

# West Hagbourne Parish Council



## Minutes of West Hagbourne Parish Council Meeting held at Hagbourne Village Hall on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 7:30pm.

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

	MB opened the meeting at 19:30 hrs via Zoom Video Conferencing	
21/489 Apologies	Cllr S. Clarke and Cllr J. Murphy	
21/490 Declarations of personal and prejudicial interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>	
21/491 Report on OCC and SODC activities	<u>OCC Report</u> – None received <u>SODC Report</u> – attachment 6	
21/492 Hear representations from members of the public	None	
21/493 Approve the minutes of the meeting of 04.11.2020	It was proposed by MB, seconded MT, that the minutes be signed as a true record. Carried nem con.	
21/494 Consider matters, not take elsewhere, arising from the minutes of the meeting of 04.11.2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All action items had been completed except for 20/476 (MB)</li> </ul>	
21/495 Receive reports from Parish Councillors and the Clerk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>	
21/496 Financial matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approval of payments. It was proposed MB, seconded HL, and carried nem con that the following invoices be paid: Parish Clerk's wages, expenses, PAYE and Internal Auditor Fees.</li> <li>Current financial situation. AW presented the current financial situation – attachments 2 &amp; 3.</li> <li>Clerk took the councillors through the draft 2021/22 Budget. It was proposed MB, seconded HL, and carried nem con that the 2021/22 Budget be approved.</li> <li>Clerk then asked the councillors to set the 2021/22 Precept which was proposed MB, seconded HL, and carried nem con. at £7175.00. Clerk to complete form and send it back to SODC Finance.</li> </ul>	AW
21/497 Planning since the meeting of 04.11.2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>AW presented the current planning application situation – attachment 4.</li> </ul>	
21/498 Highways and Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clerk to write to editor of village newsletter suggesting that the new 94 bus timetable be included in the next edition.</li> <li>Clerk to write to County Councillor Simon Clarke requesting that he raise the issue of the state of the footpath between West and East Hagbourne with OCC Highways and see if there is an opportunity to not only repair the footpath but turn into a cycle path, which central government has</li> </ul>	AW AW

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	promised to provide more of going forward in the coming years. Also, ccd East Hagbourne PC Clerk in seeking supporting from our neighbouring parish.	
21/499 Risk assessment	MB signed off appropriate parts on the current Risk Assessment Checklist - attachment 5	
21/500 Chairman's Report for Newsletter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>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.</li></ul>	
21/501 Respond to Communications as the Chairman may direct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>None</li></ul>	
21/502 Attend to any other business at the Chairman's discretion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>None</li></ul>	
21/503 Date of next meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021 by Zoom Video Conference</li></ul>	
21/504 Meeting Closed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>MB declared the meeting closed at 20:35 hrs.</li></ul>	

Signed:

Date:

## Attachments:

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

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<b>Title</b>	District Councillor's Report
<b>Author</b>	Cllr Anne-Marie Simpson
<b>Parish</b>	West Hagbourne Parish Council
<b>Date</b>	6 January 2021

## Happy New Year!

I hope you had good break at Christmas and New Year despite the current challenges. No doubt most of us are rather glad to see the back of 2020 and let us enter into 2021 full of hope, solidarity, and new beginnings. I would like to thank those of you on the Parish Council and within the local community who have provided support, advice and often just a friendly chat to those who have felt more vulnerable over the past year. The community support and spirit shown across the District has been remarkable and gives us great confidence when planning future projects and programmes designed to sustain the well-being, prosperity and social cohesion of our towns and villages.

## Local Plan 2035 – a final word

Now that the controversial South Oxfordshire Local Plan 2035 has been adopted by Full Council it carries full weight in the Planning Policy framework and provides protection against unwanted speculative development. Some improvements were made to the Plan during the Inspection phase, including some on-community involvement in master-planning, the introduction of the new DES10 zero-carbon housing policy (where there was no such policy at all before) and the prioritisation of cycling and walking. However, the Inspector did not remove any of the strategic sites, nor reduce the housing delivery requirement, so we do expect major new applications to be progressed in the coming months for sites such as Chalgrove Airfield, Culham, Grenoble Road and Berinsfield. Each application will still have to satisfy normal planning conditions, but once a site is allocated in a Local Plan there is an assumption that planning permission will be granted.

Strategic Planning activity never stops, however, and we are already engaged in discussions across Oxfordshire and the broader Ox-Cam Arc initiative to create a longer-term strategic vision for the region, including employment opportunities (particularly in the area of green technology and innovation), digital infrastructure, environmental enhancements and community strengthening. And we are also investigating the feasibility of a joint Local Plan with the Vale of the White Horse, since we share so many interests and issues (e.g., the development of the Didcot Garden Town).

## District Councillor Grants

There is only one month left to apply for a Councillor Grant (£5K per councillor).

Application forms and guidelines can be found here:

<https://www.southoxon.gov.uk/south-oxfordshire-district-council/community-support/grants/councillor-community-grants/>

## Covid-19 Vaccination Programme

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Although the nationwide programme is underway, it will still take several months for the whole population to be vaccinated, the key messages to all local residents are as follows:

- The vaccination programme is being phased in across the county following the national guidance on prioritising patients. Some people have already been vaccinated and others are waiting to be invited.
- Please do not contact your GP or another NHS service to seek a vaccine – GP practices are still open for providing care to patients and their phones could become swamped, so please wait until the NHS contacts you.
- When the NHS does contact you, please be ready and attend your booked appointments.
- Please continue to follow all the public health guidance to control the spread of the virus, protect the NHS and save lives.

Our SODC Communications Team remains an active part of this system-wide communication approach.

## **Rising Covid-19 rates in South Oxfordshire**

To underline the importance of the vaccination programme and the need to follow public health guidance, Covid-19 cases continue to rise in Oxfordshire with a total of 3,624 cases reported in South Oxfordshire up until 5 January and a daily rate of 125 new cases yesterday.

Oxfordshire County Council has an [interactive dashboard](#) showing the latest covid-19 figures for the county and [south](#) and graphs showing the steep rise in cases, largely down to the new more transmissible strain of the virus (see below).

We are amplifying the government's 'stay at home' message through our usual channels and sharing their more recent messaging around this being a different, more transmissible virus.

## **Support for residents**

SODC's Community Hub continues to be available to help people access support and essentials during the lockdown if they have nobody else to turn to. With the shielding programme restarting. The message is if anybody thinks they will be in need of support they should not wait until they have run out of supplies before getting in touch. Anyone who needs support can fill in an online form at: [southoxon.gov.uk/communityhub](https://southoxon.gov.uk/communityhub) or email [communitysupport@southandvale.gov.uk](mailto:communitysupport@southandvale.gov.uk) or call 01235 422600.

The Community Hub is not the only support SODC provides residents – Housing Needs have also seen an increase in people needing their support during the pandemic if they are at risk of being made homeless or sleeping rough – for more details visit [southoxon.gov.uk/housing](https://southoxon.gov.uk/housing).

SODC are also making sure everyone is aware that support is available to residents who are experiencing financial difficulties – to find out more please visit [southoxon.gov.uk/benefits](https://southoxon.gov.uk/benefits).

## **Business support**

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Along with many other councils, SODC are currently waiting for the government to confirm and provide guidance on a couple of different funding schemes for businesses, including the scheme for businesses that were affected by the Tier 4 restrictions – in our case, to cover the period from 26 December to 4 January.

SODC are also awaiting details of the additional funding the government announced yesterday for businesses in the retail, hospitality, and leisure sectors, which could receive up to £9,000 in one-off grants to help them through latest coronavirus restrictions. Full details on how it will be administered will be available as soon as the government guidance is available.

## **What is currently available?**

The picture of what grants are available is becoming quite complicated, as there are different schemes available for different types of businesses relating to the various levels of restrictions that were in place at different times.

Businesses can currently apply for the following grants:

**Christmas Support Payment for Wet-Led Pubs** – this is a one-off grant which provides £1,000 to pubs which receive less than 50 per cent of their income from food sales. Applications for this grant close on 31 January 2021. This grant is in addition to other grants which are available.

**Local Restrictions Support Grant (Closed – Local Restrictions)** – this grant is available for those required to close while we were under Tier 2 restrictions for the period 2 to 25 December.

**Local Restrictions Support Grant (Closed – National Lockdown)** – for businesses required to close during the national lockdown from 5 November to 2 December.

For more details about these grants, businesses should visit [www.svbs.co.uk](http://www.svbs.co.uk) – where all the most up-to-date information can be found.

## **Civil Parking Enforcement**

The Council approved a recommendation at a special meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> December to move ahead with taking responsibility for managing on-street civil parking enforcement in collaboration with Oxfordshire County Council. We now expect this to move forward without delay and for powers to be transferred during 2021. This will work alongside our existing off-street parking enforcement powers.