

West Hagbourne Parish Council



Minutes of West Hagbourne Parish Council Meeting held at Hagbourne Village Hall on Wednesday 2 January 2019 at 7:30pm.

Present: Cllrs M. Butler, V. Brownsword, M. Telford, H. Lewis, O. Doogue, Cllr J. Murphy
Cllr S. Clarke and Mr. A. Wise (Clerk)

	MB opened the meeting at 19:30 hrs.	
19/292 Apologies	None	
19/293 Declarations of personal and prejudicial interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	
19/294 Report on OCC and SODC activities	<p><u>OCC Report</u> – See attachment 7</p> <p>DAMAGED GRASS VERGE I have reported the damaged grass verge by the Horse and Harrow and at the time of writing, am aware that the matter is under investigation, but I am unable to get an answer as to the progress or a way forward. I will keep nagging.</p> <p>BOAT (Moor Lane) I have asked for an update on possible closure (seasonal or permanent) of the byway open to all traffic but have not received one. I will keep nagging.</p> <p>COUNCILLOR PRIORITY FUND West Hagbourne can still ask for funding from my OCC Priority Fund. Applications for this financial year must be submitted by the end of January, thus I must set a deadline of 18 January 2019 for applications. Funds which are not spent will be offered to local Schools. Clerk to check with OCC Highways whose responsibility if anyone's, it was to provide a handrail for the steps leading upto the 5 houses in Grove Terrace, on the corner of Main Street ? Vice-Chair to check on the state of the village grit bin considering the County Councillors announcement that highways had filled up all such bins in the county before Christmas and report back to clerk if empty. Following a discussion between the councillors and the County Councillor it was proposed OD and seconded MT that the Clerk formally approach OCC Highways for traffic survey to be conducted in York Road with the intention to prove the case for installing 20mph road signs.</p> <p><u>SODC Report</u> – None received but Cllr Murphy did announce at the meeting that the SODC Local Plan to 2034 had been signed off by Cabinet and was now out for consultation before going to Central Government for approval by the Secretary of State.</p>	<p>AW</p> <p>HL</p> <p>AW</p>
19/295 Hear representations from members of the public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	
19/296 Approve the minutes of the meeting of 07.11.2018	It was proposed by MB, seconded MT, that the minutes be signed as a true record. Carried nem con.	
19/297 Consider matters, not take elsewhere, arising from the minutes of	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All action items had been completed 	

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the meeting of 07.11.2018		
19/298 Receive reports from Parish Councillors and the Clerk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MT reported that he did in fact visit Moor Lane and took some photos of the alleged garden waste dumping. Clerk to speak to the owner of Foxgrove to enquire to their intentions in respect of clearing this garden waste. 	AW
19/299 Financial matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval of payments. It was proposed HL, seconded VB and carried nem con that the following invoices be paid: Parish Clerk's wages, expenses, PAYE, Grass Cutting, Village Hall, Defib Spare Parts and CAB Donation. Current financial situation. AW presented the current financial situation – attachments 2 & 3. Clerk reported that he had received notification over the phone from the External Auditor that the 2018/19 Accounts had been signed off. Clerk to invoice the Newsletter Advertisers for their 2018 adverts Clerk to file a 2018/19 VAT Return Following further discussion by councillors the 2019/20 budget was set – attachment 4. It was proposed MT, seconded MB and carried nem con that the 2019/20 Budget be approved. Clerk to request a precept of £7010.00 from SODC Finance after it was proposed MB, seconded HL and carried nem con. 	AW AW AW
19/300 Planning since the meeting of 07.11.2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AW presented the current planning application situation – attachment 5 	
19/301 Highways and Transport	<p>HIGHWAYS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair reported that the West Hagbourne Footway Extension is scheduled for w/c 18th March 2019 and will last 2 weeks. Councillor Brownsword to talk to Farmer Allen about the stream which has become obscured by overgrowing foliage at the point where the stream goes under the road on the edge of York Farm. Clerk to speak to SODC Waste Department to complain about the recent activities of the bin men in York Road that have resulted in hazards for traffic and damaged food caddies. <p>TRANSPORT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A PTR Meeting has not been held since the last PC Meeting 	VB AW
19/302 Risk assessment	MB signed off appropriate parts on the current Risk Assessment Checklist. - attachment 6	
19/303 Chairman's Report for Newsletter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair will draft report for Newsletter which will include an update on the footpath extension news. 	MB
19/304 Respond to Communications as the Chairman may direct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	
19/305 Attend to any other business at the Chairman's discretion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clerk to speak to Democratic Services at SODC about when nomination forms for prospective new councillors ahead of the 2nd May 2019 PC Elections will be available. 	AW
19/306 Date of next meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wednesday 6th March 2019 	

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19/307 Meeting Closed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• MB declared the meeting closed at 20:50 hrs.	
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Signed:

Date:

Attachments:

1. Agenda
2. Financial Statements
3. Expenditure against Budget 2018-2019
4. Draft Budget 2019-2020
5. Planning Applications
6. Risk Assessment
7. OCC Report

REPORT TO WEST HAGBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL DECEMBER 2018 FROM CLLR SIMON CLARKE

GENERAL OCC REPORT

COUNCIL BUDGET

The council's initial proposals for the 2019/2020 budget will be reviewed by the Performance Scrutiny Committee during December. A key element is the plan to invest up to £120m in roads and schools – a 'growth dividend' as more households mean more Council Tax revenue in future years. Tough decisions in the past have created a route to financial stability at a time when other councils face financial threats. There are new 'Transformation' plans being developed to completely redesign the council to reduce running costs. Making financial savings will enable OCC to support the growing number of vulnerable children and adults – more vulnerable children are coming into council care, both locally and nationally, creating financial pressures. Protecting children remains OCC's top priority.

HOUSING AND GROWTH DEAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAMME

The Oxfordshire Growth Board has published details of the infrastructure projects to receive funding in Year 1 and Years 2-5 of the Oxfordshire Housing & Growth Deal, signed in April 2018. The total £150 million of Growth Deal funding has been earmarked for specific projects. This forward funding is helping unlock projects that will benefit from developer contributions, delivering schemes valued at over £480 million in total, excluding costs of the major rail projects, which are still to be confirmed.

OCC CALLS FOR PUBLIC INQUIRY ON THAMES WATER'S RESERVOIR PLAN

Residents' interests come first – that was the resolute message from OCC last month as its cabinet called for a public inquiry on Thames Water's plans for a new reservoir. The council has concerns about the size and need for the proposed reservoir to the southwest of Abingdon, between Steventon, East Hanney and Marcham. It is also concerned about the length of time Thames Water has set itself

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to reduce leakages. Further clarity is sought from Thames Water on whether other potential sites have been fully assessed across the southeast region. Only when these details are provided in the form of a regional water resource plan for the south east, will the council be able to decide on whether to back the principle of having a reservoir at this location. This is the second consultation held by Thames Water – the county council and others demanded earlier this year that a further consultation should take place and Thames Water agreed to this in the summer.

HIGHWAYS DEFECTS UPDATE

As reported last month, the county council has increased the amount of relatively small-scale work it does to put right local roads that are suffering from potholes, cracks and worn out tarmac. The number of completed defect repairs between January and October this year is 37219.

SALTING, GRITTING AND SNOW CLEARANCE

December 1st marks the start of meteorological winter. Live updates on gritting and snow clearing can be found here: <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/roads-and-transport/street-maintenance-z/salting-and-snow-clearance> Details about how community groups can request salt bins can be found here: <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/roads-and-transport/street-maintenance-z/salt-and-grit-bins>

WINTER IN OXFORDSHIRE

OCC provides a useful guide about how to keep safe, how to be healthy and how to be prepared during the winter months. It can be found here: <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/node/2782>

SPECIFIC REPORT: WEST HAGBOURNE

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