

BECKLEY AND STOWOOD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES FOR THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
ON THURSDAY 1ST FEBRUARY 2018 AT 8.00 PM
AT BECKLEY VILLAGE HALL, WOODPERRY ROAD, OX3 9UZ
MEETING NUMBER 01.02.2018

Present: Cllr David Scott (Chair)
Cllr Chris Cox
Cllr Vivienne Rust
Cllr Ginette Camps-Wash
District Cllr John Walsh
Sue Cox (Clerk)

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Received from Cllr Michael Soanes.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None.
3. **Matters raised by Members of the Public:** Anne Purse, as Chair of Maple Tree Children's Centre Wheatley, asked the PC to consider a small amount of funding once the hall and tennis court have been completed. PC agreed to look at this in October after the half-year figures. Beckley issues – the verges of the roads are being eroded and the granite sets in the High Street are being damaged and breaking out. PC agreed that where planning permission is granted for works, the householder should confirm contractors' intentions to respect the verges. Waterperry PC and Stanton St John PC paid for posts but OCC had to approve the specification, Clerk to ask both PCs for the costs and specification. Cllr Kirsten Johnson may know of grants for repairing granite sets. Posts, no money available from OCC but we could put our own in. Clerk to contact Kirsten with the details. Kirsten could be provided with a wish list for Beckley to ask Keith Stenning if there is any money left at the end of the year for improvements. **Action: Clerk**
4. **Minutes from previous meeting:** held on Thursday 11th January 2018 were approved and signed by the Chairman.
5. **Matters arising from previous minutes:** None.
6. **Planning Correspondence Received:**
Planning Applications:

P18/S0195/DIS

Abingdon Arms, High Street, Beckley, OX3 9UU

Discharge of condition 4 (detailed method statement) on Listed Building consent P17/S3729/LB. Demolition of existing toilet accommodation. Construction of new toilet accommodation (as amended by drawing no D04 A and D06 A received on 21.11.17 to include the widening of the main entrance door).

The Parish Council considered this application should be Approved.

P18/S0196/LB

Abingdon Arms, High Street, Beckley, OX3 9UU

Erection of 40 cm (16") diameter commemorative plaque on front elevation.

The Parish Council considered this application should be Approved.

Planning Decisions: None

7. Correspondence Received:

For Action:

- Oxfordshire South & Vale Citizen's Advice – Grant Aid request reminder – *no funds available for external grants.*
- Peter Rutt – Expressway progress and urgent appeal for information from your village – *Cllr Camps-Walsh to prepare and reply to Peter Rutt.*
- Tom Norman – request for information – *Clerk to reply*

For Info

- Receipt from Otmoor Flyer Organising Group for £1,000.00 on 18th January 2018
- Oxfordshire Playing Fields Association Newsletter Winter – Jan 2018
- Rural Oxfordshire Network (RON) – Rural Youth - 18th April 2018 at Kirtlington
- Blue Cedar Homes Ltd – Neighbourhood Plan/Retirement living homes
- OCVA – GDPR Training in February and March
- Waste Team, SODC – Great British Spring Clean 2-4 March
- Communications, SODC – Councils consult public on future waste strategy
- SODC – Invitation to free workshop on attracting new volunteers – 5th February
- Community First – 'At a Glance' email newsletter
- Healthwatch Oxfordshire – Secretary of State refers Horton Hospital, Banbury to independent panel
- Prime Compliance Services – Legionella Awareness Training
- NAG Meeting Wednesday 17th January at 7.30 pm in Chalgrove Village Hall – draft agenda and minutes attached
- OCC, Waste Strategy – Oxfordshire Waste Consultation
- OCC, Minerals and Waste Plan – Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan: Part 2 Site Allocations: Informal consultation and renewed call for site nominations
- Healthwatch Oxfordshire – January Bulletin

8. Payments and Accounts: cheques/DD to be considered for payment in February:

22.02.18	PWLB loan repayment	£5,565.61	DD
27.02.18	PWLB loan repayment	£2,813.68	DD
10.02.18	NEST Pension	£5.88	DD
01.02.18	BACBS – balance/installation of Defibrillator at Pub	£98.10	chq 1646
01.02.18	AWBS Ltd – Play Grade Bark for Zip Wire Surface	£1200.00	chq 1647
01.02.18	HMRC – PAYE – NIC due 5 th February 2018	£16.32	chq 1648
01.02.18	Ron Jones – Mole Control for January	£60.00	chq 1649
28.02.18	S Cox – February wages and expenses	£830.10	chq 1650

01.02.18	ACCR LLP – Beckley Village Hall – Architect’s Fee	£673.00	chq 1651
	Total	=	£11,262.69

9. **To receive a Village Hall Update from Cllr Scott to include additional works:** Chris Robinson (ACCR) and James Clarke (Baqus) met contractor Kingerlee on 18th January with Cllr Scott, to produce a final snagging list of works to be done.
10. **To consider cash flow, grant funding and loan drawn-down for the next month:** Grant due from SODC for £11K. £28K due from Big Lottery. PWLB payments to tie in with twice yearly Precept payments.
11. **To receive an update on the Neighbourhood Development Plan for Beckley and Stowood from Cllr Ginette Camps-Walsh:** Cllr Camps-Walsh is chasing SODC for a Strategic Environmental Screening Questionnaire and has still not had a reply, but Beckley should be exempt. The SODC Neighbourhood Plan contact will come to the meeting on 6th February. The costs of the Referendum should be met out of the grant money received from SODC.
12. **To receive a report from County Councillor Dr Kirsten Johnson:** Cllr Ian Hudspeth has given a briefing on the Expressway that consolidates all the documents and contains maps. Clerk to circulate to PC. The PC has been invited to appoint a “pothole inspector” with training available from the County Council, this could result in quicker repairs. Cllr Johnson met with a Cllr from Witney, who have bought six community buses for their area. The bus co-op is owned by the community, and Witney now has hourly and half-hourly routes. Otmoor Flyer needs more publicity and possibly a fare increase? Payment for Otmoor Flyer tickets needs to be made easier and the Pub should be asked to sell tickets.
13. **To receive a report from District Councillor John Walsh:** The Great British Spring Clean is to be held from 2nd to 4th March. Recycling has gone down but is still among the best in the country, the public are not recycling less but producing less waste generally. Cllr Walsh has appeared on a TV programme about Culham and building in the Green Belt. The Neighbourhood Plan is important to protect the Green Belt. Rumours of Magdalen College coming forward for Grenoble Road and other colleges will join in with planning applications. Brookes University have applied for 500 houses on the Wheatley Campus site.
14. **To receive a Visual Playground Inspection Report from Cllr Michael Soanes:** postponed to next meeting due to Cllr Soanes’ absence.
15. **To consider The Oxford to Cambridge Expressway:** The Expressway Action Group (EAG) questions the need for it, and opposes all routes south and east of the city. Local groups such as the RSPB and Berks, Bucks and Oxon Wildlife Trust (BBOWT) have been contacted. Beckley PC to respond to Peter Rutt, Chair of EAG – Cllrs Scott and Camps-Walsh to draft a letter and also ask the Otmoor Reserve Manager of the RSPB to contribute.
1. **To consider Data Protection, FOIs and PC communications:** Clerk to attend a GDPR course in February and PC to consider the implications of the new regulations from 25th May 2018. Clerk to respond to all enquiries.

2. Date of Next Meetings:

- a. **Tuesday 6th February 2018** – Neighbourhood Planning Meeting at 8.00 pm at BVH
- b. **Thursday 1st March 2018** at 8.00 pm at Beckley Village Hall

3. Meeting closed at 21:40.

Circulation:

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