

West Hagbourne Parish Council



Minutes of West Hagbourne Parish Council Meeting held at Hagbourne Village Hall on Tuesday 2nd September 2020 at 7:30pm.

Present: Cllrs M. Butler, H. Lewis, M. Telford, O. Doogue and Mr. A. Wise (Clerk)

	MB opened the meeting at 19:30 hrs via Voom Video Conferencing	
20/456 Apologies	Cllr S. Clarke, Cllr J. Murphy and Cllr A.M. Simpson	
20/457 Declarations of personal and prejudicial interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	
20/458 Report on OCC and SODC activities	<p><u>OCC Report</u> – None received</p> <p><u>SODC Report</u> – See appendix 6</p>	
20/459 Hear representations from members of the public	<p>The following email was received from Ian Leishman:</p> <p><i>I'm probably too late now to add any new questions, so I would just like to hear what progress has been made on the issues I raised in July, i.e. Main Street pavement and 'road narrows/give way' signage. I would like you to pass on my thanks to the PC for the request in the Newsletter re: overhanging trees and hedges, particularly along main street. However, I am extremely disappointed that there was very little response (I think only one hedge was noticeably cut back), and maybe the next step is to contact the individual properties. This lack of response has contributed to the mess left on the road and pavements by the agricultural contractors who are allowed to haul straw bales through the village with no responsibility to clear up afterwards.</i></p> <p>The councillors discussed the issues raised including the Main Street signage and kerb issues which were also raised in the following email from John Baille:</p> <p><i>There was another incident to report this morning by the pond when another motorist hit the raised kerb edge puncturing her tyre. There was of course subsequent congestion while waiting for the arrival of the breakdown service to change the wheel.</i></p> <p>Chair to write to Highways about the state of the kerb in Main Street after the narrowing works was completed.</p> <p>In the opinion of the councillors there has been less straw on Main Street compared to previous years. The chair will mention the maintenance of hedges and trees in Main Street in the September edition of the Newsletter again.</p> <p>Mrs Sue Lay wrote to the clerk asking if the PC could provide more for Dog Poo Bins on the pathways that lead into the village. Chair will respond to this email and also draft an article for the September Newsletter on the subject. The PC cannot place new dog poo bins in areas that cannot be reached by the bin men to empty them on their rounds. As each pathway enters the village there is multi – use bins in both Main Street and York Road for use by dog walkers.</p> <p>Please would the PC update the village on progress with the request for signage at either end of the stretch of Main Street outside Green Thatch?</p> <p><i>Chair to chase highways with reference to the agreed plan for signage in</i></p>	<p>MB</p> <p>MB</p> <p>MB</p> <p>MB</p>

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	<i>Main Street.</i>	
20/460 Approve the minutes of the meeting of 07.07.2020	It was proposed by MB, seconded MT, that the minutes be signed as a true record. Carried nem con.	
20/461 Consider matters, not take elsewhere, arising from the minutes of the meeting of 07.07.2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All action items had been completed 	
20/462 Receive reports from Parish Councillors and the Clerk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clerk reported that as SODC had not received a petition for a bye – election to replace former Councillor Louise Beaumont it was now free to co-opt onto the councillor a volunteer for the rest of this election cycle. Chair to draft a piece for the September issue of the Newsletter encouraging candidates to come forward and commit to just a few hours every other month as a way of contributing to village life. 	MB
20/463 Financial matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval of payments. It was MB proposed, HL seconded and carried nem con that the following invoices be paid: Parish Clerk's wages, expenses, PAYE and BGG Garden and Tree Care for grass cutting Current financial situation. AW presented the current financial situation – attachments 2 & 3. 	
20/464 Planning since the meeting of 07.07.2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AW presented the current planning application situation – attachment 4 Clerk to respond to planning application – P20/S2401/FUL – 4 Manor Close with the following response: OBJECTS due to the original chalet style property being more appropriate for the size of the plot and the surrounding buildings than what is proposed here. 	AW
20/465 Highways and Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clerk to contact EHPC Clerk for progress update on when the white lines will be re-painted in both villages. 	AW
20/466 Risk assessment	MB signed off appropriate parts on the current Risk Assessment Checklist - attachment 5	
20/467 Chairman's Report for Newsletter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair will send a report to Editor Sue Totterdell before the end of the month in time for the next edition of the Village Newsletter. 	
20/468 Respond to Communications as the Chairman may direct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	
20/469 Attend to any other business at the Chairman's discretion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clerk arranged to visit Chair and Vice Chair on Thursday 3rd September PM for signing of the minutes and the payment cheques as approved above. Chair to propose Clerks Salary increase at the November Meeting (effective from Jan 2021) as part of the Budget Review for 2021/2022 	AW MB
20/470 Date of next meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wednesday 4th November 2020 Clerk to approach village hall committee to enquire about the possibility of the village hall being used for Parish Council Meetings again and what rules 	AW

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	would have to be in place.	
20/471 Meeting Closed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• MB declared the meeting closed at 20:10 hrs.	

Signed:

Date:

Attachments:

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

Title	District Councillor's Report
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Parish	West Hagbourne Parish Council
Date	2 September 2020

Emerging Local Plan

On Wednesday 26 August, Cllr Sue Cooper, Leader of South Oxfordshire District Council, a letter to Mr. Jonathan Bore, Planning Inspector for the public examination of the South Oxfordshire Local Plan, which can be viewed here as Post Submission Document (PSD) 73
http://www.southoxon.gov.uk/ccm/support/dynamic_serve.jsp?ID=1284602853&CODE=A8E78BB6F82CCA7E6B31E65006BF65B3

While the public hearings into the Local Plan Examination came to an end recently, the examination itself continues until we have received the Inspector's final report (expected end of November/early December). The attached flow chart helps you to see the next steps; the Inspector's interim letter was received last Friday and in it he has identified main modifications that must be made for the plan to be considered 'sound'."

The Inspector is not inviting comments on his preliminary findings, instead there will be an opportunity for the public to comment on the main modifications during a 6-week consultation this autumn. The Inspector's Interim letter can be found on the Council website <http://www.southoxon.gov.uk/services-and-advice/planning-and-building/planning-policy/local-plan-2034/local-plan-2034-examinatio>

Planning for the Future

Many of you will be aware through the media of the government's plans to overhaul the planning system and reform the way development is given the go ahead, "the biggest shake-up of planning since the 1947 Planning Act". The "Planning for the Future" White Paper. You can read it here: [planning consultation white paper](#)

It seems that the Prime Minister's promise that Britain would "build, build, build" is being driven forward at pace; what this means for our district and for local voices in the planning system is unclear. I find it worrying when we read in the papers that Robert Jenrick, the housing secretary, is standing by plans to bring an algorithm into the heart of a new planning system!