

BECKLEY AND STOWOOD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES FOR THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
ON THURSDAY 14th JANUARY 2021 AT 8.00 PM
BY CONFERENCE CALL
MEETING NUMBER 14.01.2021

Present: Cllr Chris Cox (Chair)
Cllr Michael Soanes
Cllr Ginette Camps-Walsh
Cllr Vivienne Rust
County Cllr Tim Bearder (8.00 to 8.10 pm)
District Cllr Sarah Gray (8.00 to 8.10 pm)
Clerk – Sue Cox

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 Thursday 3rd December 2020 were approved and signed by the Chairman.
5. **Matters arising from previous minutes:** None.
6. **To receive a report from County Councillor Tim Bearder:** PC were asked to liaise with Cllr Bearder over Otmoor Lane and Fix My Street. Copy of any reports and photos to be sent to Cllr Bearder. Cllr Bearder has not been out and about as much recently due to Lockdown3. Cllr Camps-Walsh asked about OCC grants she had read about in the OALC newsletter and Cllr Bearder was going to see what was available.
7. **To receive a report from District Councillor Sarah Gray:** The Councillor Grant Scheme closes on 5th February 2021. The grants are for £250 minimum and are eligible for community groups and parish councils for climate change, energy lighting etc projects. Cllr Camps-Walsh asked how the PC could apply for CIL money for a cycleway? Cllr Gray replied that PCs are not able to apply for CIL but she will enquire and SODC spends the money itself on infrastructure.

8. **Planning Correspondence Received:**

Planning Applications:

P20/S4542/LDP Lower Farm, Otmoor Lane, Beckley, OX3 9TD

Greenhouse

SODC to determine the outcome of this application

P20/S4530/LDP The Grange, Woodperry Road, Beckley, Oxfordshire, OX3 9UY

Demolish existing redundant garage and erect a garden office and store

SODC to determine the outcome of this application

P20/S4444/HH Park Wall, Otmoor Lane, Beckley, OX3 9TB

Single storey rear extension. Alterations to external finishes. (Variation to approved scheme P20/S1035/HH)

The Parish Council agreed to Support this application and that external finishes should be sympathetic to the Conservation Area

P20/S4797/HH Sandy Warren, New Inn Road, Beckley, OX3 9TZ

Proposed ancillary outbuilding to provide home office

The Parish Council agreed to Support this application and that a clause be added that it is not to be used for living accommodation and permitted development rights to be withdrawn.

P20/S4852/HH Fairview, Horton Road, Stanton St John, Oxford, OX33 1AG

Proposed removal of existing conservatory and replaced with single storey extension and erection of a detached garage/machinery storage outbuilding.

The Parish Council agreed to Support this application and requested that the Planning Officer considers the 40% volume criteria for an extension.

P20/S4878/HH Church Corner House, Beckley, OX3 9US

Proposed alteration to plot entrance wall and erection of new gates, erection of new garden wall along western boundary and insertion of rooflight to east elevation.

The Parish Council agreed to Support this application.

Planning Decisions:

- P20/S4112/FUL** **Sandy Acre, Woodperry Road, Beckley, OX3 9UY**
- Planning application for (phased) erection of two dwelling houses with gardens, parking, and ancillary works in replacement of existing bungalow (alternative proposal to permitted house and garage P20/S1555/FUL).
- Planning Permission on 23rd December 2020**
- P20/S4016/FUL** **Hillview, Horton Road, Stanton St John, OX33 1AG**
- Demolition of existing dwelling and replacement with a new one and half storey building comprising Class F1 educational children's nursery school (Alternate scheme to planning permission P18/S0975/FUL).
- Planning Permission on 21st December 2020**
- P20/S4061/LDP** **Fairview, Horton Road, Stanton St John, OX33 1AG**
- Erection of detached outbuilding for machine storage and general storage ancillary to Fairview. (As clarified by amended elevation drawing received 6 November 2020, with overall height annotated)
- Certificate of Lawful Use or Development on 11th December 2020**
- P20/S4083/FUL** **Ten Acre Farm, New Inn Road, Beckley, Oxfordshire, OX3 9SS**
- Proposed demolition of existing brick and wood-built barns and outbuildings and construction of new 4-bedroom farm house.
- Withdrawn prior to determination on 9th December 2020**
- P20/S3783/FUL** **Land North of Beckley Court, Beckley, Oxfordshire**
- Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans) of application P18/S3705/FUL. Proposed new 3 bed dwelling.
- Planning Permission on 4th December 2020**

9. Correspondence Received:

For Action/Response:

- Geoff Henman – Turning on Church Street – request for PC to improve the surface at the bottom of Church Street – The PC had met on site at the weekend to consider the request. There would be no advantage to improving the road beyond the houses, as the areas adjacent/parallel to the road are privately owned and so a public turning area could not be created. “No Through Road” sign could be moved and added to the Church Street sign for clarity.
- Anne Purse, Maple Tree Children’s Centre – request for consideration in Beckley PC’s budget setting – the PC did not wish to fund organisations outside of the Parish.
- Citizen’s Advice – request for donation towards running costs for 2021/22 – no funds available for this request.
- Beckley Community Orchard Group annual rent payment for 2020 and 2021 – Clerk to reply to the Chair of the Community Orchard Group.
- SODC - Parish Precept 2021-22 – reply due by 22nd January 2021 – Clerk to action.

For Info:

- Otmoor Flyer Bus – cancelled from Boxing Day due to Tier 4 restrictions – PC has been made aware of a new bus service H5 running between Bicester and the JR along the B4027 with two temporary stops in Islip. PC to investigate if Beckley could have a bus stop too. **Action: Clerk**
- Information about the upcoming Census March 2021 - SODC
- OALC, NALC, SODC, OCC, Oxfordshire All In, Citizen’s Advice, Healthwatch Oxfordshire, Police and Crime Commissioner, Rural Services Network
- OALC December Newsletter – 20 mph speed limits and OCC

10. Payments and Accounts: cheques/DD to be considered for payment:

03.01.21	NEST Pension	£23.26	DD
28.12.20	Clerk – December wages	£827.04	chq
04.01.21	HMRC – PAYE – NIC due 19 th January	£12.04	chq
04.01.21	C T Walters (Electrical) Ltd – BVH outside lights repair	£390.73	chq
04.01.21	Parchment Print – Winter Newsletter	£274.72	chq
04.01.21	JTW Cox Farms – Hedge Cutting – playing field	£336.00	chq
04.01.21	Adrian Hampshire – reimbursement website costs	£112.02	chq

11. To confirm the Precept Demand for the Financial Year 2021/22: The Precept Demand was agreed at £41,005.00 and will be submitted to SODC by the Clerk. The figure to include funds to progress the website to compliance with the Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications) (No. 2) Accessibility Regulations 2018.

12. To receive an update on the draft Website Accessibility Statement:

- Versantus – feedback from Cllr Scott – Cllr Scott had spoken to Versantus, a dedicated Oxford based company with decades of experience building websites and applications in Drupal (the basis of our website). Versantus have quoted £1500 to report on the status of the website in relation to the above legislation. The PC previously agreed to accept this quote, incorporating funds to implement required website changes into the next year precept.

13. To receive any updates from Fix My Street:

- The Blossoms – uneven surface to the pavement – reported again 20.10.20
- Woodperry Road – sunken road – report closed – intervention criteria not met
- Otmoor Lane – Cllr Scott to take photos and talk to Cllr Bearder
- Grit Bin, Common Road – replaced with a green grit bin in December 2020

14. To receive an update from Cllr Ginette Camps-Walsh on:

- The Neighbourhood Development Plan for Beckley and Stowood – Cllr Camps-Walsh reported that the group were finishing off recommendations received from the Consultant.
- SODC Local Plan – many members of the Save Bayswater Countryside group and CPRE have put personal money towards legal advice from the Barrister handling the case against Cherwell Local Plan, but there is no case. Bioabundance a CIC has made a legal challenge to SODC Local Plan on the grounds of climate change, SSSI, excessive housing numbers, bullying of councillors and inadequate consultation. No response has been received from SODC. A letter has been sent to all District Cllrs telling them that they are not allowed to do anything. Some PCs are financially supporting this cause and group also asking the public for money before the case goes to Court on the 20th to see if they will accept it. A contribution from Beckley PC would be nice but not expected. This is a multi-parish effort. Sidling's Copse is a triple SSSI and fragile, nothing is to be built nearby within 200m, including a proposed a link road/bypass to the ring road and Headington roundabout. Natural England and BBOWT are very opposed to the development. Visitor numbers to the SSSI have increased. Climate change – carbon emissions from the development will be significant with no compensation. Pegasus have submitted a 380-page Hearing Statement. The PC has been contacted by Camargue, a communications

company working for Christ Church and Pegasus, and invited to a series of consultations on a masterplan for LnBB, but the modelling for the roads have not yet been decided. Cllr Camps-Walsh has looked at the traffic flow figures. Master planning – to set up a group with Wick Farm and Lower Farm and Cllr Camps-Walsh is happy to be the parish representative and set up a group. She has been in correspondence with Lower Farm and Wick Farm. Wick Farm residents have security of tenure but the pitches are leasehold.

15. To receive and discuss:

- Visual Playground Inspection Report from Cllr Soanes and Cllr Scott – no report given.
- Playground Facilities – update on start date – 17th February 2021 - tbc
- Table Tennis tables – update from SODC – Clerk to order a permanent table with grant funding from SODC.
- Quote for securing table tennis table to ground – to be done when requirements are known
- Goal Post foundation sockets and security fence posts – update – to be done when fence posts are back in stock.
- RSPB and parking Otmoor Lane – feedback from Cllrs Scott and Rust – parking in November was bad and the verges have suffered. Increase in potholes. The Reserve is closed due to Covid-19 and Lockdown.
- Snow planning – J T W Cox Farms to carry out works, if required.
- Building sites down Otmoor Lane – Cllr Rust had spoken to the contractors and the road has been swept and cleaned by a road sweeper and is ok for now.
- Litter problem down Otmoor Lane – a quantity of 2L Coke bottles have been found in the ditches and cleared away by local residents.

16. Dates of Meetings in 2021:

- Dates for 2021 – usually first Thursday of the month – tbc before each meeting
- Thursday 4th February 2021 at 8.00 pm via Conference Call
- Thursday 1st April 2021 – PC meeting moved to Thursday 8th April 2021 due to Easter holidays.
- Thu 6th May 2021 – Local Elections? (still under review) – PC meeting moved to Wed 5th May 2021
- Annual Open Parish Meeting (1 March to 1 June) – date tbc

17. Meeting closed: at 9.50 pm.

18. Circulation: Parish Cllrs, County and District Cllrs and Village website.