

HINTON WALDRIST PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Hinton Waldrist Parish Council Meeting held via Microsoft Teams on Tuesday 12th January 2021

Present: Mr Hugh Hamill (Chair) (HH), Mrs Alison Geary (Vice Chair) (AG) and Councillors, Mr Peter Evans (PE), Mrs Stephanie Stott (SS), Mrs Debbie Cordery (DC) and Judith Willis (JW) and Vale of White Horse District Councillor Jerry Avery (JA)

Also Present: Mrs Allison Leigh (Clerk) (AL)

HH noted that this meeting was held remotely via Microsoft Teams due to Covid-19. Members of the public were made aware that they could contact the clerk to access the meeting, but no one has made contact.

20/67: Apologies for absence: Councillor Anthony Williams was not in attendance, but no apologies were received. Oxfordshire County Councillor Anda Fitzgerald O'Connor (AFO)

20/68: Declarations of Interest: None.

20/69: Public questions and statements: No members of the public were present.

20/70: Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council of the 10th November 2020 were agreed as true record of the meeting. HH will sign and AL will collect/file.

20/71: Reports from County and District Councillors: There was no report from Oxfordshire County Council (OCC).

Vale of White Horse District Council

Strategic Issues

1. *Proposed legislation on the future of planning has been described as a 'developers' charter' and as an 'attack on local democracy'.*

The Government has stated in its white paper on planning reforms, which is currently under consultation, aims to simplify and accelerate the planning process. However, if we look at the proposals more closely, it means more deregulation and disregard for the views of local residents. It ignores the very obvious facts that since 2009, that on 40% of sites country-wide with planning permission there has been no building work carried out, and that councils approved 90% of all planning applications. Further to that, the white paper makes it clear that it effectively seeks to remove the rights of local residents to object to applications for developments close to them; to make matters worse it proposes that owners be allowed to add storeys to existing properties and

that developers be granted automatic rights to build on land identified as "for growth."

Alarming, the white paper contains a proposal to replace Section 106 payments for infrastructure with a national levy. The RIBA (The Royal Institute for British Architects) calls the proposals "shameful and which will do almost nothing to guarantee delivery of affordable, well-designed and sustainable homes." The RIBA added that the proposals could lead to the next generation of slum housing. Finally, it is worth noting that the proposed reforms are opposed by the all-party LGA (Local Party Association).

For my part I am concerned about development proposals in relation to an area closer to home and only just outside Thames Ward. As you are all aware, Lioncourt is to submit a revised application to build some 700+ homes just to the east of Kingston Bagpuize; the original application was turned down because it failed to meet conditions wrt infrastructure needs and air quality issues. The new application contains no provision in relation to these matters. Evidently, were the application, as it stands, to be successful the detrimental effects on the surrounding area, to risk stating the obvious, would be considerable.

2. The Oxford Cambridge ARC

This is a matter that is still on the table but one that I am watching very closely.

Local Issues

1. Support for residents

I have provided the parishes in Thames Ward with financial support to ensure that the Comet Bus Service can continue to serve the vulnerable in the community. I was originally given £2000 to help PCs out and have so far handed over £1750. I would, of course, welcome a request for further funding up to £250.

JA left the meeting at this point.

20/72: Report from Police Constable Officer: There was no report. AL will follow up to see why she no longer receives updates from Faringdon police.

20/73: Matters arising and not appearing elsewhere on the agenda: It was reported that the bench outside the church was damaged while grass cutting was

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being carried out. The Sherwood family will pay for a replacement. The council noted its thank for this.

20/74: Financial report:

- **Donation requests:**

Based on the criteria in the Donations Policy, the council made the following donation decisions:

- Home Start: The council resolved not to donate to Home Start.
 - Oxfordshire South and Vale Citizens Advice: The council resolved to donate £200 to Oxfordshire South and Vale Citizens Advice.
 - Children's Air Ambulance: The council resolved not to donate to Children's Air Ambulance
- **2021 2022 Budget:** The council reviewed and agreed upon a budget for 2021/2022. The council agreed upon a precept of £3350.
 - Reconciled balance as of 30th November 2020: £ 7949.02

Cheques authorised:

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Cheque number</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Date</u>
Allison Leigh	Salary	634	222.40	14/1/2021
Allison Leigh	Expenses	635	73.99	14/1/2021

Receipts

None

20/75: Allotments: There was no update on the Asset of Community Value application for the allotments. AL will follow up with the Vale again on applying via the website.

20/76: Planning:

Planning applications

<u>Planning Number</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>What</u>	<u>Comment</u>
P20/V3225/FUL	Land North of Duxford Land forming part of Chimney Meadows Nature Reserve	Construction of Shifford Weir Fish Bypass, comprising excavation of a new approx 450m long naturalised fish bypass channel, including one culvert under existing flood embankment, wooden handrails to edge of culvert, use of excavated materials to improve BBOWT access for	The council asked AL to obtain more information.

	Duxford SN7 8SQ	future management of the reserve, together with temporary construction accesses and temporary construction compound on land near public highway in Duxford, and reinstatement of land following completion of the construction works.	
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20/77: Publications and correspondence: None

20/78: Matters for report: None

20/79: Date of the next meeting: The Parish Council confirmed the date of the next meeting as 9th March 2021. This meeting will be held at 7pm.