Event: Cllr Sharp apologised for being unable to attend the OCC Town and Parish event in September. There is another one in Harwell on 18 th October. Cllr Turnbull to attend. Parish Council activities: Cllr Sharp suggested putting something on Parish Council activities in the next Bulletin. Replacement grit box: The replacement for the grit box in Horn Lane that was damaged by a lorry has been ordered. Steventon Reservoir: Thames Water are planning to bring construction forward to 2037. The consultation closes on 28 th November. Clerk to add to the November agenda and ask GARD for their response. Playground Inspection for October: Cllrs Sharp and Stocks.	RT JVS Clerk JVS/SS
400/18	DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be Thursday 1 st November at 7.30pm in the Main Hall.	

The meeting closed at 9.25 pm