

BECKLEY AND STOWOOD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES FOR THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
ON MONDAY 9TH MARCH 2020 AT 8.00 PM
AT BECKLEY VILLAGE HALL, WOODPERRY ROAD, OX3 9UZ

MEETING NUMBER 09.03.2020

Present: Cllr David Scott (Chair)
Cllr Chris Cox (Vice Chair)
Cllr Michael Soanes
Cllr Ginette Camps-Walsh
Cllr Vivienne Rust
Clerk – Sue Cox

1. **Apologies for Absence:** received from Cllr Sarah Gray.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None declared.
3. **Matters raised by Members of the Public:** David Wilding, Site Manager, RSPB Otmoor Reserve and Bob Bixby, resident of Otmoor Lane attended the meeting to discuss the parking and traffic problems during the Starling Murmurations over the Christmas holidays. Cllr Scott asked how do we control these events in the village and the need to plan for the next 10-20 years. The RSPB have looked into other options but do not believe there are other entrances onto the Reserve that could enable access to additional car-parking. **Action:** DW to speak to landowners surrounding the Reserve about access. Another option is to make the car park bigger as use has made the need for a bigger car park. Passing on the Lane is the difficult part. DW would have to take this idea back to the RSPB and argue a strong case for this to be successful. There is a groundswell of dissatisfaction in the village regarding volumes of traffic parking on Otmoor Lane and the High Street. **Action:** PC to write a letter to DW to help the case. Need to all work together to find a solution. **Action:** PC asked DW and the RSPB to report back by the May meeting.
4. **Minutes from previous meeting:** held on Thursday 6th February 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:** Cllr Bearder was not present at the meeting and no report had been received.
7. **To receive a written report from District Councillor Sarah Gray:** Cllr Gray had sent her apologies and an email report to the PC.

8. Planning Correspondence Received:

Planning Applications:

P20/S0407/HH

Redways, New Inn Road, Beckley, OX3 9SS

Proposed single storey rear extensions, alteration to existing front bays and cosmetic changes to external envelope.

The PC agreed to Fully Support this application with comments to be taken into consideration

P20/S0618/LB

1 Church Street, Beckley, OX3 9UT

Add a porch and a porch canopy at the rear and south side of the building.

The PC agreed to Fully Support this application.

Planning Decisions:

P19/S2951/FUL

Sandy Acre, Woodperry Road, Beckley, OX3 9UY

Demolition of existing dwelling house and erection of replacement dwelling house to provide family home with detached garage with parking, amenity space, landscaping, and associated works (As amplified by Great Crested Newt Habitat Assessment December 2019).

Planning Permission on 5th February 2020

P19/S4512/FUL

The Garage, Horton Road, Beckley, OX33 1AG

Demolish existing garage (consented for residential use under SODC Ref P18/S3063/N2A) and erect 2-bed home with ancillary infrastructure and enlarged garden area (Reworking of P19/S1351/FUL to allow altered location/orientation of the dwelling and enlargement).

Planning Permission on 4th February 2020

9. **Correspondence Received:**

For Action/Response:

- Community First Oxfordshire Membership 2020-21 – *agreed to renew*

For Info:

- OCC - Supported Bus Services Fund
- OPT Awards 2020 - Open for Entries!
- OALC February Monthly Update for member councils
- Oxfordshire Youth Awards- Nominations close on Sunday 15th March!
- OALC - Rural isolation programme for BBC with The Rural Services Partnership
- Waste Team South and Vale - Deep Cleanse Beckley and Stowood – April
- HM Treasury - PWLB governance change
- Matthew Barber - Police and Crime Bulletin February 2020 - 🚓 £160,000 taken from criminals awarded to charities; protecting victims of domestic abuse; and more...
- Arthritis Action – Oxfordshire – virtual meetings in 2020 via Zoom
- Tom Garrod, Oxford City Council - Invitation: Parish Councils Climate Emergency Workshop - 28.03.20
- Oxford City Council Consultations - Oxford Local Plan 2036 Main Modifications - Invitation to Join
- Andrew Earnshaw - FA Local Football Facility Plan for South Oxfordshire - Have your say
- Oxfordshire County Council - Brexit briefing
- Thames Valley Police - Vacancies for lay members of the Joint Independent Audit Committee

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

09.03.20	NEST Pension	£22.26	DD
09.03.20	HMRC – PAYE – NIC due 19 th March 2020	£26.64	chq
09.03.20	C T Walters (Electrical) Ltd – Village Hall – Socket	£139.07	chq
09.03.20	ONPA – Associate Membership for one year	£25.00	chq
28.03.20	Clerk – March wages and Expenses	£806.38	chq

11. Receipts:	OCC – Cllr Priority Fund Grant	£250.00
	SODC – Cllr Grant Scheme 2019/20	£1,000.00
	Groundwork UK – Neighbourhood Plan Grant	£3,057.00

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

- Gravel for village hall car park – *to consider in next financial year*

13. **To receive any updates on The Oxford to Cambridge Expressway:** *an update may be given during the Budget on 11th March 2020.*

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

- The Neighbourhood Development Plan for Beckley and Stowood – the Plan has to be finished this month and group looking at housing density if we have a village boundary. The boundary will be smaller than last time and The Track

and New Road have not been included this time. The village boundary goes down Woodperry Road and along the back of the houses. The village consultation would be published on the website etc and statutory consultees would also be contacted. In the SODC Local Plan 1,100 new houses are proposed for Wick Farm. There will be an examination in public by December 2020. Cllr Camps-Walsh to contact other villages and PCs and get good consultancy advice. Horspath PC has a very useful person for advice on planning law.

- Oxford Greenways Project – could have a cycleway through Elsfield but would not be over safe in Winter. Bayswater Road would be safer.

15. To receive any Fix My Street problems for the Clerk to report:

- Grit Bin, Common Road – reported 23rd April and 12th August 2019
- Blocked Drain on corner of High Street – reported 8th April and 12th August 2019
- Woodperry Road Surface – reported 12th August 2019

16. To discuss Website Accessibility email from Adrian Hampshire: *postponed to next meeting.*

17. To consider preparing an OCC Community Resilience Plan: *No one available to take this project on at the moment.*

18. To consider a date/time for the Clerk's Annual Appraisal at the end of March: *Monday 30th March at 7.00 pm.*

19. To receive and discuss:

- Visual Playground Inspection Report – *MS has repaired the playground fence.*
- Grounds maintenance – *Scouts – copy of Public Liability Insurance and H&S Risk Assessment required for PC records.*
- Compost bin for BVH – *Cllr Cox to research and source a bin.*
- Annual Inspection Report from RoSPA and Playdale quote for repairs – *action plan for 2020 - Cllr Rust has contacted Playdale and they are happy to meet anytime to look at repairs needed.*

20. Date of Next Meeting:

- Thursday 2nd April 2020 at 8.00 pm at Beckley Village Hall - **TBC**
- BVHMC Open Meeting at 6.30 pm before:
- Annual Open Parish Meeting – Thursday 21st May 2020 at 7.30 pm at BVH - **TBC**
- Bonfire and Firework Night – Saturday 7th November 2020 – Fireworks at 6.30pm. Gates open at 5.30 pm – **TBC**
- **Meeting closed:** 9.30 pm.
- **Circulation:** Parish Cllrs, District and County Cllrs and village website www.beckley-and-stowood-pc.gov.uk