



Minutes of West Hagbourne Parish Council Meeting

held at Hagbourne Village Hall on Wednesday 1 September 2021 at 7:30pm.

Present: Cllrs M. Butler, H. Lewis, M. Telford, Julie Freeland, Margaret and Ian Leishman and Mr. A. Wise (Clerk)

	MB opened the meeting at 19:30 hrs	
21/555 Apologies	Tony Baldasera, O. Doogue, Cllr J. Murphy and Cllr A.M. Simpson	
21/556 Declarations of personal and prejudicial interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None received • Clerk read out a resignation email from Cllr Baldasera which was accepted by the PC Chairman. • Clerk to notify SODC of the resignation and confirm that the PC will co-opt a new candidate once the notice period has been served. • Chair to advertise vacancy in the next edition of the Newsletter 	AW MB
21/557 Report on OCC and SODC activities	<p><u>SODC Report</u> – See appendix 6. <u>OCC Report</u> – None received</p>	
21/558 Hear representations from members of the public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JF asked the Clerk for an update on the process of obtaining quotes to tidy up Moor Lane. Clerk responded that he had received earlier that day a verbal quote over the phone and a written quote is attached to these minutes - See appendix 7 • It was proposed MB, seconded HL, and carried nem con that the councillors accepted the quote from BGG and instructed the Clerk to respond to BGG accepting the quote and requesting a date for the work to be completed so that residents could be notified of the works to be carried out that day. • Margaret Leishman (Village Ass Chair) made a request to the PC for the councillors to agree to fund the replacement of 4 new tables and sufficient chairs totalling £800. The councillors suggested the following actions be undertaken first: ML to contact both Anne Marie Simpson and Jane Murphy exploring the option of acquiring councillor funding to finance the purchase of the new tables and chairs? AW to enquire with SODC CIL Team as to whether this purchase which would benefit the whole village can in effect be made using CIL Monies? 	AW ML AW
21/559 Approve the minutes of the meeting of 05.05.2021	It was proposed by MB, seconded MT, that the minutes be signed as a true record. Carried nem con.	
21/560 Consider matters, not take elsewhere, arising from the minutes of the meeting of 05.05.2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All action items had been completed 	
21/561 Receive reports from Parish Councillors and the Clerk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broadband Update – HL reported that he will make another effort to chase OCC Broadband Team for an update regarding the possible new source of funding. • HL to also email Jane Murphy for her assistance as she is currently co-ordinating a village wide initiative to take advantage of the Open Reach funding the rollout of Fast Fibre Broadband rollout to Oxfordshire Villages. 	HL HL

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21/562 Financial matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval of payments. It was proposed MB, seconded HL, and carried nem con that the following invoices be paid Parish Clerk's wages. Expenses and PAYE. It was also proposed MB, seconded HL, and carried nem con that all the bills incurred by the Village Party Organizing Committee be paid. See Payments page in accounts for the itemized list of bills paid. Current financial situation. AW presented the current financial situation – attachments 2 & 3. Clerk confirmed that he finally contacted the Nursery Manager and that the outstanding fee of £30:00 has now been paid. Vice Chair to contact Barclays Bank to start the process of adding himself to the list of councillors who have signing rights for the online banking account to joining MB & AW who currently are the only ones who can make and approve payments. 	HL
21/563 Planning since the meeting of 05.05.2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AW presented the current planning application situation – attachment 4. 	
21/564 Highways and Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	
21/565 Risk assessment	MB signed off appropriate parts on the current Risk Assessment Checklist - attachment 5	
21/566 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. 	
21/567 Respond to Communications as the Chairman may direct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	
21/568 Attend to any other business at the Chairman's discretion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	
21/569 Date of next meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wednesday 3 November in Hagbourne Village Hall 	
21/570 Meeting Closed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MB declared the meeting closed at 20:20 hrs. 	

Signed:

Date:

Attachments:

1. Agenda
2. Financial Statements
3. Expenditure against Budget 2021-2022
4. Planning Applications
5. Risk Assessment

6. SODC Report

Title	District Councillor's Report
Author	Cllr Anne-Marie Simpson
Parish	West Hagbourne Parish Council
Date	1 September 2021

Covid vaccination programme

Key messages:

- Getting vaccinated is the best thing you can do to protect yourself, your family and friends and your wider community.
- Anyone aged 18 and over can book their vaccination on the National Booking Service online or by phoning 119. Appointments are available across the county at the mass vaccination centre at Kassam and a number of local pharmacies.
- Anyone aged 16 and 17 can attend a local walk-in clinic if available or attend the Kassam as a walk-in. No appointment necessary.
- Children aged 12-15 who are themselves clinically vulnerable or live with someone who is clinically vulnerable has been contacted by the NHS to organise a vaccine either at their local GP practice or at school.
- Please do not contact your GP about COVID vaccination.
- Please help to stop the spread of infection by continuing to wash hands regularly, wear a mask on public transport, when in a hospital or GP practice and when in crowded areas (especially if asked to do so)

Covid-safe Transportation Funding

Over the course of the past few weeks, SODC has provided £74,000 to voluntary and community groups across the District to enable them to provide transportation and delivery services to vulnerable residents (e.g. to take them to vaccination appointments, to the supermarket or for the delivery of food parcels). One organisation helped locally was Syrian Community Oxfordshire, which received £11k to help their work in Didcot, Wallingford and Garsington.

Support After Shielding

SODC is working with partners across Oxfordshire to investigate ways in which vulnerable residents (i.e. those who were advised to shield in the early days of the pandemic) can be supported into the future. This is part of the county-wide "Move Together" campaign which was launched earlier this year. It is designed to support hundreds of Oxfordshire residents most affected by Covid-19 to move more and protect their health and wellbeing.

Move Together is co-ordinated by Active Oxfordshire and the city and district councils are working with them to provide support that is needed. The support provided is personalised to each individual based on their specific needs and is provided by physical activity specialists.



You can find out more about Move Together via this website www.getoxfordshireactive.org/move-together

Consultations Galore

It seems that there is a never-ending stream of consultations at the moment, all of which appear to be rather important. To help keep track of them all, we have created a new page on the SODC website with links to the relevant place; it can be found at www.southoxon.gov.uk/consultations and then by clicking on the “live consultations” link.

Open consultations (all of which can be accessed from the SODC page) include:

- **New air quality website for the county** - deadline is 5 September.
- **Call for Land and Buildings available for Change for the Joint Local Plan to 2041** – deadline is 16th September and anyone can propose land for particular uses, so the PC might want to consider looking at this in the context of the up-coming revision of the Neighbourhood Plan
- **Oxfordshire Plan 2050** – deadline is 8th October
- **OxCam Arc** – deadline 12th October (this is a UK Govt. Consultation)
- **Oxford City Local Plan** – early stage consultation (no deadline given)

Report on crime in Oxfordshire

According to a recently published report on crime and community safety, South Oxfordshire has relatively low levels of crime compared to other districts in the county. The figures have come via a county-wide partnership we're part of called the “Safer Oxfordshire Partnership”. The partnership works to reduce crime and create safer communities across the county and every year it receives a “Strategic Intelligence Assessment” for Oxfordshire that summarises our local crime and community safety stats. You can find out more [here](#), including a copy of the 2021 report.

Council support for refugees from Afghanistan

Officers at South & Vale are working closely with those from councils across Oxfordshire to ensure a timely and supportive approach to addressing the needs of the individuals and families arriving in the UK from Afghanistan, whether on the resettlement scheme or part of the wider UK response to the developing refugee crisis. Oxfordshire County Council is collectively leading on co-ordination of the wrap round services for the county that will be required to support any families or individuals, including co-ordination with any voluntary sector agencies in Oxfordshire. Currently, there are no specific large-scale requests from Government that impact on South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse.

Councillors have been contacted by residents or local groups asking what they can do to help or wishing to make donations.

Oxfordshire County Council [released a press release](#) on 25 August thanking Oxfordshire residents for their support and generosity and has said no further donations are needed for now. If residents would like to help there are national charities that are now focusing on provision of aid to Afghanistan



or if a more locally based charity is sought, existing voluntary organisations include [Asylum Welcome](#) in Oxford, who work extensively with the councils or [Care 4 Calais](#) in Reading. This will allow us as councils to focus on working across the public sector to provide housing, medical support and specialist social care that can't be done on a volunteer basis and will most likely require a long-term commitment.

Garden Waste Collections

At the time of writing, garden waste collections remain suspended, but this is being kept under constant review. We'd like to thank everyone for their understanding; the collection of other types of waste is prioritised in our Business Continuity plan for waste management, and we are of course affected by the national shortage of HGV drivers and are looking at all options going forward to deal with the challenge posed by this.

Councillor Grant Scheme Opens

This year's scheme, which once again allocates £5k to each Councillor for use on community projects in their ward, has now launched. Organisations which are 'not-for-profit' can now apply for grants from £250 up to a maximum of £5,000 per councillor in their ward for projects that will bring positive outcomes for local residents. Applicants are asked to consider how their project will align with SODC's key strategic objectives, such as protecting and restoring nature, and improving community well-being. All details of how to apply can be found on the SODC website, but applicants are encouraged to discuss their application with their Ward councillor in the first instance. This year the fund will be allocated in two tranches so that projects emerging later in the year don't miss out.

Demolition of derelict buildings starts in the centre of Didcot

Didcot will have a smarter first impression when work begins to prepare the Didcot Gateway site for its highly anticipated regeneration work. Three empty buildings on the land opposite Didcot Parkway station are due to be demolished later this month. Homes England, which owns a large area of the Gateway site, has arranged to knock down the old Labour Club, an empty property at 3-5 Lydalls Road and an empty shop on land opposite the railway station. While the new developments due to go on the site are still in the planning stages, Homes England has chosen to demolish the buildings early having listened to feedback from local residents. In a community engagement exercise last summer, residents living nearby said they wanted to see the empty buildings removed even before any construction was scheduled to start. The rest of the feedback from the engagement is helping Homes England to form their proposals to redevelop the land they own and will be used to help redevelop the wider Gateway site over the next few years.

Other landowners at the site, including South Oxfordshire District Council, are working closely with Homes England on the project. The council will be building its new offices on part of the site, which it will share with Vale of White Horse District Council. Once complete, the whole site will have new homes, commercial and leisure spaces, and include environmental measures in line with the Didcot Garden Town principles.

Homes England is hoping to submit planning applications for the land they own next month, and proposals for the rest of the site, including the land owned by South Oxfordshire District Council, will be shared later this year.



Thames River Clean Up day

SODC is supporting communities as part of a Thames River clean-up day on Sunday 26 September, to coincide with World Rivers Day. The event aims to clean up the River Thames and raise awareness of the climate and ecological emergencies. Events taking place on the day will help to restore river health, cut down on pollution, and protect and enhance the cleanliness, biodiversity, and natural setting of the River Thames.

As well as carrying out a clean-up, groups are also encouraged to have information stalls and talks to raise awareness about water quality and sewage discharge, create community cohesion around caring for the river Thames, and enhance the wellbeing of the community. Any local groups planning an event are encouraged to contact the Comms team at SODC so we can help them to promote it and put them in touch with organisations who can offer support. Email communications@southandvale.gov.uk to let them know.