

BECKLEY AND STOWOOD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES FOR THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
ON THURSDAY 9th JANUARY 2020 AT 8.00 PM
AT BECKLEY VILLAGE HALL, WOODPERRY ROAD, OX3 9UZ
MEETING NUMBER 09.01.2020

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

1. **Apologies for Absence:** received from District Cllr Sarah Gray.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None.
3. **Matters raised by Members of the Public:** No members of the public were present.
4. **Minutes from previous meeting:** held on Tuesday 3rd December 2019 were approved and signed by the Chairman.
5. **Matters arising from previous minutes:** Cllr Camps-Walsh had not heard back from Cllr Bearder as to who to contact in OCC about cycle ways. Clerk to write to Cllr Bearder and he will forward the letter on to OCC.
6. **To receive a report from County Councillor Tim Bearder:** Responsibility for the Local Plan may be transferred to County. The No Expressway Group have not heard from Grant Shapps even though the Priority Review has been promised following the Election. There is a possibility that SODC and the Vale District Councils will merge to save costs and raising Council Tax is part of the plan. There is a duplication of tasks so a merger would be better, and save money. SODC does have a big cash reserve, but could save £1m over the two councils but unsure if it will work. Elections could be put off for two years if the merger happened. The Zero Emission Zone will be in the centre of Oxford, no traffic would be permitted. The toilets and laybys at Wheatley on the A40 will be closed due to inappropriate activities. The PC didn't think it was a good idea to close the laybys completely as the lorries need the parking during the day and overnight, and Cllr Bearder will feed back our concerns and ask if just the facilities can be removed and not the laybys. Civil enforcement parking to stop parking on verges – SODC has a preliminary consultation out. This is affecting every village as you won't get a ticket for parking on verges if there is no enforcement eg yellow lines. Work started in June to assess what work needs doing. The District think County should pay for this work, which will take two years and is not included in the budget, so it will take another one year to budget for the work and two years to complete the work. The PC suggested using Grasscrete for the verges and people can then park and feedback has

shown this is a successful way for half on and half off road parking. Haddenham and Thame railway station has built a car park on stilts to increase parking availability. In Didcot, people don't use car parks as they have to pay and park on verges etc as there is no parking enforcement in place. The PC asked Cllr Bearder to feedback the traffic chaos caused by closing the B4027 between Beckley and Islip for road repairs. This road has also had temporary traffic lights while investigations were carried out.

7. **To receive a written report from District Councillor Sarah Gray:** No report due to Cllr Gray's absence.
8. **Planning Correspondence Received:**

Planning Applications:

P19/S4512/FUL	The Garage, Horton Road, Beckley, OX33 1AG Reworking of P19/S1351/FUL to allow altered location/orientation of the dwelling and enlargement to 115m2. The PC agreed to Fully Support this application
P19/S4553/FUL	Four Winds, Woodperry Road, Beckley, OX3 9UZ Conversion of garden building into self-contained annex with potential for Airbnb use. The PC agreed to Fully Support this application
P19/S4554/LDP	Park Wall, Otmoor Lane, Beckley, OX3 9TB Domestic rear extension. SODC to determine the outcome of this application.
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. The PC agreed to No Objection for this application with comments to be taken into consideration.

Planning Decisions:

P19/S3152/HH	Peppercorn Cottage, Oakdene, New Inn Road, Beckley, OX3 9TZ Proposed removal and replacement of existing front extension and connection to and conversion of existing garage/store building to create additional living accommodation. Planning Permission on 4th December 2019
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9. Correspondence Received:

For Action/Response:

- Oxfordshire South & Vale Citizens Advice - Grant Aid – request for donation – *No funds available.*
- The Oxford Green Belt Network - Oxford-Cambridge Expressway - The need for a very quick e-mail reply from you to this important question about your support for or opposition to the Oxford-Cambridge Expressway – *Clerk to reply to say the PC would oppose the Expressway.*

For Info:

- ONPA meeting - 10am on 11th January 2020. The meeting will start at 10am, at Chalgrove Youth Club, Chalgrove (behind the village hall). The address is Baronshurst Drive, OX44 7TE.
- Police and Crime Commissioner newsletter - December 2019
- Police & Crime Bulletin December 2019 - Op Holly, domestic abuse, neighbourhood policing and more...
- Peter Rutt - Oxford County Council Leader's letter to Government OPPOSING the Expressway
- OALC - Preparing for Audit and Understanding Internal Audit – training
- TTRO (T7276) Temporary Road Closure - Woodeaton, unnamed road from B4027 – 10th February 2020
- Deddington Neighbourhood Plan – Notification of Withdrawal Statement
- Olivia Field - Urgent letter from No Expressway Group
- Thame and Wheatley Ramblers walks poster January 2020 – *see website*
- Broadband - FYI - Businesses in Rural Oxfordshire Ultrafast Fibre Delivery! - Oxfordshire County Council
- OCC - A Winter Health Message for Residents – *see website*

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

09.01.20	NEST Pension	£22.26	DD
09.01.20	HMRC – PAYE – NIC due 5 th January 2020	£13.32	chq
09.01.20	Ron Jones – mole control for December	£60.00	chq
09.01.20	Robert Green – December Grounds Maintenance	£30.00	chq
09.01.20	Parchments Print – Winter Newsletter	£334.70	chq
09.01.20	J T W Cox Farms – hedge cutting – playing field	£244.80	chq
28.01.20	Clerk – January wages and Expenses	£853.65	chq

11. **To confirm the Precept Demand for the Financial Year 2020/21:** The Precept Demand was agreed at £37,485 and will be submitted to SODC by the Clerk.

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

- Gravel for village hall car park awaiting confirmation of final works.
 - Projector/AV and OCC and SODC Cllr Grant Schemes – *the grant forms have been submitted and a decision is due in February.*
13. **To receive updates on The Oxford to Cambridge Expressway:** Nothing to report.
14. **To receive an update from Cllr Ginette Camps-Walsh on:**
- The Neighbourhood Development Plan for Beckley and Stowood: Two quotes have been received from consultants. Can now apply for a grant to pay for a consultant.
15. **To receive any Fix My Street problems for the Clerk to report:**
- **Otmoor Lane** – Cllr Scott to take photographs and submit to Fix My Street. The lane has been completely ruined by recent RSPB traffic. Cllr Scott to meet The RSPB about the parking and request a car park is available to accommodate the increased volume of cars. The ditches are the responsibility of the landowners to keep clear and free-flowing. See <http://www.southoxon.gov.uk/services-and-advice/environment-and-neighbourhood-issues/severe-weather/flooding/> for more information.
 - 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 receive and discuss:**
- Visual Playground Inspection Report from Cllr Michael Soanes: *fence slat to be replaced at the weekend. Cllr Rust to write to two companies about grants for playgrounds.*
 - Playing field hedge cutting - *hedge has been cut by J T W Cox Farms. Hedge laying – another section will be done along the village hall boundary this winter.*
 - Annual Inspection Report from RoSPA and Playdale quote for repairs – action plan for 2020
 - New Dual-waste litter bins – *awaiting update from SODC following litter checks.*
 - Brown bin for garden waste – *no bin at present.*
 - Bonfire and Firework Night – Saturday 7th November 2020 – Fireworks at 6.30pm – *catering van to be booked by Cllr Cox.*
17. **Date of Next Meeting:**
- Thursday 6th February 2020 at 8.00 pm at Beckley Village Hall
 - Monday 9th March 2020 at 8.00 pm at Beckley Village Hall
 - Annual Open Parish Meeting – Thursday 21st May 2020 at 7.30 pm at BVH
18. **Meeting closed at:** 9.30 pm.