



Minutes for the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 1st December 2020 at 7.15pm via Zoom Meetings

Present: Cllrs Mike Jenkins, Rita Atkinson, Jennie Corrigan, Eileen Daw, Merouan Hemamda (until 8pm), Simon Lazare, joined by District and County Councillor Richard Webber

Clerk: Helen Savery

3 Members of the Public

2020 /220 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Butler and Field. Cllr Hemamda stated his apologies for the remainder of the meeting after 8pm when he would need to leave.

2020/221 Declarations of interest

There were no interests declared

2020/222 Admission of the Public and Press

There were no agenda items deemed confidential.

2020/223 Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 3rd November 2020

The minutes were approved and will be signed by the Chairman at the next physical meeting of the Council.

2020/224 Clerk's Notes

These were noted.

2020/225 Public Participation

A member of the public addressed the Council in relation to a Grant application from the Abingdon Damascus Youth Project which will be considered at the budget meeting on 8th December 2020. She explained the reasoning behind the request for a higher grant in the year 2021/22 as due to COVID-19 the youth project have been also been supporting parents and the elderly as well as having an increase in the numbers of youths being assisted by the project.

A member of the public raised the issue of new play areas in the south of the village not just the recreation ground. Councillor Corrigan, as a member of the relevant working party confirmed that this is being considered and the Council are aware of the lack of facilities in this area.

2020/226 County and District Councillor's report

Councillor Webber confirmed that the Vale of the White Horse will enter Tier 2 of the Covid 19 tier system when the lockdown ends on Wednesday. The

vaccination logistics are complicated but it is hoped that everybody will be vaccinated by late summer 2021.

Brexit – there are ongoing concerns over the increase of traffic using the A34 and the a rise in prices.

There is a new number to call in the case of abuse – this is “55”. It traces the phone number and assistance is sent even if the caller does not speak.

Traffic – a 20mph speed limit and special crossings are being trialled on Milton Park for a period of 6-12 months.

Appleford – Councillor Webber has met with Appleford Parish Council and will be addressing issues that affect that parish being the link Road and bridge and the Hansen Sidings extension.

Sutton Courtenay Primary School – Cllr Webber is looking to assist with making the security of the site improved and will be approaching Milton Park Residents Committee. Cllr Atkinson requested that he liaise with her separately regarding this as there are other issues the school will be dealing with at the same time.

Councillor Webber confirmed he is aware of the recent accidents on Drayton Road and will be raising it at the County Council meeting next week. He was asked to add to his report a query regarding what would have happened if there was a serious injury claim made against the County Council and whether there is a risk register maintained by the County Council.

Councillor Lazare raised some unanswered queries regarding Public Rights of Way. He is to liaise with Councillor Webber regarding the same.

2020/227

Matters raised by the Councillors for information.

Councillor Atkinson raised the issue of the accidents on Drayton Road on behalf of Councillor Field who had sent her apologies. In the last couple of weeks there has been a crash between two vehicles and a pedestrian had slipped on the overgrown pathway and rolled into the road, luckily they were not hit. It was asked whether these were recorded by the County Council. Councillor Webber confirmed that if the emergency services were called out the accidents is recorded.

Councillor Atkinson also requested that a conversation be started with Milton Park in relation to the provision of recreational facilities on Kelaarts Field.

Councillor Lazare confirmed that volunteers making face masks have been producing Christmas themed ones.

Councillor Corrigan raised the issue of dog fouling in the village as a whole. The clerk is to contact the District Council and see if extra patrols and signage could be implemented.

Councillor Hemamda raised the issue of the speed of traffic through the village and wondered if signage regarding horseriders being in the area and also speed restrictions could be introduced.

2020/228 Police Matters/Neighbourhood Action Group Matters
There were no matters to raise

2020/229 Planning applications

(a) Decisions on previous applications

MW.0046/20 - Construction and operation of two additional rail sidings
Appleford Depot Sutton Courtenay
Approved: 27th October 2020

P19/V3173/RM - Reserved Matters application following Outline approval
P19/V1472/FUL for the proposed realignment of below ground unnamed
ordinary watercourse (a tributary of the Moor Ditch) and revised connection to
the Moor Ditch (as amended by plans and information received 23rd March
2020, 15th June 2020, 3rd August 2020 and 24 September 2020)
Former Didcot A Power Station, Purchas Road
Approved 26th October 2020

P20/V2092/HH - Rear first floor extension with dormer window. Internal
alterations. Addition of a roof lantern to existing flat roof, first floor bathroom
window, rooflights, and bi-folding doors to replace existing doors and windows.
75A High Street Sutton Courtenay
Approved: 28th October 2020

P20/V1893/HH - Proposal to increase the width of the existing section of
dropped kerb to the property
4 Drayton Road Sutton Courtenay
Approved: 29th October 2020

(b) Applications dealt with prior to the meeting

None

(c) Applications for consideration at this meeting

P20/V2712/FUL - Demolition of Delta Building and erection of two new buildings
to accommodate Stage 1 and Stage 2 for use as a Film Studios with associated
car parking and perimeter road.
Former Harmsworth Printing Building Milton Road Didcot OX11 7HH
Comments: Council had no objection but would ask the District Council to
consider drainage implications and also the cumulative impact on other
planning applications which have been approved

P20/V2898/HH - Demolition of detached garage and rear conservatory.
Proposed double storey rear extension and alterations.

14 Abingdon Road Sutton Courtenay

Comments: Council has no objection but would ask for close scrutiny to be made on flood mitigation at the property given its previous flooding history.

2020/230

Land use classification of land around Sutton Courtenay

Councillor Daw confirmed that she was looking into this but was at a very early stage in the process. This matter is to be discussed at the January meeting with an agenda item being added. Councillor Webber is to be asked to attend. Key points to be are the County Council ensuring that requirements in planning permissions are enforced, in particular the return to agricultural use and Public Rights of Way conditions.

2020/231

Land owned by the Parish Council

(a) Council reviewed the registered land owned by the Council. The Clerk is to look into the registration of the recreation ground, the "Liversidge" patch by the village green and the area of land at the corner of Frilsham Street.

(b) It was

RESOLVED that the clerk should arrange for completion and witnessing of the relevant documents to allow the parish council's change of address on the title to the land already registered.

2020/232

Footpaths

(a) Councillor Lazare confirmed that despite correspondence from FCC, not much has been done in terms of resolving the issues raised although a kissing gate and some debris has been removed.

Issues with other footpaths were discussed – being fences on both sides of footpath FP 373/6/20 requiring attention, fence and overgrowth on Churchmere Lane, FP 373/17 require reinstatement of footpath following land being worked. The clerk is to write to the land owners in question and see if they can do required works.

(b) Councillor Jenkins confirmed that District and County Councillor Webber has agreed to fund remedial works to the ancient pathway alongside the Abbey Grounds on Church Street. Free gravel from Hansen can be obtained. The clerk is currently seeking confirmation from the insurance company that a working party and machinery and driver which would need to be hired would be covered and the cost of any extra cover required. It was discussed and agreed, in principal, subject to the above and, provided there was no cost to the Council, this project should be undertaken. Councillor Atkinson raised a reservation that maybe the Drayton Road issues referred to above should be dealt with first.

2020/233

Defibrillator

The clerk is to approach the person cleaning the bus shelter to see if they could do a one off clean of the telephone box, inside and out.

2020/234

Standing Orders

The notice additions were confirmed and it was

RESOLVED

that the Standing Orders be adopted by the Council.

202/235

Neighbourhood Plan

(a) This is now in the last phase and it is hoped that the work recently commissions would be completed by Christmas.

(b) It was discussed, agreed and

RESOLVED

that payment of the Novell Tullett invoice be delegated to the clerk, in consultation with Cllrs Corrigan and Daw, following the recommendation of the steering group that the work has been completed satisfactorily.

202/236

Milton Park Liaison Group meeting

Councillor Atkinson provided a verbal update on the meeting held on 27th November. She confirmed that they do not believe that the working habits of the companies on the park will change going forward as most of the businesses on site, by the nature of their work, would need staff to be in the premises and not working from home. They are looking at the 2040 vision. The clerk is to write to the Liaison Group and ask if they are willing to work with the Parish Council in relation to the vision given that part of the park falls within the parish.

202/237

Recreation Ground

(a) Councillor Corrigan provided an update from the working party confirming that it was understood that the works to the play area have been completed.

This is to be chased by the clerk. The results of the questionnaire are required before the next stage can be looked at.

(b) The quarterly inspection report was noted.

(c) Councillor Daw confirmed that the moss on the play area surface was slippery and would need removing. The working party are to look at this.

(d) Councillor Daw was appointed as the play area inspection person for the next month.

202/238

Didcot Garden Town

Councillor Atkinson confirmed that around 90 people attended the Resident's Sounding Board on 30th November 2020. 20 people spoke at the meeting and raised issues which the Parish Council had been raising for some time.

202/239

Correspondence

(a) Update on call for sites from Planning Policy Team at the Vale of the White Horse District Council – the clerk is to write back confirming that the Neighbourhood Plan is emerging and will not be allocating sites, but wondering if they would still be agreeable to discussing sites within the parishes designated area.

(b) Email from Bale for White Horse Head of Planning to Richard Webber regarding the Call for Sites – see above.

(c) Didcot Garden Town Autumn Newsletter – Noted

(d) SSG Harwell November update – noted

(e) Email from Oxfordshire County Council regarding TTRO for Clifton Hampden – noted

2020/240

Accounts

(a) The accounts for payment list was received and approved for payment

(b) The external auditors report was received and noted. A copy of the whole completed 6 page AGAR to be collated and sent to all councillors.

2020/241

Items for the Sutton Courtenay News

New defibrillator and course going forward, costs of the Appleford Road appeal inquiry and other likely appeals going forward, confirmation wardens to be asked to check on dog fouling, request for dog owners to clear their mess.

2020/242

Date of next meeting

The next council meeting will take place on Tuesday 8th December 2020 commencing at 7.15pm.