

**BECKLEY AND STOWOOD PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES FOR THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**ON THURSDAY 6<sup>th</sup> JULY 2017 AT 8.00 PM**  
**AT BECKLEY VILLAGE HALL, WOODPERRY ROAD**  
**MEETING NUMBER 06.07.2017**

**Present:** Cllr David Scott (Chair)  
Cllr Michael Soanes (Vice Chair)  
Cllr Chris Cox  
Cllr Ginette Camps-Walsh  
County Cllr Kirsten Johnson  
District Cllr John Walsh  
Sue Cox (Clerk)

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Received from Cllr Vivienne Rust.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None declared.
3. **Matters raised by Members of the Public:** Liz from Beckley School FOBS attended the meeting to discuss the BBQ for Fireworks Night on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2017. Liz will come back to the September meeting with further information as to what FOBS would like to provide. BIG and BVHMC may want to take on the drinks and mulled wine etc. Liz left the meeting. Peter Gosney attended, confirming that he has been quoted £1500 for professional photography of the hall (Baqus, Kingeree and ACCR would be asked to contribute), PC to consider this when the project is complete. PG also asked about blinds, acoustic panels, planting and hedge cutting - these are all on-going PC/BVHMC discussion items. PG requested a copy of the current new hall snagging list – **Action Cllr Scott**
4. **Minutes from previous meeting:** held on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2017 were approved and signed by the Chairman.
5. **Matters arising from previous minutes:**
  - a. Cllr Scott is writing to Mr Lopez-Portillo concerning Grove House boundary wall.
  - b. Ten Acre Farm – Moto Cross – neighbours are collecting evidence of use.
6. **Planning Correspondence Received:**

Planning Applications:

**P17/S2184/HH**

**1 Church Street, Beckley, OX3 9UA**

Essential repairs to the roof and stone walls of a pig sty in the curtilage of a listed building.

**The Parish Council considered that this application should be approved.**

**P17/S2177/FUL**      **Plot on Sand Path, Beckley, OX3 9UA**  
Erection of dwelling with garden and parking area and associated works (amendment to approval P16/S3647/FUL)  
**The Parish Council considered that this application should be approved.**

Planning Decisions:

**P17/S1144/FUL**      **Ten Acre Farm, New Inn Road, Beckley, OX3 9SS**  
Construction of a ménage.  
***Planning Permission on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2017***

**P17/S2082/DIS**      **Abingdon Arms, High Street, Beckley, OX3 9UU**  
Discharge of conditions 3 (materials) and 4 (joinery details) on application P17/S1400/LB. Remedial works to building and curtilage.  
***Fully discharged on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2017***

**P17/S1400/LB**      **Abingdon Arms, High Street, Beckley, OX3 9UU**  
Remedial works to building and curtilage.  
***Listed Building Consent on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2017***

**P17/S1373/LB**      **Manor Farmhouse, High Street, Beckley, OX3 9UU**  
Single storey oak framed orangery extension following demolition of existing open porch to rear.  
***Listed Building Consent on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2017***

**P17/S1372/HH**      **Manor Farmhouse, High Street, Beckley, OX3 9UU**  
Single storey oak framed orangery extension following demolition of existing open porch to rear.  
***Planning Permission on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2017***

**Correspondence Received:**

**For Action:**

- John Edmonds-Seal – The future of the Beckley Church – *discussed. Clerk to reply.*
- EMC Medical Services – Medical Cover Quotation for 4.11.17 – *agreed.*
- Greg Keiran – Dangerous corner – Woodperry Road/Bungalow Close, Beckley – *Cllr Kirsten Johnson has referred this to Oxfordshire County Council. The Parish Council will also have a look to see if a mirror or speed limit or warning signs or hedge cutting would help.*

**For Info:**

- Planning Policy South – Information request for Settlement Assessment Review – Services and Facilities – to be returned by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017 – Clerk has replied
- Planning Policy South – Additional Information request for Settlement Assessment Review – Businesses and Hotels - to be returned by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017 – Clerk has replied
- Cllr Kirsten Johnson – Community Transport initiatives

- Cllr Kirsten Johnson – Oxfordshire Community Foundation
- Cllr Kirsten Johnson – Thame, Wheatley and Watlington Locality Meeting – Communities Fund – deadline 31 December 2017 for applications
- Susannah Mangion, Enforcement, SODC – SE16/490 Motocross at Ten Acre Farm, Beckley
- Guideposts – request for a donation to help support their work locally (Witney)
- The Maple Tree Children’s Centre – update from Jessica Banks, Treasurer
- Oxfordshire LEADER media release – Grants available to boost rural economy
- Legal & Democratic Services – District Council Acting Chief Executive – Mark Stone
- OALC – June Update
- OALC AGM – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2017 7.30pm at Didcot Civic Hall – Agenda and Annual Report
- South Oxfordshire Town and Parish Forum 5<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at Thame
- Oxfordshire Playing Fields Association – Summer Newsletter
- Thame & Wheatley Ramblers poster for July to September 2017
- Bucks County Show – Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017 at Aylesbury
- BBC2 Series – The Repair Shop poster
- Didcot Garden Town proposed delivery plan consultation – ends 31<sup>st</sup> July 2017
- Fundraising and Events Manager, John Radcliffe Hospital – Volunteer Search
- Dr Abi Tompkins, OCC – Peel back time and explore Oxfordshire’s Historic Landscapes.
- Oxfordshire LEADER Funding – Grants up to £75,000.
- Fred Foxon, Merton Parish Council – Village Hall Funding for a new hall
- SODC – South Oxfordshire’s Five-Year Housing Land Supply Statement and Addendum
- Data Protection Registration – Confirmation of Renewal to June 2018
- Community First Oxfordshire – Community Transport Network Meeting 19<sup>th</sup> June
- OALC – DCLG consultation on conserving free use of public parks
- Thames Valley Police – Monthly Newsletter for June

**7. Payments and Accounts:** cheques to be considered for payment in July:

6.07.17	Parchments Print of Oxford – Summer Newsletter/letter	£505.01	chq 1594
6.07.17	Wheatley Park School – Prize Giving – October 2017	£20.00	chq 1596
6.07.17	BGG Garden and Tree Care – grass cutting x 4 in May and June	£432.00	chq 1597
6.07.17	Ron Jones – mole control for June on playing field	£60.00	chq 1598
6.07.17	Oxfordshire County Council – Tourism Signage for Hall	£336.00	chq 1599
6.07.17	EMC Medical Services Ltd – First Aid Cover for 4.11.17	£250.00	chq 1600
6.07.17	HMRC – PAYE – NIC due	£16.32	chq 1601
31.07.17	Sue Cox – July wages	£816.66	chq 1602
	<b>Total</b>	<b>= £2435.99</b>	

- 8. To receive a Village Hall Update from Cllr Scott to include additional works:** Items such as terrace-extension, hand-driers and mirrors for toilets, sound-system and projector, CCTV, acoustics panels, tennis court and snagging are ongoing. The project will close in February 2018 when PC and BVHMC have agreed/completed additional work and the Contractor’s Defect Period will have expired. Cllr Walsh would like to see the planting scheme.

9. **To consider acoustic panels for the new hall:** Whilst the new hall has been very well received, there have been many requests for improvement to the acoustics particularly from those who are hard of hearing. The Parish Council has agreed to resolve this. Cllr Scott has obtained quotes from installers of ceiling mounted acoustic panels and is seeking best final costs from a preferred supplier who is already known to main contractor Kingerlee. Music noise (disco etc) from a very small number of external hirer events has been problematic, Cllr Scott is working with Geoff Mills (Chair BVHMC) to consider a number of options to minimise/control this in future.
10. **To consider refurbishment of the Tennis Court:** The existing surface was laid in 1991, and is now unusable for any reasonable level of tennis. The Parish Council is committed to maintaining a decent level of tennis court, and Cllr Scott has received multiple quotes for refurbishment of the tennis court surface and surrounding netting, plus basketball area. Best and final quotes are currently being invited.
11. **To consider cash flow and loan drawn-down for the next month:** No draw down this month. Grant money still outstanding and due to the PC.
12. **To consider plans for Firework Night on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2017:**
  - a. BBQ – FOBS – September meeting to give an update
  - b. Drinks -? BVHMC and BIG?
  - c. First Aid – booked with EMC
  - d. Fireworks – booked – Clerk to confirm price for September meeting
  - e. Bonfire – agreed to have a small bonfire and remove the ashes afterwards
  - f. Ticket price - £4 per person
13. **To receive a report from County Councillor Dr Kirsten Johnson:** Cllr Johnson had attended a Public Transport Representatives meeting in June. Anne Purse is the Beckley PTRep. Chris Gowers is considering developing community transport initiatives to link up villages. Cllr Johnson will pass his details onto the Clerk and PTR.
14. **To receive a report from District Councillor John Walsh:** A new Chief Executive has been appointed – Mark Stone. He will replace the old Chief Executive who has been in post for two years. New bin lorries are due to arrive in September, enabling separate lorries for food waste.
15. **To receive an update on the Neighbourhood Development Plan for Beckley and Stowood from Cllr Ginette Camps-Walsh:** The Steering Group is nearing completion of the Neighbourhood Plan and they hope to have a draft to go to SODC in the next few months.
16. **To receive a Visual Playground Inspection Report from Cllr Michael Soanes:** Cllr Soanes will replace the missing slat from the playground fence.
17. **To receive an update on the preparations for the Annual RoSPA Inspection:** Clerk to obtain a quote for removing the weeds from the zip wire area before the annual inspection in July.
18. **To consider installing the football goals on the playing field:** Cllr Scott to ask the village football players for help installing the goals on the playing field.

**19. Date of Next Meetings:**

- a. The monthly meeting on Thursday 3rd August 2017 at 8.00 pm at Beckley Village Hall has been cancelled.
- b. Next monthly meeting will be **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2017** at 8.00 pm at Beckley Village Hall.
- c. Cllr Kirsten Johnson gave her apologies for the September meeting as she has two other PC meetings that evening.

**20. Any Other Business:** Cllr Johnson was asked how many verge cuts there would be this season and how often and when? The PC also requested a map of the parish showing the area to be cut.

Meeting closed at 21:15

**Circulation:**

All Parish Councillors

County Cllr Anne Purse

District Cllr John Walsh

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