

West Hagbourne Parish Council



Minutes of West Hagbourne Parish Council Meeting

held at Hagbourne Village Hall on Wednesday 1st March 2017 at 7:30pm.

Present: Cllrs M. Butler, V. Brownsword, H. Lewis, M. Telford, O. Doogue, P. Greene, Mr. A. Wise (Clerk), M. Greene, A. Leigh (EHPC Clerk), Mr and Mrs Lay and Mr. I. and Mrs. M. Leishman.

	MB opened the meeting at 19:30 hrs.	
16/112 Apologies	Cllr. J Murphy	
16/113 Declarations of personal and prejudicial interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
16/114 Report on OCC and SODC activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OCC Report - See appendix 7 • Chair led the meeting in giving Cllr. Greene some heartfelt thanks for many year's service as both a District and a County Councillor serving the residents of West Hagbourne • SODC Report – None Received 	
16/115 Hear representations from members of the public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EHPC Clerk raised the issue of whether there are sufficient dog poo bins on the track between East and West Hagbourne Villages. Chair responded that having walked the route earlier in the day he felt that with dual purpose bins as you leave East Hagbourne and then more dual purpose bins when you enter West Hagbourne that there wasn't really a case to be made to have dog poo bins along the route especially as this would incur additional charges from SODC Waste for both villages for the emptying whereas dual purposed bins don't incur any extra charges. • Chair responded to question from Mr Lay on the current state of the S.106 traffic calming measures negotiations with OCC Highways Department. Chair summarised the current position as although the promised £50K was still earmarked for the necessary traffic calming measures there was no current date for the commencement of the works as OCC won't release the funds due to the delicate nature of the negotiations with the various property developers. • Chair to continue to communicate with Mr Geoff Burrell of OCC Highways Departments • Cllr. Greene will apply pressure on the Highways Senior Management in the last few weeks before he retires from OCC • Chair to email Ed Vaizey MP to seek his assistance with this matter which has now become a matter of traffic safety • Mr. Leishman raised the issue of the current poor state of Moor Lane for ramblers even allowing for the current wintry weather which has been made worse by 4 x 4s on the lane and adjacent fields. Chair to set up a working party in the Summer to make the necessary changes to preserve a right of way path for ramblers and walkers on the otherside of the hedge with the assistance of Mr Lay and his tractor • Chair to write to Geoff Burrell of OCC Highways to ask what procedures need to be put on place so that the main road going through the village can be closed in times of extreme flooding within a very short pace of time and not have to wait for highways to descend on the village with 	<p>MB</p> <p>PG</p> <p>MB</p> <p>MB</p> <p>MB</p>

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	their road closed signs.	
16/116 Approve the minutes of the meeting of 04.01.2017	It was proposed by VB, seconded HL, that the minutes be signed as a true record. Carried nem con.	
16/117 Consider matters, not taken elsewhere, arising from the minutes of the meeting of 04.01.2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All action items had been completed 	
16/118 Receive reports from Parish Councillors and the Clerk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> VB reported that she attended the recent Didcot Garden Town Briefing and more information can be found at their website: https://didcotgardentownplan.commonplace.is/news Chair attended the recent Unitary Council Briefing and more information can be found on the OCC Website: http://www.oneoxfordshire.org/ and on the poster on the noticeboard 	
16/119 Financial matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval of payments. It was proposed VB, seconded HL and carried nem con that the following invoices be paid: Parish Clerk's wages, expenses and PAYE. Current financial situation. AW presented the current financial situation – attachments 2 & 3. Clerk reported that SODC Finance have confirmed in writing that the Precept request of £6690 will be paid in 2 instalments in April and September. 	
16/120 Planning since the meeting of 04.01.2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AW presented the current planning application situation – attachment 5 Clerk reported that he had received notification from SODC planning that the planning application for Little Acorns was REFUSED. HL reported that BT Open Reach had now received formal planning permission to commence works on building a new broadband box in the village from next month which eventually will enable residents to take advantage of high speed broadband depending on who their ISP was. 	
16/121 Highways and Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refer to discussion on S.106 traffic calming measures in minute reference 16/115 	
16/122 Risk assessment	MB signed off appropriate parts on the current Risk Assessment Checklist. - attachment 6	
16/123 Chairman's Report for Newsletter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chairman to draft a report for the next edition of the village newsletter which is due at the end of March 2017 to include update on S.106 money being spent on traffic calming measures in the village. 	MB
16/124 Respond to	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clerk to scan and circulate the letter received from Home Start Charity 	AW

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Communications as the Chairman may direct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Councillors to read the letter and decide whether WHPC wants to make a donation from 2017/18 funds at next meeting 	ALL
16/125 Attend to any other business at the Chairman's discretion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cllr Brownsword raised the issue of the renewal of the Defib parts on behalf of Mrs Totterdall, Cllr. Lewis answered by confirming that there is a Defib Committee which has a rota for checking the village defib in the phone box on a regular basis which involved following the recommended checklist and that the major parts such as the pads had use by dates on them. Cllr Brownsword to write an article for the next issue of the village newsletter advertising the village tidy up day which will be on Saturday 8th April 2017 Clerk to contact SODC to ask for necessary high viz, tools and bags to be delivered to Cllr. Brownsword's house by 7th April. 	VB AW
16/126 Date of next meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wednesday 3rd May 2017 Wednesday 10th May 2017 (Annual Parish Meeting) 	
Closure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MB declared the meeting closed at 21:00 hrs. 	

Signed:

Date:

Attachments:

1. Agenda
2. Financial Statements
3. Expenditure against Budget 2016-2017
4. Final Budget 2017-2018
5. Planning Applications
6. Risk Assessment
7. OCC Report

REPORT TO PARISH COUNCIL MARCH 2017

EXTRA FUNDING SECURED IN ADDITION TO 2017/18 BUDGET PROPOSALS

The County Council set its budget for 2017/18 on Tuesday 14th February. Ahead of the meeting, it was announced the Council had £1,957,000 extra, over and above the position reported to the Cabinet in January, as a result of better than expected business rate collections, council tax collection fund surpluses and a higher than expected grant. The County is proposing to hold £926,000 of this until the 2018/19 financial year, to deal with future pressures. Cabinet proposes to spend the rest of the money (£1.03m) in this financial year in the following ways:

£170,000 to be spent on additional grass-cutting work on highway verges. This is an area of spend that has been reduced in recent years.

£250,000 one-off funding initially for a pilot Communities Fund for parishes and towns to bid for matched funding schemes following changes/reductions for funding for services.

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£600,000 additional funding for children's social care – a part of the council that has been exempted from cuts since 2010 but has continued to experience significant rising demand on services in common with children's social care departments across England.

£11,000 increase on the Council's Flood Defence Levy.

OPEN ACCESS CHILDREN'S SERVICES TO CONTINUE AT 34 BUILDINGS

Start-up funding for 12 more community schemes to run open access services at children's centres has been approved by OCC. The proposals, which will receive a total of £305,883, are among the latest to be considered as part of the transition from council-funded to community-led services at children's centre locations. Community services will complement the council's new service for 0-19 year-olds, which will meet the needs and aspirations of children at risk of abuse and neglect in Oxfordshire, and ensure that families who need extra help are identified at an early stage. When added to previously considered applications, the approval of these 12 schemes means funded plans are now in place for services such as 'stay and play' to continue at 18 children's centres, with business cases at a further six centres supported in principle but deferred to the final round of the Transition Fund for more work. Added to this, open access sessions will also continue at the eight Children and Family Centres and two satellite centres at the heart of the council's new Children's Service. In total, it means a combination of council-funded and community-led solutions for open access services are now confirmed or supported in principle at 34 buildings across the county – with more to come when applications for the final round of transition funding are considered.

'FIX MY STREET' WEBSITE UPGRADE

Over the last six months OCC has been working hard to make Fix My Street work more effectively. The new service will launch this month. It will improve the quality and consistency of public reports, as well as OCC internal processes for closing down reports, making it easier to reliably see what's going on in a given area. Members of the public who consistently give good information can be rewarded with 'trusted reporter' status, meaning OCC will fast track future reports to the contractor, resulting in quicker resolution for the resident and reduced effort for the inspectors. Before the new system launches, OCC needs to deal with reports that are still marked as 'open' in the current version. This means: 1) Leave open anything which has been active within the last 12 months; 2) Close anything older than 2 years; 3) For reports between 1 and 2 years old, notify the reporter by email that OCC intends to close their report, but give them the option to 're-open' the issue if they believe it is still a problem.

EXTENSION OF FIRE & AND AMBULANCE SERVICE CO-RESPONDING

OCC Fire and Rescue Service has been working in partnership with South Central Ambulance Service (SCAS) co-responding in the community for over 12 years. More recently OCC has also been working with Thames Valley Fire and Rescue partners to undertake a collaborative co-responding trial. (Co-Responders are firefighters trained by SCAS to provide a 'first response' to specific medical emergencies where there is an immediate threat to life prior to an emergency ambulance arriving on

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scene.) The trial has been a success with crews attending approximately 1500 medical emergency calls per year. To further support communities Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service are working in partnership with SCAS towards all fire engines within communities being available for cardiac arrests, so that casualties across Oxfordshire can receive the quickest available defibrillator and casualty support.

CADDY CAMPAIGN TO REDUCE OXFORDSHIRE'S FOOD WASTE

Residents are being urged to do their bit to make sure food waste doesn't end up on the scrap heap. At the moment it is thought that around 30% of the county's food waste is put in waste bins rather than the food caddy – a figure all Oxfordshire's councils hope to cut significantly. To do this, the councils have launched a campaign with Agrivert, the company who process the county's food waste, to encourage residents to recycle more of the food they would otherwise throw away. It is two and a half times cheaper to process food waste if it is put into a food waste caddy for recycling or composting than if the same waste is put in the general rubbish bin. There's lots of advice on how to reduce food waste and information on how it is recycled at www.recycleforoxfordshire.org.uk/lovefoodhatewaste

County Councillor David Nimmo Smith, Cabinet member for Environment, said: *"It is as easy to recycle food waste as it is to throw it in the main rubbish bin – but the benefits of recycling can be quite startling. Food waste collected for recycling is treated at Agrivert's anaerobic digestion plants in Oxfordshire, and used to generate enough electricity for over 9,000 homes, as well as making fertiliser for use on local farms."*

UNITARY UPDATE

At the end of January, OCC launched 'A Fresh Start for Oxfordshire', a draft of OCC's intended proposal for DCLG on how and why a single unitary authority for Oxfordshire could work. The full proposal can be found online at www.oneoxfordshire.org. Since then, there have been meetings with the Leaders of South Oxfordshire and Vale Districts Councils and it has been agreed that the three councils will move forward with a joint proposal for a single unitary council across Oxfordshire. A statement has been issued to parish councils.

Cllr Patrick Greene – Didcot East & Hagbourne Division – Oxfordshire County Council