

**BECKLEY AND STOWOOD PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES FOR THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**ON THURSDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER 2020 AT 8.00 PM**  
**AT BECKLEY VILLAGE HALL, WOODPERRY ROAD, OX3 9UZ**

**MEETING NUMBER 03.09.2020**

**Present:** Cllr David Scott (Chair)  
Cllr Chris Cox (Vice Chair)  
Cllr Michael Soanes  
Cllr Ginette Camps-Walsh  
Clerk – Sue Cox  
Two members of the public

1. **Apologies for Absence:** received from Cllr Vivienne Rust, Cllr Tim Bearder and Cllr Sarah Gray.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Scott declared an interest in the planning application at Lower Farm, The Old Farmhouse.
3. **Matters raised by Members of the Public:** Geoff Henman attended the meeting with his concerns about the blocked storm drains in Church Street. GH has emailed Cllr Bearder about the drains. **Action:** The Clerk will report the drains again on Fix My Street and GH was encouraged to report them too with photographs if possible. GH also raised the problem of the sinking road along Woodperry Road following the installation of the mains drainage. **Action:** Clerk to report this issue again on Fix My Street.

John Walsh attended the meeting to urge the PC to respond to the new planning consultations and do something for democracy.

4. **Minutes from previous meeting:** held on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> July 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:** No report received due to Cllr Bearder's absence.
7. **To receive a report from District Councillor Sarah Gray:** No report received due to Cllr Gray's absence.

## 8. Planning Correspondence Received:

### Planning Applications:

- P20/S2739/FUL**      **Cornerways, Horton Road, Stanton St John, OX33 1AG**  
Installation of ground mounted solar panels.  
Comments to SODC by 19<sup>th</sup> September 2020  
**The Parish Council agreed to Support this application**
- P20/S3008/HH**      **Lower Farm, The Old Farmhouse, Otmoor Lane, Beckley, OX3 9TD**  
Proposed erection of an entrance gate.  
Comments to SODC by 20<sup>th</sup> September 2020  
**The Parish Council agreed to postpone this application to the 1<sup>st</sup> October meeting - extension of time agreed by SODC.**

### Planning Decisions:

- P20/S1799/HH**      **Red Lion Cottage and Royal Oak Cottage, Beckley, OX3 9UP**  
  
Formation of four new rooflights to front, new roof dormer to rear, and extension of storage space to side of existing outbuilding.  
  
**Planning Permission on 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2020**
- P19/S4615/FUL**      **Workshops to the rear of New Inn Court Off B4027 Beckley OX3 9TY**  
  
Demolition of workshop. Erection of new build dwelling with gardens.  
  
**Refusal of Planning Permission on 28<sup>th</sup> August 2020**

## 9. Correspondence Received:

### For Action/Response:

- Paul Wilson, OCC – Winter Preparedness – no action required
- OALC – National Salary Award for 2020-21 from 1 April 2020 – Clerk to contact payroll services with new rates. Proposed by Cllr Scott and seconded by Cllr Soanes.

**For Info:** OALC, NALC, SODC, OCC, Oxfordshire All In, Citizen's Advice, Healthwatch Oxfordshire, Police and Crime Commissioner, Rural Services Network and

- CFO Oxfordshire Rural Services Survey Report 2020,
- Oxfordshire Together - Snow Wardens,
- Invitations: To free webinar series - Resiliency, Recovery and Truly Sustainable Communities and the CFO AGM,

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

04.08.20	NEST Pension	£21.70	DD
03.09.20	NEST Pension	£21.70	DD
28.08.20	Clerk – August wages and expenses	£847.24	chq
10.08.20	BGG Garden and Tree Care – July grass cutting	£351.00	chq
03.09.20	HMRC PAYE – NIC due 19 <sup>th</sup> September 2020	£18.08	chq
03.09.20	BGG Garden and Tree Care – August grass cutting	£234.00	chq
03.09.20	Playsafety Limited – Annual Inspection Play Area	£157.80	chq
03.09.20	Mrs S J Etheridge – LnBB Hearing	£855.00	chq

**11. To receive an update on the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2019/20:**

The audit is ongoing and documents are available on the website to view.

**12. To receive and agree the draft Website Accessibility Statement:** postponed to October meeting.

**13. To receive any updates on Extended Firing Hours – Otmoor Range:** The DIO have not received any requests so far for extended night firing at the Range.

**14. To receive an update on The Otmoor Flyer Bus Service:** The bus service restarted in July and comes to Beckley twice a week. Information on the website and tickets available from The Abingdon Arms.

**15. To receive any updates from Fix My Street:**

1. Church Street – Blocked drains – *reported by Clerk*
2. The Blossoms – uneven surface to the pavement – *reported by Clerk*

**16. To receive a Village Hall Update from Cllr Scott to include additional works:**

1. Gravel for village hall car park – *works on the car park started this week.*

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

1. The Neighbourhood Development Plan for Beckley and Stowood: Currently updating the SODC Local Plan policies and preparing mitigating policies for LnBB with the low car use scenario.

2. SODC Local Plan: The Inspector has sent a letter to say the plan has been found sound. Questionable as SODC and OCC have not come to an agreement yet. There is a “Go to sustainable transport solution”. Cllr Bearder has emailed and Cllr Camps-Walsh has written to Cllr Yvonne Constance. Bus gates push traffic onto the ring road. Waiting for a reply. Need to update mitigating policies in the NP to make life easier for us. Protect ourselves as much as we can. Main modifications letter – the road network is one. Goes out to consultation for a month and then write the report. SODC is not of a mind to agree to it. As soon as the Local Plan is approved Pegasus etc would put in their planning applications. SODC are looking into a judicial review.
- 18. To receive and discuss two GOVERNMENT CONSULTATIONS – “PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE” and “CHANGES TO THE PLANNING SYSTEM”:** Cllr Camps-Walsh has spoken to the Chair of Risinghurst and Sandhills PC about simplifying the planning system. There are 25 questions to look at and for the PC to answer. GCW has not read it all yet. Land is split into growth, redevelopment and protected with a local process for designation. The new system has one planning consultation only. GCW’s concern is we won’t have a say in anything once the land is designated. NP – plan for how each street should look. Design person as one of the Planning Officers. NALC also has a consultation out with 35 questions with a response date of 17<sup>th</sup> September. Planning for the Future consultation closes on 29<sup>th</sup> October and Changes to the Planning System closes on 1<sup>st</sup> October. Agreed to ask Cllr Rust if she would like to take this project on.
- 19. To receive and discuss:**
1. Visual Playground Inspection - Cllr Soanes and Clerk – done 28<sup>th</sup> August 2020.
  2. Moles – none seen.
  3. Tennis Court – open for play.
  4. Annual Inspection Report from RoSPA – 28.08.20 – received 1<sup>st</sup> September and circulated to PC.
  5. Goal Posts – to be concreted in
  6. Playdale Quote received 21<sup>st</sup> August 2020 - £4,700 plus VAT. Clerk to contact Playdale.
  7. Bonfire and Firework Night – **Cancelled for 2020**
  8. Village hall and playing field gates and locks – keep all three gates permanently locked to avoid travellers moving in.
  9. Draft letter for RSPB – postponed to next meeting.
- 20. Date of Next Meeting:**
1. Thursday 1st October 2020 at 8.00 pm at Beckley Village Hall – tbc
  2. Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2020 at 8.00 pm at Beckley Village Hall – tbc
- 21. Meeting closed:** at 9.30 pm.
- 22. Circulation:** Parish Cllrs, County and District Cllrs and Village Website:

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