



Minutes of West Hagbourne Parish Council Meeting held at Hagbourne Village Hall on Wednesday 2 November 2022 at 7:30pm.

Present: Cllrs M. Butler, H. Lewis, M. Telford, O. Doogue, D. Tozer, Mr I. Leishman, Mrs V. Brownsword and Mr. A. Wise (Clerk)

	MB opened the meeting at 19:30 hrs	
22/669 Apologies	Mr. T. Pritchard, Cllr A.M. Simpson & Cllr J. Murphy	
22/670 Declarations of personal and prejudicial interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None received 	
22/671 Report on OCC and SODC activities	<p><u>SODC Report</u> – See appendix 6 for AMS Report.</p> <p><u>OCC Report</u> – None received</p>	
22/672 Hear representations from members of the public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mrs Brownsword handed over the Remembrance Day wreath to the Chair to place in the village where he thinks suitable. IL raised the issue of crash barrier being damaged again in Main Street. Clerk to report to Highways. 	AW
22/673 Approve the minutes of the meeting of 06.07.2022	It was proposed by OD, seconded MT, that the minutes be signed as a true record. Carried nem con.	
22/674 Consider matters, not take elsewhere, arising from the minutes of the meeting of 06.07.2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All action items had been completed. 	
22/675 Receive reports from Parish Councillors and the Clerk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DT briefed the council on the new Councillors and Clerks Code of Conduct for which he had attended the online training course. The clerk had previously circulated the new Code of Conduct for all Councillors to read in addition to circulating the Online training course link to You Tube. It was proposed by MT, seconded MB, that the PC fully adopt this new Code of Conduct. 	
22/676 Financial matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval of payments. It was proposed MB, seconded MT, and carried nem con that the following invoices be paid Parish Clerk's wages, Expenses, PAYE, Grass Cutting, Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal Donation, CAB Donation and reimbursement to Clerk for purchasing MS Office 365 software. Current financial situation. AW presented the current financial situation – attachments 2 & 3. Clerk took the councillors through the draft 2023/24 Budget. All councillors to think about any else to either add or remove before this budget is approved and the precept set at the Jan'23 Meeting. Chair proposed that with effect from Jan'23 the Clerks Salary be increased by 4%. It was proposed MB, seconded DT, and carried nem con. Chair reported that he had reviewed the PC's Standing Orders and that they did include a section on the approvals process in regards of online banking. Clerk reported that he has saved the new version in his online files. 	
22/677 To note decisions made with respect to planning applications dealt with since meeting of 06.07.2022 and consider outstanding applications.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning applications reviewed - attachment 4 Planning application P22/S2859/NM – Councillors instructed clerk to respond saying the PC Supports this application. Planning application P22/S3827/HH – Councillors instructed clerk to respond saying that the PC objects to this application on the basis of height compared to its neighbours. Clerk to draft response and circulate amongst councillors for approval of wording before formally responding this application. 	AW AW

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22/678 Highways and Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Before the meeting Mr Terry Pritchard wrote to the PC explaining that due to S.106 money having been use dup, the 94 service would cease to service West Hagbourne from April 2023. Terry is a member of DVTG Users, and they intend to lobby both SODC and our MP for a replacement service. TP will keep the PC informed of what of any progress can be made towards this ambition for April 2023. • Clerk has written to Highways requesting a site meeting to see if a solution can be found to repairing the steps by the kissing gate leading over the stream towards Upton from West Hagbourne. As of the time of this meeting the highways contact is till on leave until Monday 7 November. Clerk to chase on Monday requesting a site meeting for which DT has volunteered to be the PCs contact and walk Ralph Green along the path towards the kissing gate when a mutual date can be found. 	AW
22/679 Risk assessment	MB signed off appropriate parts on the current Risk Assessment Checklist - attachment 5	
22/680 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 to include a piece on raising the awareness of Didcot Volunteer Drivers for the elderly in the village. 	
22/681 Respond to Communications as the Chairman may direct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
22/682 Attend to any other business at the Chairman's discretion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
22/683 Date of next meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday 4th January 2023 • 2023 Meeting Dates • 4.1.23, 1.3.23, 3.5.23, 10.5.23 (APM), 5.7.23, 6.9.23, 1.11.23. Clerk to book the small meeting room in the village hall on these dates. 	AW
22/684 Meeting Closed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MB declared the meeting closed at 20:40 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	2 November 2022

Corporate Plan Performance Report – [First Quarter](#)

Climate Action Plan Performance Report – [First Quarter](#)

Didcot Eco Fair

South Oxfordshire District Council in partnership with Sustainable Didcot is hosting the free family-friendly event from 11am to 3pm at Cornerstone Arts Centre. You can read more information [here](#).

Land and Buildings Available for Change

South & Vale have published the results of the Call for Land and Buildings Available for Change, part of the process in creating our Joint Local Plan. [Here](#) is a **great short video** to explain what the Call for Land and Buildings Available for Change is and what happens.

It's important to note these are not proposals the Council is making for development. The Call for Land and Buildings Available for Change does not grant planning permission to any site submitted or confirm that the site will be suitable for development.

You can view the full results on [our interactive Call for Land and Buildings Available for Change website](#).

You do not need to contact officers to say whether you support or object to these sites. Officers will assess the submissions on a range of environmental, heritage and physical constraints to determine their potential 'suitability', 'availability' and 'achievability' and they will identify sites that may be suitable for further consideration through the Joint Local Plan, and the Councils will consult on them.

You can find out more about the Joint Local Plan on the [South/Vale](#) websites.

Councillor Grants Scheme

The first round of the Councillor Grant scheme has closed and I am pleased to be able to support applications from Ist Hagbourne (St Andrews) Scout Group, Stewart Village



Hall in Brightwell-cum-Sotwell for an energy saving project, One Eighty's 'Make me Smile Project' for a district-wide mental health education and resilience programme for young people in Year 6 and South Moreton Parish Council's Recreation Ground Improvement Project.

Hackney carriage fare limits introduced for first time in South Oxfordshire

Hackney carriages operating in South Oxfordshire will have a [maximum fare](#) they can charge passengers.

The fares only apply to hackney carriages as passengers are able to shop around with private hire vehicles to get the best deal, which is harder to do when at a taxi rank or hailing a cab. The fares only apply for journeys within the South Oxfordshire area.

Councillors approved the measure to help ensure passengers, especially those who rely on taxis to travel around such as those on low income or with disabilities, were not priced out of using taxis as the cost of living continues to rise. At the same time, it is hoped the fares agreed will allow taxi drivers to continue to run viable businesses, recognising their overheads are also rising.

We were one of only six councils in the country who didn't set a tariff so introducing them now brings us in line with other authorities.

Joint application made for bathing status for the River Thames at Wallingford

South Oxfordshire District Council and Wallingford Town Council, supported by environmental charity Thames 21, have submitted an application to the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) for bathing status for a stretch of the River Thames at Wallingford.

If awarded, Thames Water would be legally required to treat waste outflows to a much higher standard, ensuring that bacteria harmful to the health of people and wildlife is removed before water can be released into the river.

During the bathing season (May-September) the Environment Agency would also be required to monitor the water quality. Information from weekly testing would give visitors, including swimmers, paddle boarders, kayakers and anglers a clearer picture of how clean the water is likely to be.

Throughout the summer, to help inform the application, Thames 21 and trained volunteers from the local community recorded visitor numbers and collected 170 water quality samples along the river which were analysed by Thames Water. Visitors to the area were also asked to



complete a survey about their experience at the site and asked whether they support the application.

It is hoped that Defra will make their decision on the application in early 2023.

Affordable, zero carbon homes to be part-funded by council

A dozen zero carbon affordable homes will be built on the brownfield site at Cullum House in Wheatley with help from South Oxfordshire District Council.

It's part of a £5 million fund agreed by the council in its budget, from Section 106 developer contributions, to be spent on increasing the number of fit for purpose affordable homes in the district.

All apartments and bedsits on the site are currently unoccupied and planning consent for the demolition of the existing building and the development of 12 affordable, zero carbon, apartments, was granted in June 2022.

South Oxfordshire is already providing more than £1.2 million towards the cost of creating new affordable housing in Henley and Thame.

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