



**Minutes of West Hagbourne Parish Council Meeting
held at Hagbourne Village Hall on Wednesday 6 July 2022 at 7:30pm.**

Present: Cllrs M. Butler, H. Lewis, O. Doogue, D. Tozer, Cllr A.M. Simpson, Terry Pritchard, Tracey Anderson and Mr. A. Wise (Clerk)

	MB opened the meeting at 19:30 hrs	
22/637 Apologies	M. Telford & Cllr J. Murphy	
22/638 Declarations of personal and prejudicial interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None received 	
22/639 Report on OCC and SODC activities	<u>SODC Report</u> – See appendix 6 for AMS Report. <u>OCC Report</u> – None received	
22/640 Hear representations from members of the public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	
22/641 Approve the minutes of the meeting of 04.05.2022	It was proposed by MB, seconded OD, that the minutes be signed as a true record. Carried nem con.	
22/642 Consider matters, not take elsewhere, arising from the minutes of the meeting of 04.05.2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All action items had been completed except for 22/644 - Chair to update the PC's Standing Orders in time for the changes to be approved at the September Meeting. 	MB
22/643 Receive reports from Parish Councillors and the Clerk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Following a visit to the Chair, the councillors asked the Clerk to draft a letter to be delivered to the owner of the Cockerel causing distress to neighbour, offering friendly advice to resolve issue. Chair explained that following a site visit from Tony Hill, he had received 2 quotes for bench repairs in the village. 1. £84.50 to repair damaged bench around the tree 2. £344:00 to repair the memorial bench on the path going towards Upton. It was proposed MB, seconded HL, that the Chair instruct Tony Hill to undertake these repairs based on his quote for both benches. Invoice to be paid from CIL Funds. 	AW MB
22/644 Financial matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval of payments. It was proposed MB, seconded DT, and carried nem con that the following invoices be paid Parish Clerk's wages, Expenses, PAYE, Website domain renewal, MS365 Licence renewal, Grass Cutting, Jubilee Party Expenses and Village Hall Hire. Current financial situation. AW presented the current financial situation – attachments 2 & 3. 	
22/645 To note decisions made with respect to planning applications dealt with since meeting of 04.05.2022 and consider outstanding applications.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning applications reviewed - attachment 4 Application P22/S2351/FUL – Lays Barn – This was discussed by the councillors, and it was proposed MB, seconded HL that the Clerk respond with SUPPORT before the comment's deadline. 	

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22/646 Highways and Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Terry Pritchard reported that at the last Bus Reps Meeting with OCC it was reported that due to the funding from Chilton PC S.106 money running out the bus that serves the West Hagbourne will cease from March 2023. A proposed flexible bus service will replace it from April 2023 although no details are available yet. Residents can of course still use the school bus every morning and afternoon to get to Didcot and back. TP will seek more information from OCC and report back at future meetings. Clerk reported on the site meeting that he held with OCC highways alongside Chair and Vice – Chair last month in Main Street. From 22-27 August Main Street will be closed to allow the following work to be undertaken: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> VAS sign Ref A is a 30mph roundel with SLOW DOWN. VAS sign Ref B & C as agreed. The footway treatment at the pond and York Road junction is as agreed. 	
22/647 Risk assessment	MB signed off appropriate parts on the current Risk Assessment Checklist - attachment 5	
22/648 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 but after the APM has taken place. 	
22/649 Respond to Communications as the Chairman may direct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	
22/650 Attend to any other business at the Chairman's discretion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	
22/651 Date of next meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wednesday 7 September 2022 	
22/652 Meeting Closed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MB declared the meeting closed at 20:30 hrs. 	

Signed:

Date:

Attachments:

1. Agenda
2. Financial Statements
3. Expenditure against Budget 2022-2023
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	6 July 2022

Revised Focus for Didcot Garden Town

South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils have approved a renewed, ambitious delivery plan for Didcot Garden Town. It will focus on providing community benefits, a special retail recovery strategy, encourage healthy lifestyles and help to tackle climate change.

The Didcot Garden Town Advisory Board worked together to simplify priorities, which will bring significant community and environmental benefits to the area. While reprioritising the delivery plan, the advisory board also took into consideration feedback received from their Residents, Business and Parishes Sounding Boards.

Work can now progress on looking at what improvements can be made to existing community open spaces and public walkways to create more attractive areas using plants and public art. A cycling network plan will be delivered to build more connections between various existing routes and to look at where new paths can be built. This will help reduce congestion and make residents feel safer while travelling between home, the town centre, business parks and surrounding villages.

The councils will begin to look at locations in and around the garden town area for pop-up events to take place with the theme of health, wellbeing and the environment. The events will aim to enhance the sense of community and encourage people to come together, particularly for new residents moving into the local area. Following on from the success of last year's Didcot Garden Party, which saw over 4,000 people attending, the councils are already making plans for this year's garden party to take place during the summer holidays and plans for this will be released soon.

The original delivery plan was published in 2017 with a focus on providing new community facilities and infrastructure into the town while new developments were planned to be built. In the five years since it was implemented, the Councils and the Didcot Garden Town Advisory Board and its partners have already completed several projects, including the expansion to the Orchard Centre, and opening a new cycling and pedestrian route through Backhill Tunnel near Milton Park. Since its creation, the advisory board has introduced a robust governance structure so that local expertise and feedback is regularly gathered from its Residents, Business and Parishes Sounding Boards.

The next Didcot Garden Town Advisory Board meeting is scheduled to take place on 18 July.



More information on the garden town meeting and the revised delivery plan can be found via southoxon.gov.uk/didcot-garden-town or whitehorsedc.gov.uk/didcot-garden-town.

Tree Planting for the Platinum Jubilee

The Council is asking anyone who has been planting trees to mark the Platinum Jubilee to send photographs to communications@southandvale.gov.uk so that this collective action to improve well-being and nature recovery can be widely celebrated. Don't forget to check out our Jubilee webpage that has details of a wide range of celebrations taking place locally and nationally:

www.southoxon.gov.uk/platinumjubilee

Getting families active

We've just launched YouMove – a new initiative providing low-cost or free activities for children and families who receive benefits-related free school meals in Oxfordshire.

Activities available so far include cricket, swimming and badminton. More on our websites at southoxon.gov.uk/youmove and whitehorsedc.gov.uk/youmove

Cost of Living Crisis – Information and Support

We know that many residents are already struggling with the increasing cost of living, even before the expected rising energy costs later this year. The Council has set up an area on the website to provide information and advice for anyone in financial difficulties, and a link has been added to the Home Page to make it more prominent. This resource covers financial and housing support as well as health and well-being. If you know of anyone needing help because they are struggling financially or are just finding life difficult, the SODC Community Hub can help. Whether it's practical support or just advice, get in touch:

Tel: 01235 422600

Email: communitysupport@southandvale.gov.uk

Homes for Ukraine

If you need advice

Just a quick reminder that if you need any advice on the Homes for Ukraine scheme, particularly on housing or home visits, please contact our Community Hub team in the first instance and they will be able to help you.

- southoxon.gov.uk/ukraine

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- **South and Vale helpline:** +44 1235 422600 / 01235 422600 (press option one). Opening hours: 8.30am-5pm Monday to Thursday, 8.30am-4.30pm Fridays, Closed weekends and bank holidays.
- **Email:** communitysupport@southandvale.gov.uk

Changes at the Council

At its Annual Meeting on 19 May SODC elected a new Chair of Council, Councillor David Turner, and a new vice-chair, Councillor Kellie Hinton. David is probably the longest serving Councillor at SODC, having represented Chalgrove since 1995. Kellie is a very active member of the community in Henley, having served as Mayor and on the Town Council for many years. She represents the Henley Residents' Group at SODC.



Cllr Turner

David's chosen charities for this year are the First Steps Family Hubs in Chalgrove and Watlington and the River Thame Conservation Trust.

We also said thank you and farewell to Councillor Jo Robb, who served us excellently as Chair over the previous year.

Councillor Grant Scheme opens for 2022/23 year

New funding round for grants of up to £5,000

The council has launched a new round of funding from the Councillor Community Grants scheme with applicants being encouraged to think about funding for projects that would contribute to the district council's Corporate Plan priorities: to protect and restore our natural world; take action on the climate emergency and improve economic and community wellbeing. Not-for profit community organisations and town and parish councils in South Oxfordshire can apply for grants from £250 up to a maximum of £5,000 from each councillor.

For application go to the Council webpage for [Councillor community grants](#)