

BECKLEY AND STOWOOD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES FOR THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
ON THURSDAY 5th OCTOBER 2017 AT 8.00 PM
AT BECKLEY VILLAGE HALL, WOODPERRY ROAD
MEETING NUMBER 05.10.2017

Present: Cllr Michael Soanes (Chair)
Cllr Chris Cox
Cllr Ginette Camps-Walsh
Cllr Vivienne Rust
County Cllr Kirsten Johnson
District Cllr John Walsh
Sue Cox (Clerk)

1. **Apologies for Absence:** received from Cllr David Scott.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None declared.
3. **Matters raised by Members of the Public:** No members of the public were present.
4. **Minutes from previous meeting:** held on Tuesday 5th September 2017 were approved and signed by the Chairman.
5. **Matters arising from previous minutes:** Woodperry Road/Bungalow Close. Cllr Soanes to speak to Cllr Scott and the house owner about the thick hedge that is encroaching onto the highway and reducing vision around the corner. Grove House wall – to confirm that Cllr Scott has written to the owners about the state of the wall.

6. **Planning Correspondence Received:**

Planning Applications:

P17/S3249/DIS

Sandy Warren, New Inn Road, Beckley, OX3 9TZ

Discharge of conditions(s) (materials), 4 (landscaping) for planning permission P17/S1821/FUL: Proposed erection of a detached two-bedroom dwelling with access.

This application is not subject to public consultation.

P17/S3306/HH

Blencowe, 1 New Inn Road, Beckley, OX3 9TZ

Proposed raising of roof and creation of first floor extension

The Parish Council had No Strong Views on this application.

P17/S3154/FUL **Appletree House, Woodperry Road, Beckley, OX3 9UY**
Conversion of existing garage to two-bedroom dwelling house with associated parking and amenity space.
The Parish Council considered that this application should be approved.

Planning Decisions:

P17/S2084/DIS Manor Farm House, High Street, Beckley, OX3 9UU
Fully Discharged on 7th September 2017

7. Correspondence Received:

For Action:

- Jill Meyjes, Secretary to The Otmoor Flyer Organiser Group – Funding request – *for the January meeting.*
- Russel Parker – Rubbish dumped outside Manor Farm Bungalows – *no further action to be taken as rubbish has been cleared away.*
- Kingerlee – Invoice for works at Beckley Village Hall – *checked and approved by Cllr Scott.*
- Community Emergency Plans, Survey and Resilience Workshop – survey to be completed by 31st October and returned – *clerk to complete and return.*
- South Oxfordshire Local Plan – update briefing 11th October 2017 – two Cllrs can attend – *Cllr Camps-Walsh and Cllr Scott to attend.*

For Info

- Policing in the Thames Valley – September Newsletter
- Village Social Group – Barn Dance at Beckley Village Hall – 20th October 2017
- Gill Westbury – Recreation Ground
- SODC – Town and Parish Forum – 1st November 2017 - Wallingford
- Historic England – Invitation – Free Conference on Conservation Areas – 4th October
- Cllr Kirsten Johnson – Communities Fund – information
- Cllr Kirsten Johnson – Update on Oxford-Cambridge Expressway
- Community First Oxfordshire – At a Glance Newsletter – September
- SODC Planning Policy – Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability and Local Plan/CIL Viability Assessments – Feedback requested on methodology
- Gina Robson – Whole Village Churchyard Tidy Up – Saturday 14th October – *see website*
- SODC – Erection of 1 new residential dwelling to be named: The Garden House, Woodperry Road, Beckley, Oxford, OX3 9UY
- OALC September Update – *emailed to Cllrs*
- Thame & Wheatley Ramblers Group – Walks Programme October to December 2017 – *see website*

- SODC – Meeting the challenge of delivering new homes in Southern Oxfordshire – have your say – *see website*
- SODC – Reminder South Oxfordshire Local Plan – update briefing 11th October
- Countryside Alliance – Nominate now in the ‘Rural Oscars’ 2017
- SODC Media Release – Grants Boost to make a big difference for smaller community projects in South Oxfordshire – apply now!
- NAG Minutes of meeting held 13th September 2017
- Open Spaces Society – Your Rights of Way could be lost forever – please help! – *see website*
- Oxfordshire LEADER Funding – Event 10th October at Standlake 2-4 pm
- Community Information Network – Autumn 2017 Partnership Meetings
- National Highway and Transport Public Satisfaction Survey – Member Consultation
- Age UK Oxfordshire – 2017 Dignity in Care Awards
- Oxfordshire Art Weeks - Registration closes 31st December 2017 – *see website*
- SODC – South News – September 2017
- SODC – Community Tennis Network Meeting – funding and increase tennis court usage – Monday 16th October at Didcot

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

05.10.17	Kingerlee Ltd – Interim Certificate No 13	£13,070.00	chq 1612
05.10.17	BGG Garden and Tree Care – August x 2 cuts	£216.00	chq 1613
05.10.17	Parchments Print of Oxford – Autumn Newsletter	£254.53	chq 1614
05.10.17	HMRC – PAYE - NIC due	£16.32	chq 1615
05.10.17	BDO LLP – Audit of Annual Return 31.03.17	£1560.00	chq 1616
05.10.17	Chapman Worth – Payroll and Pension Service	£378.00	chq 1617
31.10.17	S Cox – October wages and Expenses	£811.17	chq 1618
05.10.17	Ron Jones – Mole Control for September	£60.00	chq 1619
06.09.17	NEST	£5.88	DD
	Total	= £16,371.90	

9. **Receipts:** 2nd Half Precept 2017/18 for £18,235.00

10. **To approve and accept the Annual Return for the year ended 31.3.17:** postponed to November meeting.

11. **To receive a Village Hall Update from Cllr Scott to include additional works:** postponed to November meeting.

12. **To consider works to the Field Gate on the playing field:** postponed to November meeting.

13. **To consider the Village Hall Booking Clerk:** item cancelled.

14. **To consider the PC becoming a Friend of the Community Orchard:** Cllr Rust will be the PC contact for the Orchard and will become a Friend in due course.

15. **To consider refurbishment of the Tennis Court:** postponed to November meeting. There is a SODC and LTA grant meeting on Monday 16th October at Didcot.

16. **To consider cash flow, grant funding and loan drawn-down for the next month:** postponed to next month.

17. **To consider plans for Firework Night on 4th November 2017:**

- a. BBQ – Update from FOBS – *Clerk and Cllr Scott to contact FOBS next week.*
- b. Drinks -Update - BVHMC and BIG – *agreed.*
- c. First Aid – *booked by Clerk*
- d. Fireworks – *booked by Clerk. Cost £1400 plus VAT.*
- e. Bonfire – *agreed to have a small bonfire built by the PC only.*
- f. On the day – *Cllr Rust is not available.*
- g. Lights – *John Walsh – lights could be in the village hall?*
- h. Float – *Clerk*
- i. Signs – *Clerk to prepare signs for Cllr Cox to erect around the village.*

18. **To receive a report from County Councillor Dr Kirsten Johnson (to include Horton Road Speed Limit):**

Cllr Johnson had spoken to Vanessa Buckley, Highways and the manhole cover (belonging to Thames Water) had at last been repaired – three years after the Clerk reported it in 2014. Speed reduction on the Horton Road – a speed survey is the first step. Agreed to put an article in the parish newsletter and consult the village as to the interest in this project. The cost to the PC would be up to £5,000. Cllr Johnson will be debating at the November Cabinet meeting for the reinstating of bus services to rural areas. The CC has a duty to provide a bus service. The Oxford to Cambridge Expressway – there is a meeting at Cuddesdon Village Hall at 7.30 pm this week. Cllr Johnson will attend and feedback to the PC next month. Jacobs Consultancy, a national infrastructure company, are involved with the project and will be asking Parish Councils to take an interest. SODC prefers the northern route. Jacobs Consultancy will recommend the North or South route following the consultation period. Mike Tyce sends updates on the Expressway to interested parties.

19. **To receive a report from District Councillor John Walsh:** SODC has three more neighbourhood plans to approve. The Draft Local Plan will be published tomorrow (6th October) to go to the Inspector. All previous versions not moved forward. Oxford City may or may not put forward Wick Farm for housing. Government has published figures for Oxford City which were lower than OCC's figures. South Oxford was lower and this takes the pressure off the Green Belt. Culham could be taken out of the Local Plan? Food Collection Service – slight hiccup on the first week and some bins were not emptied but this should not happen again.

20. **To receive a Visual Playground Inspection Report from Cllr Michael Soanes:** Cllr Soanes recommended that ten bags of play bark or chippings be ordered from Adrian White Building Supplies to top up the zip wire area. The goal posts are up on the playing field and ready for use.

21. **Date of Next Meetings:**

- a. **Thursday 2nd November 2017** at 8.00 pm at Beckley Village Hall - agreed
- b. **Thursday 7th December 2017** at 8.00 pm at Beckley Village Hall - agreed
- c. **Precept Meeting?** – Thursday 4th January 2018 – **TBC at November meeting**

d. **Thursday 11th January 2018** at 8.00 pm at Beckley Village Hall – **TBC at November meeting.**

22. **To receive an update on the Neighbourhood Development Plan for Beckley and Stowood from Cllr Ginette Camps-Walsh:** The Parish Council commended Cllr Camps-Walsh for her fabulous piece of work in putting together the Neighbourhood Plan for the village. Geoff and Ann Henman attended the meeting as they had been part of the Neighbourhood Planning Group.
23. **Neighbourhood Plan Presentation by Cllr Camps-Walsh at 9.15 pm:** Cllr Camps-Walsh presented a slide show to the PC and answered questions from the PC about various aspects of the Plan. The next step is to recommend the Plan to SODC. The Chairman left at 9.25 pm.

Meeting closed at 9.55 pm

Circulation:

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County Cllr Kirsten Johnson

District Cllr John Walsh

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