

The Parish Council of St. Helen Without

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 8th December 2014 at 7.30pm
at the Community Centre, Dalton Barracks

Present: Cllrs. G. Fitzgerald (in the Chair), M. Bailey, M. Gilbert, K. Houlden, C. Parkin, C Priestley, B. Rogers, M. Russell and V. Talbot

In attendance: George Edmonds-Brown (Clerk), County Councillor Richard Webber, District Cllr Catherine Webber and Captain Jason Lowe

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Mr John Higgs

2. Declarations of Personal or Personal and Prejudicial Interests

Cllr Gilbert declared an interest in Site 23 listed for removal from the Green Belt in the Green Belt Review.

Cllr Talbot declared an interest in Vine Cottage which was a neighbouring property to hers.

Co-option of Captain Jason Lowe

The Chairman introduced Captain Jason Lowe, Welfare Officer at Dalton Barracks who had been nominated by Dalton Barracks to replace Mr John Prior as no candidates had come forward following the statutory notice. Cllr Fitzgerald proposed that Captain Lowe should be co-opted. This was seconded by Cllr Parkin and approved unanimously.

3. Matters raised by a) members of the public

None

b) attending Councillors and MOD

District Cllr Webber said that the proposal for the development of Westway in Botley had been voted down unanimously. She encouraged the Council to respond on the consultation to the Local Plan by 19th December, particularly on concerns about the Green Belt. The Inspector would be reviewing comments between January and July.

County Cllr Webber said that the Green Belt Review was proposing the removal of 8 sites from the Green Belt. There was a need to have a full review of the Oxfordshire Green Belt

VWHDC grants of up to £5,000 will be available in 2015; applications will need to be made between January and July for a decision in July. OCC funding was also available up to £1,000 for Highways and capital grants for housing.

There were a number of planning issues affecting Sutton Courtney and the warehouse project at Milton Park.

4. Minutes of the Meeting held on 27th October 2014

Following the deletion of District Cllr Miles from the list of attendees the minutes of 27th October were approved and signed by the Chairman,

5. Matters arising from the Minutes

a) The Jubilee bench

Cllr Lowe agreed to ascertain the current position from Mr Higgs.

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b) Community website and newsletter

The Community Centre was obtaining quotes from printers for collating the newsletter; possibly to include colour. It was hoped that this would be implemented in the February issue.

c) Transport Review – No 4 Bus

Comments had been submitted to OCC from St Helen Without Parish Council, Wootton and Cumnor Parish Councils, Dalton Barracks District and County Councillors and both MPs. A useful meeting had been held with Oxford Bus Company who would be carrying out their own review and taking into account the comments of the parish councils and Dalton Barracks.

d) Road Safety; Barrow Road and Cholswell Road

OCC will be carrying out a site visit on the proposal for a crossing; councillors will need to attend the meeting. There had been a further accident on the Cholswell Road bend.

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e) Highways matters

There was a need to repair potholes in Old Faringdon Road

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f) Daffodils

Cllr Talbot would be contacting Mr John Higgs about Dalton Barracks taking some of the daffodil bulbs for planting.

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6. The VWHDC Local Plan (including Green Belt Review)

Site No 23 was listed under Wootton but was actually in Dry Sandford Ward of St Helen Without Parish. The site included the WADS Community Centre, the southern two thirds of which is protected by Fields in Trust.

It was resolved that the Parish Council should send in global comments on the Green Belt and should also object to the policy of giving parishes a different rate of CIL depending on whether they had a neighbourhood plan, this was particularly relevant to the North west Abingdon site.

Cllr Fitzgerald proposed that the Council should respond that it did not want to chip away at the Green Belt without a Green Belt review. This was seconded by Cllr Talbot and approved unanimously.

It was resolved that a draft response would be circulated for comments.

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7. Matters raised by members of the Council

Cllr Gilbert said that the leaves on Church Lane needed removing.

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8. Finance

a) 2015/6 Budget & Precept

The Council considered the 2015/6 Budget and the proposed Precept. Cllr Parkin recommended that the 2015/16 Budget be accepted and that the Precept bid should be for £16,900. This was seconded by Cllr Russell and approved unanimously.

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b) 2015/16 Inventory

The 2015/16 had not changed since 2014/15.

c) 2015/16 Risk Assessment

The risk assessment had not changed since 2014/15

Cllr Bailey proposed that the 2015/16 draft Inventory and the 2115/16 draft Risk Assessment be accepted. This was seconded by Cllr Houlden and approved unanimously.

d) Accounts for payment

Payee	Purpose	Total	VAT
George Edmonds-Brown	Salary December 2014	£257.56	
George Edmonds-Brown	Expenses December 2014	£44.85	
Wootton Parish Council	Contribution for defibrillator	£500.00	
ST Grounds Maintenance	Emptying litter bin – Oct./Nov.	£40.00	
BGG Garden and Tree Care	Grass cutting – 3 & 23.10.2014	£234.00	£39.00
Dalton Barracks	Contribution to play area	£1,000.00	

It was resolved that the above payments should be made.

It was resolved that the invoice for £175.20 (including £29.20 VAT) paid by Cllr Talbot should be refunded once an invoice had been obtained made out to the Parish Council so that VAT can be reclaimed.

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e) Applications for grants

It was resolved that a grant would not be offered to the Sue Ryder Hospice as it was based in Henley.

9. Planning

a) Decision Notices

Ref:	P14/V0824/HH
Date	1.5.2014
Description:	Alterations and extensions to existing house
Address	1 Barrow Road, Shippon OX13 6JF
St Helen Without PC's comments	<p><i>The Parish Council has no objections to this application but wish the following comments to be taken into account:-</i></p> <p><i>The Parish Council would like to be informed that the volume extension is within the 30% increase allowed under the Vale of White Horse District Plan 2011, Policy GS3, before approval is given.</i></p> <p><i>On the plans provided it would appear the garage is included in the volume</i></p>

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	<i>calculation for the present house but not included in the volume calculation on the proposed redevelopment. (Can you clarify this to the Parish Council as we have been unable to contact the Planning Officer responsible?)</i>
Decision	Permit 7.11.2014
Ref:	P14/V1267/HH
Date	12.6.2014
Description:	Proposed extension to garage
Address	57 Lashford Lane, Dry Sandford OX13 6DZ
St Helen Without PC's comments	<i>Object; this is a building company operating a business (as indicated by the business website) from a residential property. It is already causing a noise nuisance between the hours of 7am and 6pm weekdays and during the weekend. The current garage is being used as a commercial workshop equipped with a burner for water heating and, the idea of extending the "garage " will only make matters worse for neighbouring residents. There are also additional outbuildings not indicated on the plans. The site is overdeveloped and merits a site visit from the planners.</i>
Decision	Refuse 24.10.2014
Ref:	P14/V2054/O
Date	15.9.2014
Description:	Erection of single 4 bed dwelling
Address	Church Lane Dry Sandford
St Helen Without PC's comments	<i>Object for the following reasons –</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The proposed development is in the Green Belt</i> • <i>The potential development may start the process of connecting and blurring the villages two different property styles</i> • <i>It will be in a prominent location and its design is in stark contrast to the other properties in the older part of the village; it is not in keeping with the area.</i> • <i>It could present a precedent for similar inappropriate developments.</i> • <i>The access from Church Lane is on a very narrow bend and there is a potential for accidents.</i>
Decision	Refuse 30.10.2014
Ref:	P14/V2099/HH
Date	19.9.2014
Description:	First floor rear extension
Address	67 Barrow Road, Shippon OX13 6JQ
St Helen Without PC's comments	No objection
Decision	Permit 12.11.2014

It was resolved to note the Planning Authority's decisions

b) Applications dealt with between meetings

Ref:	P14/V2355/LB
Date	23.10.2014
Description:	Erection of a single storey rear extension (listed building consent)
Address	Vine Cottage 58 Barrow Road, Shippon OX13 6JQ
Deadline	13 November 2014

Ref:	P14/V22622/LDP
Date	24.11.2014
Description:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Proposed erection of ancillary outbuilding to provide a games room and home gym. b) Proposed extension to existing garage/workshop
Address	76 Honeybottom Lane, Dry Sandford OX13 6BX

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Deadline	Certificate of Lawful Development; comments not required
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It was resolved to confirm the Planning Committee's action

10. Sandleigh Road Recreation Ground

a) Inspection report;

Cllr Houlden was carrying out the Inspection in December.

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b) Refurbishment of play area

It was resolved that another quote should be taken.

KH

c) Plum Tree

A quote had been requested from BGG Garden and Tree Care.

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11. Correspondence

Cllr Fitzgerald went through the correspondence and it was resolved to note it and his comments.

Oxfordshire County Council

Better Broadband for Oxfordshire

November 2014 - on track to deliver 90% of Oxfordshire premises by December 2015

Updates from BT, Gigaclear and Virgin Media (new housing developments)

South and Vale

Update on new voter registration system

Planning Policy: Local Plan Consultation

Press Release: local Plan

Final preparations before submitting the Local Plan to the government; invitation to comment. Minor amendments have been included in the revised version, e.g. site removed from the Green Belt at Cumnor, Wootton and North Radley. Included is the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) - 15% of the levy goes to parish councils, 25% if they have a neighbourhood plan in place, the remainder goes to the district council. Consultation on all documents runs until Friday, 19 December, 4:30 PM

Other

NALC Update for Members: November 2014

Clerks and Councils Direct – November 2014

Rural Services Network – Rural Opportunities Bureau

Reaching Communities England - Big Lottery, grants are available from £10,000 upwards and involve projects including: improved rural and urban environments, which communities are better able to access and enjoy; and, healthier and more active people and communities

High Sheriff of Oxfordshire's Annual Awards

Applications are invited for nominations, to recognise people in Oxfordshire who have made outstanding contributions to the communities in which they live and work. Nominations will be particularly welcome for individuals who have used or supported sporting or cultural activity to enrich the community. Nominations should arrive before Friday, 16 January.

12. Cllrs reports and items for future agendas

The proposal to build holiday homes in Cothill Pit should be discussed

13. Date of next meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held 7.30pm on Monday 19th January 2015 at Dry Sandford Primary School.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.55 pm

Signed.....Date.....