

**BECKLEY AND STOWOOD PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES FOR THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**ON THURSDAY 11TH JANUARY 2018 AT 8.00 PM**  
**AT BECKLEY VILLAGE HALL, WOODPERRY ROAD**  
**MEETING NUMBER 11.01.2018**

**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 Rust.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None declared.
3. **Matters raised by Members of the Public:** One member of the public was present to observe the meeting.
4. **Minutes from previous meeting:** held on Wednesday 6th December 2017 were approved and signed by the Chairman.
5. **Matters arising from previous minutes:** None.
6. **Planning Correspondence Received:**

**Planning Applications:**

**P17/S4412/HH**            **2 St Tinnivers, High Street, Beckley, OX3 9UU**  
Side and rear extension  
**The Parish Council considered that this application should be Approved at the meeting. The PC have since amended their decision to No Strong Views to take into account subsequent objections from neighbours.**

**P17/S4480/HH**            **Grey House, High Street, Beckley, OX3 9UY**  
Extensions to Grey House and associated alterations  
**The Parish Council considered that this application should be Approved.**

**Planning Decisions:**

**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.  
**Planning Permission on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2017**

- P17/S3728/FUL**      **Abingdon Arms, High Street, Beckley, OX3 9UU**  
Demolition of existing toilet accommodation. Construction of new toilet accommodation (as amended by drawing nos D04 A and D06 A received on 21.11.17 to include the widening of the main entrance door).  
**Planning Permission on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2017**
- P17/S3729/LB**      **Abingdon Arms, High Street, Beckley, OX3 9UU**  
Demolition of existing toilet accommodation. Construction of new toilet accommodation (as amended by drawing nos D04 A and D06 A received on 21.11.17 to include the widening of the main entrance door).  
**Listed Building Consent on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2017**
- P17/S4026/PDH**      **Blencowe, 1 New Inn Road, Beckley, OX3 9TZ**  
Single storey rear extension Depth 7.9m. Height 4m Height to eaves 2.55m.  
**Permitted Development on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2017**
- P17/S4014/LDP**      **Blencowe, 1 New Inn Road, Beckley, OX3 9TZ**  
Erection of detached single storey ancillary building.  
**Certificate of Lawful Use or Development on 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2018**
- P17/S3574/LDE**      **Lower Farm, Otmoor Lane, Beckley, OX3 9TD**  
Use of land as residential garden.  
**Certificate of Lawful Use or Development on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2017**

## 7. Correspondence Received:

### For Action:

- Mike Hobbs – Beckley Community Defibrillator – request for funding – *agreed and payment will be made at the February meeting.*
- SODC – Important – Register of Members' interests – complete if necessary - *actioned*

### For Info

- Donna Dickenson - Community Bus Support
- Susy Jepson – Community Bus Support
- Community First Oxon – Attracting Unusual Suspects Workshop – 5<sup>th</sup> February
- OALC – VAT on Tennis Courts
- Enrych – Are you able to help us? – request for funding
- Thames Valley Police – Survey on an increase in Council Tax to help protect operational policing is launched
- Healthwatch Oxfordshire – December Briefing newsletter
- Thame and Wheatley Ramblers – Poster for January to March walks (on website)
- RAF Brize Norton Public Consultation Update – Airspace Change Proposal

- Wheatley Park School – Consultation on changes to our Published Admissions Policy
- SODC – Waste has never bin so easy with a new smartphone App
- London Oxford Airport – Consultation Notification
- Police and Crime Commissioner – December Newsletter
- Cllr Kirsten Johnson – Communities Fund Grants still available
- Adrian Hampshire – Security warnings with websites and browsers – Early warning
- An Invitation from the Maple Tree Children’s Centre Charity – 11<sup>th</sup> January 2018
- Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan: Part 2 Site Allocations: Informal Consultation and Renewed Call for Site Nominations
- Oxfordshire Association for the Blind – appeal for funds

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

11.01.18	The Otmoor Flyer – Funding 2017 and 2018	£1000.00	chq 1640
11.01.18	OALC – three training courses for Clerk	£144.00	chq 1641
11.01.18	JTW Cox Farms – Snow Clearing in December	£624.00	chq 1642
11.01.18	HMRC – PAYE – NIC due 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	£16.32	chq 1643
11.01.18	Ron Jones – Mole control for December	£60.00	chq 1644
28.01.18	Sue Cox – wages for January	£797.73	chq 1645
08.01.17	NEST Pension	£5.88	DD
	<b>Total</b>	<b>= £2647.93</b>	

*The PC would like to thank Chris and JTW Cox Farms for clearing the snow around the village.*

- 9. To confirm the Precept for the Financial Year 2018/19:** All aspects of prior year expenditure were discussed on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018, and the coming years’ budget was set based on previous expenses and future expectations. The precept was set at £34,890.
- 10. To receive a Village Hall Update from Cllr Scott to include additional works:** Items to be completed include hand-driers for the four toilets, CCTV, hedge laying and acoustic panels. The village hall car park main gates do not have hook fasteners to hold them back. **Action:** Cllr Cox to look at the gates to see what is required.
- 11. To consider quotes for Acoustic Panels for the Village Hall:** Four quotes were considered. The cheaper quote of two to supply and fit at £4,200, the other two were just supply, was proposed by Cllr Scott and seconded by Cllr Soanes and agreed by the PC.
- 12. To consider quotes for Tennis Court refurbishment:** Three quotes were considered. Cllr Scott proposed the cheapest quote at £16,000, this was seconded by Cllr Cox and agreed by the PC.
- 13. To consider a quote for works to the Field Gate on the playing field:** To secure the entrance the existing gate needs to be re-hung, new posts to be considered, and a side gate is to be fitted for pedestrian access. Cllr Scott proposed for JTW Cox Farms to carry out the work within a suggested budget of £400, this was seconded by Cllr Soanes and agreed by the PC. **Action:** Cllr Cox to organise the work.
- 14. To consider a quote for hedge laying at the village hall:** Cllr Scott proposed a quote received for 50m@£15/m, this was seconded by Cllr Soanes and agreed by the PC.

15. **To consider a quote for the Village Pond works:** £250 has been set aside in the budget for the last five years to clean out and tidy up the pond. Cllr Scott proposed spending this reserved fund on the pond, this was seconded by Cllr Soanes and agreed by the PC.
16. **To consider a quote for Zip Wire maintenance works to include play bark purchase:** Cllr Scott proposed that 10 bags of play-grade bark be purchased at a cost of £1000+VAT, and that JTW Cox farms cleanout/repair/reinstate within a budget of £750, this was seconded by Cllr Soanes and agreed by the PC.
17. **To consider funding the Otmoor Flyer losses for 2017 and 2018 at a cost of £500 pa:** Cllr Scott proposed funding one quarter of the known losses for 2017, and predicted similar losses for 2018 at a cost of £500pa, this was seconded by Cllr Cox and agreed by the PC. A cheque was signed at the meeting for £1,000.00.
18. **To consider consolidation of village hall loan funding into one single Public Works Loan Board Loan of £150K:** Cllr Scott proposed consolidating the two variable rate loans, final fit-out costs and tennis court refurbishment into one ten-year fixed rate loan of £150K, payable 6 monthly in-line with receipt of Precept (Apr/Oct), this was seconded by Cllr Camps-Walsh and agreed by the PC.
19. **To consider cash flow, grant funding and loan drawn-down for the next month:** The new hall first-year defects period will end in January, with final snagging being agreed and completed in February/March. Subsequently Kingerlee will submit a final invoice, against which outstanding SODC and Big Lottery grants will be claimed.
20. **To receive an update on the Neighbourhood Development Plan for Beckley and Stowood from Cllr Ginette Camps-Walsh:** The NP Team have informed Statutory Consultees, and CCG, responses are awaited. A Public Meeting will be held on 6<sup>th</sup> February. The NP is a simple plan and asks for feedback. Few comments have been received so far. Cllr Camps-Walsh, and the NP team, were thanked for compiling the Plan. **Action:** Cllr Scott has agreed to lend his projector for the meeting.
21. **To receive a report from County Councillor Dr Kirsten Johnson:** There will be a Public Enquiry on 12<sup>th</sup> December for the Oxford to Cambridge Expressway. There is to be more transparency and the public are to be consulted. Stakeholder statuses will be in place for the next consultation, which runs until July. Decisions on the general area of which quarter and then which villages will be affected. Consultants were appointed in December. Reports from the Action Group seem to favour the east-west rail line. Need local experts or sponsors. There is a small team working on reports. **Action:** The PC will join the Action Group mailing list. Work is planned to start in 2026. The Otmoor Flyer does not have capacity to increase the service to five days a week. Local buses – a meeting was held on 22<sup>nd</sup> December. Villages want daily public transport for work and school. OCC are looking to see where buses work and where there are gaps in the service. They are also looking at different models, in order to consider rolling out to villages. Demand-led transport is another option and home to school transport. There is no provision for Forest Hill school children to go on a school or community bus. One consideration is a new bus service from Bicester to Oxford that could pick up from the villages on-route.

22. **To receive a report from District Councillor John Walsh:** Cllr Walsh attended a meeting before Christmas at SODC. They recommended putting your rubbish out the night before as some of the collections can now be quite early. SODC Precept will be increased following discussions. The Local Plan will go to the Inspector in the late Spring or early Summer. Christchurch College have renewed talk of housing at Lower Elsfield. A planning application is expected to be submitted in the next couple of months.
23. **To receive a Visual Playground Inspection Report from Cllr Michael Soanes:** Cllr Soanes will inspect the playground this weekend. **Action:** Clerk to obtain quotes for grass cutting for 2018.
24. **Date of Next Meetings:**
- a. **Thursday 1st February 2018** at 8.00 pm at Beckley Village Hall
  - b. **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February** – Neighbourhood Planning Meeting at 8.00 pm at BVH

Meeting closed at 9.35 pm.

**Circulation:**

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