

**BECKLEY AND STOWOOD PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES FOR THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
ON THURSDAY 4<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2021 AT 8.00 PM**

**BY CONFERENCE CALL**

**MEETING NUMBER 4.03.2021**

Present: Cllr David Scott (Chair)  
Cllr Chris Cox (Vice Chair)  
Cllr Michael Soanes  
Cllr Ginette Camps-Walsh (from 8.20 pm)  
Cllr Vivienne Rust  
District Cllr Sarah Gray (from 8.00 pm to 8.25 pm)  
Clerk – Sue Cox

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Tim Bearder
2. **Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Soanes declared a personal interest in item 12 on the agenda.
3. **Matters raised by Members of the Public:** No members of the public were present.
4. **Minutes from previous meeting:** held on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2021 were approved and will be signed by the Chairman at a later date.
5. **Matters arising from previous minutes:** Cllrs discussed when would the NDP be ready for the PC to read through and would it be sent to SODC at the same time?
6. **Planning Correspondence Received:**  
Planning Applications:

**P21/S0441/LB**

**New Inn Barn, Beckley, OX3 9TY**

External and internal alterations including: 1. Removal of non-LB blockwork partitioning to ground floor WC and lobby (located behind staircase) 2. Opening created at ground floor level between kitchen and dining room 3. Internal alterations to blockwork partitions (on the ground floor) and studwork partitions (on the first floor) to adapt the layout. 4. Ground floor study window replaced with glazed door. Head and reveals externally to match existing openings. 5. Internal alterations to studwork partitions (on the first floor) to adapt the layout of en-suite bathrooms and creation of dressing room. As part of these works a timber clad panel on rear elevation is to be replaced with opening casement window (to match adjacent window on the right). 6. Creation of new window opening in front elevation to match existing (including salvaged stone surround from window replaced below).

**PC agreed to support the application with No Objections**

**P21/S0453/DIS**

**Hillview, Horton Road, Stanton St John, OX33 1AG**

Discharge of conditions 3(Materials) & 6(Cycle Parking Details) on application P20/S4016/FUL (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)).

**This application is not subject to public consultation however it is sometimes necessary for the council to consult professional bodies - Highways.**

**P21/S0185/DIS**

**Hillview, Horton Road, Stanton St John, OX33 1AG**

Discharge of conditions 4 (Surface water drainage works) & 5 (Foul drainage works) on planning application P20/S4016/FUL 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).

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Planning Decisions:

**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.

**Planning Permission on 15th February 2021**

**P20/S4852/HH**

**Fairview, Horton Road, Stanton St John, OX33 1AG**

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

**Planning Permission on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

**P20/S4299/HH**

**Grey House, High Street, Beckley, OX3 9UU**

Extensions to Grey House and associated alterations.

**Planning Permission on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

**P20/S4797/HH**

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

Proposed ancillary outbuilding to provide home office

**Planning Permission on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

7. **To receive a report from County Councillor Tim Bearder:** No report given due to Cllr Bearder's absence.
8. **To receive a report from District Councillor Sarah Gray:** Cllr Gray has resigned as a District Cllr, and will be stepping down shortly. This will be her last call to Beckley PC. A by-election will be held in May 2021. There are proposals that SODC and Vale of White Horse DC work together on the Local Plan that will eventually supersede SOLP2035. The old plan originally ran until 2027 but was superseded in 2020, the Government wants the next plan by 2024. Local participation may be diluted due to the size of the area. Planning will start soon, will be a huge process and possibly more contentious than previous plans. The agenda is Build, Build, Build. Cllr Gray will continue her work with LnBB and the low car development, which she feels is innovative and ahead of the curve, pushing for 21<sup>st</sup> Century thinking. The younger generation want an alternative e.g., low car schemes. Developers are looking for car clubs and households not owning a car of their own. Less concrete and hardstanding is built when there are less cars to park, with a car club you can rent a car as you need it. Cllr Scott thanked Cllr Gray on behalf of the PC and community for bringing so much to our patch as part of her area. Cllr Gray was invited to come along to Beckley Fun Day and the Fireworks (tbc) in November.
9. **Correspondence Received:**

**For Action/Response:**

- Proposed Solar Farm North of Noke – consultation closes 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021 – *Cllr Camps-Walsh to send in a response from the PC based on the newsletter article. Cllr Scott to contact RSPB to ask them to go public with their views.*
- Support for Bioabundance Community Interest Company – request for support and donation – *Clerk to contact Bioabundance for the PC to join the organisation for £25.*
- Mike Hobbs – Missed Bin Collections in Church Street due to obstruction by parked cars – request for the Parish Council to investigate and generate solutions to the traffic obstructions which have led repeatedly to Biffa being unable to collect bins in our road? – *Individuals to report their own missed bins. PC agreed to write to Biffa Municipal Team 1 and copy MH into the correspondence. PC asked if oil lorries have been able to get down the street over the winter and can the lorries get to the school to empty the large bins there?*

**For Info:**

- OALC, NALC, SODC, OCC, Oxfordshire All In, Citizen's Advice, Healthwatch Oxfordshire, Police and Crime Commissioner, Rural Services Network, John Howell MP Newsletter, Community First – grants
- OALC February newsletter – *Cllr Camps-Walsh had read through the consultations that she thought the PC should respond to. Cllr Rust and the Clerk will respond to the LTCP consultation which closes on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2021.*
- OALC February newsletter – *Covid-19 Regulations for remote meetings come to an end on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2021. Unclear at the moment if meetings will return to face-to-face or if remote meetings will still be permitted. Await further advice from OALC.*

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

04.03.21	NEST Pension	£23.26	DD
28.02.21	Clerk – February wages and expenses	£827.24	chq
04.03.21	HMRC – PAYE – due 19 <sup>th</sup> March	£11.84	chq
04.03.21	J T W Cox Farms – Salt Spreading 24.01.21	£378.00	chq
04.03.21	Wheatley Scout Group – gardening Aug 2020 to Jan 2021	£600.00	chq
04.03.21	Acquisition ESU – gardening BVH Feb to July 2020	£600.00	chq
04.03.21	Bluestone Planning Partnership LLP – NDP	£292.50	chq
04.03.21	Playground Facilities – repairs and inspection	£2866.39	chq
04.03.21	Parchment Prints of Oxford – Spring Newsletter	£334.72	chq
11. Receipts:	HMRC – Vat Reclaim for 2019/20	£5,496.86	

**12. To discuss Website Accessibility Statements and Versantus:**

- Webinar: Government Digital Service (GDS) on NEW web accessibility requirements & deadlines - 25th February, 1pm – feedback – *awaiting digital recording of the presentation from Cllr Scott.*
- Quote from Bethany Soanes for assessing the accessibility of the parish council website for £400 – *PC to contact Adrian Hampshire to discuss and report back to April meeting. Action: Cllr Scott/Rust.*
- Versantus – next steps – *on hold*
- Beckley website accessibility statement is available to read on the website.

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

- Woodperry Road – reported again 19.02.21. Response from FMS - Thank you for your enquiry. I have visited the site and assessed the problem that you have identified. Unfortunately, it does not meet our current intervention criteria so I cannot arrange a repair. We will continue to monitor this during our routine inspections. State changed to: **Investigation complete**
- Otmoor Lane – some work has been done and Cllr Bearder will speak to his contact in OCC.

**14. To receive any updates from Cllr Ginette Camps-Walsh on:**

- The Neighbourhood Development Plan for Beckley and Stowood – The NDP should be finished in the next two weeks. Cllr Camps-Walsh to distribute to the

PC, whilst sending to Riccardo at SODC for distribution to statutory consultees assessing any requirement for a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA). The NDP could be open to challenge if an SEA isn't included but should be. Cllr Camps-Walsh indicated that the SEA assessment should take about a month. Funding would be required for an SEA if it is necessary, as a Consultant would complete this. **Action: Cllr Scott** to send a PDF about SEAs to all. We should let SODC help us make the decision on the SEA.

- Bayswater Oxford Meetings – All information is on the village website. No modelling has been done for the roads due to the Low Car Policy. A new draft Masterplan will be available for comments. Cllr Camps-Walsh believed there are too many houses on the site – between 1,100 and 1,600 are proposed with 4-storey housing for density. 4-storey housing and flats are becoming more common in new builds. The houses on the south side of LnBB are two-storey. The proposed link road north of Wick Farm will be on higher ground and could increase noise pollution.

**15. To receive and discuss:**

- Visual Playground Inspection Report from **Cllr Soanes** – *the equipment is all good. Some fence posts are beginning to break off at ground level. Discussions held regarding next steps to get quotes for fencing - weather resistant, perhaps green metal fence, or recycled plastic picket fencing? Proctor Contracts have brown plastic fencing on their website which could be simple to fit? Action: Cllrs Rust and Soanes to take on this project.*
- Wooden Bench – **Clerk** to write to owners about the wording on the bench
- Playground Facilities 12.02.21 – feedback from **Cllr Rust** – *plastic covers have been ordered for one piece of playground equipment and will be fitted by the Rust family when they arrive.*
- Zip Wire Quote - *the bark has come to the end of its life and is not used as much nowadays for zip wire bases. Cllr Rust was asked to get more information and a sample of the rubber matting and a data sheet for the next meeting.*
- Ditches and Drainage - Otmoor Lane – update - *summer project for Cllrs Scott, Soanes and Cox. Cllr Cox to obtain contact details for owners of land adjacent to Otmoor Lane and the Agent for Beckley Park. Ditches and culverts are blocked higher up Otmoor Lane.*
- Goal Post foundation sockets and security fence posts – update on progress – *to be done before next meeting – Cllr Cox*
- RSPB and parking Otmoor Lane – feedback from Cllrs Scott and Rust – *nothing to add.*
- H5 Bus Service from Bicester to JR Hospital via Islip – *the H5 bus was observed five times over two days and there was one person on the bus plus the driver. The bus makes a journey every hour but won't stop at Beckley due to time*

*constraints. No changes planned at the moment. Concern from PC over unnecessary emissions and journeys.*

- Otmoor Flyer Meeting 22.02.21 – feedback from Clerk
  - i. Local Transport and Connectivity Plan - Vision Consultation – *to be completed by **Cllr Rust and the Clerk** before 29<sup>th</sup> March 2021.*
- Fireworks – Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2021 – tbc – *no deposit required for a provisional booking but unsure if the event will be able to take place at this stage.*
  - i. EMC – *Clerk to make provisional booking*
  - ii. Skyline Promotions – *provisional booking has been made for 6.11.21*
  - iii. Zurich Insurance – *event would be covered if all risk assessments have been completed for Covid and HSE.*
- Table Tennis tables – update – *SODC have issued a PO for £600 and waiting for confirmation of match funding from Table Tennis England for £600.*
- Quote for securing table tennis table to ground – *postpone to next meeting*
- Councillor grant scheme – promotion of projector and grants awarded to the project – *the monitoring form has been completed by the Clerk and has been accepted by SODC Grants.*
- Village Hall – *could be re-opening in May 2021*
- Bins – a bin is needed near to the playground – these could be looked after by the hall caretaker? CCTV cameras to be adjusted as there is rubbish on the playground.
- Bee Orchids are growing on the playing field. A resident of Sandhills asked if these could be protected.

#### 16. Dates of Meetings in 2021:

- Dates for 2021 – usually first Thursday of the month – tbc before each meeting
- No meeting on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 – April PC meeting moved to **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2021**, due to Easter holidays (via Conference Call). All agenda items to Clerk by 31.03.21.
- Thu 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021 – Local Elections in BVH – PC meeting moved to **Wed 5<sup>th</sup> May 2021** (via Conference Call).
- Annual Open Parish Meeting (usually held 1 March to 1 June) – **date tbc** – *agreed to try and hold a face-to-face meeting after 21<sup>st</sup> June – end of June or early July – restrictions permitting.*

17. **Meeting closed:** 9.45 pm

18. **Circulation:** Parish Cllrs, County and District Cllrs and Village Website: