



Minutes of West Hagbourne Parish Council Meeting

held at Hagbourne Village Hall on Wednesday 6 September 2023 at 7:30pm.

Present: Cllrs M. Butler, H. Lewis, M. Telford, D. Tozer, Cllr. B. Manning, Mr. A. Wise (Clerk), Ian Leishman, Sheila Taylor, Steve Carr, Rosie Gardiner and Julie Hornsby.

	MB opened the meeting at 19:30 hrs	
23/752 Apologies	Cllr J. Murphy, Cllr A.M. Simpson and Terry Pritchard	
23/753 Declarations of personal and prejudicial interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None received. 	
23/754 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>	
23/755 Hear representations from members of the public	<p>Clerk confirmed that a site meeting with 2 x Parish Councillors and Highways to evaluate the most practical solution to extending the footpath in Main Street for those wishing to walk safely to the bus stop and the public house has been scheduled for the first week in October.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> IL asked the following 4 questions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Proposals for enforcement of 20mph limit through village? Chair to contact TVP to enquire about their Community Speed watch System Proposal for change of designation of Moor Lane from BOAT to Restricted Byway. Clerk referred to JM and her reply was that she would make enquires in highways but doubted it would happen to other budget priorities. Proposal to upgrade footpath from Mitcham's vineyard through to Didcot to a cycle path (bridleway). Chair explained that this didn't come under WH but in fact EH. BM offered to enquire whether new Green fund could be used to finance this but it would need to be sponsored by EHPC. Assurances that HGV traffic will not be using Main Street to access building site in East Hagbourne when Park Road is closed for repairs. Highways have published the diversion route but JM said that if people could take photos of offending vehicles and email to her she would pass on to the right department. JM has suggested residents write directly to her on Jane.Murphy@oxfordshire.gov.uk on the day rather than wait 2 months for a PC Meeting to raise transport / highways related incidents / issues. 	MB
23/756 Approve the minutes of the meeting of 2023	It was proposed by MT, seconded MB, that the minutes be signed as a true record. Carried nem con.	
23/757 Consider matters, not take elsewhere, arising from the minutes of the meeting 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All action items had been completed 	
23/758 Receive reports from Parish Councillors and the Clerk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tim Masters wrote to the clerk to bring to the Parish Council's attention that drivers were not adhering to the new 20mph signs and asked for their support in doing something about it. Clerk to write back explaining that the Chair will be writing to TVP to enquire about their Community Speed watch System. Clerk asked that if anyone came across a resident expressing an interest in becoming the 5th Councillor to put them in touch with the Clerk. 	AW
23/759 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, Village Hall hire, Grass Cutting, SODC Election Charges and Gala Tents. It was proposed MB, seconded MT, that the PC pay for a new marquee costing £1912.72 including VAT, for the village. WHVA to order the item and pass the invoice to the clerk for payment. The order will be delivered to Rosie Gardeners 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> house. Current financial situation. AW presented the current financial situation – attachments 2 & 3. Clerk confirmed that DT has almost become the third authorised signatory on the PC's Bank Account with Barclays which stipulates dual authorisation of payment with one final form to be signed by both Chair and Clerk. 	
23/760 To note decisions made with respect to planning applications dealt with since meeting of 2023 and consider outstanding applications.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning applications reviewed - attachment 4 Clerk to speak to the Planning Officer at VWHDC about why WHPC has been asked to comment on the public house planning application when it has already submitted comments to SODC Planning. 	AW
23/761 Highways and Transport	See 23/755	
23/762 Risk assessment	MB signed off appropriate parts on the current Risk Assessment Checklist - attachment 5	
23/763 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. 	
23/764 Respond to Communications as the Chairman may direct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	
23/765 Attend to any other business at the Chairman's discretion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	
23/766 Date of next meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wednesday 1 November 2023 	
23/767 Meeting Closed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MB declared the meeting closed at 20:47 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 Councillors' Report
Councillors	Cllr Anne-Marie Simpson & Cllr Ben Manning
Parish	West Hagbourne Parish Council
Date	6 September 2023

Corporate Plan Annual Performance Report – Annual Report 2022-2023

Corporate Plan Performance Report – First Quarter

Climate Action Plan Performance Report – First Quarter



Planning surgeries for town and parish councils

The planning team holds monthly surgeries for members of town and parish councils to discuss general planning queries. To book their 15-minute online meeting they should use [this planning surgery link](#).

If there are any questions, please contact Emily Hamerton
emily.hamerton@southandvale.gov.uk

New grant available for biodiversity & nature recovery projects

SODC has created a £50,000 fund to increase biodiversity and encourage public access to green spaces in the district. This has been funded by money provided from developers through the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL).

In partnership with Trust for Oxfordshire's Environment (TOE), the money will be given as grants through TOE's Local Environment Fund. Community groups, town and parish councils, charities and non-profit organisations are invited to apply to TOE for grants ranging between £1,000 and £15,000 and can be used for such things as tree and hedgerow planting, restoring community orchards, ponds, nature-rich meadows, or to improve access to nature which could include replacing stiles with gates for better accessibility or improving pathways.

To check that your project idea meets TOE's funding criteria, contact Rachel Sanderson, Local Environment Fund grant administrator
admin@trustforoxfordshire.org.uk and 01865 407003.

Oxfordshire Land Consultation hub

South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils have commissioned independent specialists, Land Use Consultancy (LUC), to review and refresh existing landscape evidence and create a new joint Landscape Character Assessment across the districts. The ultimate aim is to inform the councils' work towards the Joint Local Plan and shape future policies.

To help inform the study, we are encouraging residents, businesses and visitors to share what they love about local landscapes and what they think is changing them. To help people have their say, LUC has launched an interactive [online Landscape Consultation Hub](#). The Hub provides more information about the studies being carried out and uses an interactive map for you to leave your thoughts on different landscapes. Responses are anonymous so you don't have to sign up or leave any details to have your say. The Consultation Hub is open for comments until 29 September 2023.

World EV Day FREE charging

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The annual World EV Day is on 9th September to encourage the move to Electric Vehicles. In July this year 48% of all new cars registered in Oxfordshire were Electric.

To celebrate and encourage more people to switch a range of charging companies are making charity donations and offering free charging across sites in Oxfordshire including free charging at Redbridge Park and Ride, free charging at all Oxfordshire RAW charging sites, and the first hour free from EZ Charge app users.

To find out more Oxfordshire County Council, Oxford City Council, Cherwell, South Oxfordshire, Vale of White Horse and West Oxfordshire district councils, and Oxford Local Enterprise Partnership (OXLEP) have created the Climate Action Oxfordshire website.

The website contains lots of information about [choosing an electric vehicle](#) as well as information about other ways Oxfordshire residents can help tackle the climate emergency.

There's also still time to register your interest in the grant scheme for parish councils to fund EV microhubs to create charging points in your village. Expressions of interest can be submitted through the OCC's consultation platform Let's Talk Oxfordshire:

<https://letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/ev-microhubs-eoi>

The closing date for expressions of interest is **15 September 2023**.

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