

BECKLEY AND STOWOOD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES FOR THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
ON THURSDAY 6th FEBRUARY 2020 AT 8.00 PM
AT BECKLEY VILLAGE HALL, WOODPERRY ROAD, OX3 9UZ
MEETING NUMBER 06.02.2020

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

1. **Apologies for Absence:** received from Cllrs Vivienne Rust, Sarah Gray and Tim Bearder.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** Cllr David Scott declared an interest in the planning application at The Old Farmhouse, Lower Farm, Otmoor Lane.
3. **Matters raised by Members of the Public:** No members of the public were present.
4. **Minutes from previous meeting:** held on Thursday 9th January 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 at the meeting but had emailed to say the PC have been awarded a grant of £250 towards the new projector.
7. **To receive a written report from District Councillor Sarah Gray:** Cllr Gray was not at the meeting and had sent an email report to the PC before the meeting. The PC has been awarded a grant of £1,000 towards the new projector, and would like to thank Cllr Gray and SODC.
8. **Planning Correspondence Received:**
Planning Applications:

P20/S0174/HH

Park Wall, Otmoor Lane, Beckley, OX3 9TB

Construction of garage and workshop

The Parish Council agreed to Fully Support this application.

P19/S3339/HH

**The Old Farmhouse, Lower Farm,
Otmoor Lane, Beckley**

Amendment (no. 2) - Proposed two storey side and single storey extension and change of use of agricultural land to residential garden. (As amended by drawings accompanying letter from agent dated 26 November

2019 removing the proposed outbuilding and reducing the size of the extensions to the dwelling and amplified by drawing 17094-SKP112, Original Volume and Appendices accompanying letter from agent dated 30 January 2020).

The Parish Council agreed to Fully Support this application with comment to be taken into consideration

Planning Decisions:

P19/S4554/LDP

Park Wall, Otmoor Lane, Beckley, OX3 9TB

Domestic rear extension

Certificate of Lawful Use or Development

Correspondence Received:

For Action/Response:

- The Otmoor Flyer – request for donation of £750 for 2020/21 – *agreed to pay £750 at the April PC meeting to The Otmoor Flyer Organising Group.*
- Robert Bixby – RSPB – *Mr Bixby and the RSPB Site Manager have been invited to attend the March PC meeting.*
- SODC Democratic Services – Correct Parish Council Details – *no changes.*
- Clare Marsh, BACBS - Beckley's Great British Spring Clean 2020 – *Clerk to reply to Clare Marsh.*
- Ann Henman – Spring Newsletter deadline is 20th February 2020 – *Noted and Cllr Scott to speak to BACBS about content in the PC newsletter.*

For Info:

- Martin Dyson, Policy Officer, OCC - Cllr Priority Fund - *£250 grant funding agreed for projector from OCC Cllr Tim Bearder.*
- Planning Policy South - Note on neighbourhood planning funding review - email to all parish/town councils – *Cllr Camps-Walsh to attend Cabinet meetings and speak against the cut to funding.*
- South Oxfordshire District Council Charity Dinner – Friday 20th March
- SODC - Change of property name from: Woodpeckers to: March House, Woodperry Road, Beckley, OXFORD OX3 9UY
- South and Vale DC – Parish Council Climate Emergency Letter
- South Oxfordshire in the Dark - Update
- OALC – Village Halls Week 2020 – Photo Competition – closes 15.3.20
- OALC - training and FREE legal advice
- Martin Kelly, A Better South Oxfordshire - South Oxfordshire in the Dark event on Saturday 25th January 2020
- Matthew Barber - Police & Crime Bulletin January 2020 - PCC bids for more tasers, Officers honoured by The Queen, Community Policing Awards and more...

- Waste Team South and Vale - Waste Tour Dates 2020
- TTRO (T7463) Temporary Road Closure - Wheatley, A40 east Bound, Forest Hill Junction to Junction 8A Wheatley – 8.00 pm to 7.00 am – 24th February 2020
- London Hearts - Parish Council Defibrillator Initiative Drive
- Keep Britain Tidy - Get ready for the Great British Spring Clean
- Oxfordshire County Council Mineral and Waste Site Drafts Plan Consultation – 22nd January to 4th March 2020 – **Action:** *Cllr Soanes to read/respond.*
- OALC – January Update
- Waste Team South & Vale - The Great British Spring Clean 2020

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

06.02.20	NEST Pension	£22.26	DD
06.02.20	HMRC – PAYE – NIC due 19 th February 2020	£13.32	chq
06.02.20	CDEC Ltd – Epson Projector at BVH	£5313.20	chq
28.02.20	Clerk – February wages and Expenses	£813.20	chq

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

- Gravel for village hall car park – *Cllr Scott has met with a contractor to obtain a quote for the work.*
- Projector/AV and OCC/SODC Cllr Grant Schemes – *the projector will be installed and payment will be made when the works are completed. Grants have been approved by OCC and SODC for £1250 in total, towards the projector costs.*

11. To receive any updates on The Oxford to Cambridge Expressway: Nothing to report.

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

- The Neighbourhood Development Plan for Beckley and Stowood – *the Group have been busy and have applied for a grant for a consultant. ONPA members provided a list of recommended consultants who have also been used by other NP groups. NP group has chosen Bluestone Planning in Watchfield and has received references from two other NP groups for their work and they stuck to the Brief. The grant has been applied for and a decision is expected soon. The consultants will start when we have the grant decision. The maximum grant available is for £9K and the grant applied for: £3,668.40 amount offered: £3,057.00 – difference is VAT which the parish council can recoup.*
- Cycleway Meeting – *cycleways will operate in central Oxford only and not extend out to the villages. Greenways is another cycling initiative and Cllr Camps-Walsh will attend their next meeting.*
- TVERC Data Search Report for NP – *copy circulated to PC – for information.*
- ONPA Membership – *to consider applying for membership £25.00 – agreed and Cllr Camps-Walsh to send form to the Clerk to apply for membership.*
- South Oxfordshire in the Dark Meeting – *250 people attended and the Local Plan is in a mess.*

13. To receive any Fix My Street problems for the Clerk to report: *None of these items have been fixed and PC to ask Cllr Bearder for advice at the next PC meeting.*

- 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
14. **To discuss OALC/OAB Website Accessibility feedback and training slides:** *Clerk to send slides to Adrian Hampshire for comment and possible action plan.*
15. **To consider the Publication Scheme on the Website:** *No further action required.*
16. **To consider informing OALC of declaration of Climate Change Emergency:** *Clerk to inform OALC of Beckley's declaration.*
17. **To consider a date for the Clerk's Annual Appraisal at the end of March:** *Agreed.*
18. **To receive and discuss:**
- Visual Playground Inspection Report from Cllr Michael Soanes – *nothing to report.*
 - Grounds maintenance – *BVH now have a caretaker who will also look after the borders. Cllr Scott has contacted, and met, the Scouts on site and they will do the remainder of the gardening for £100 per month. Payment by invoice and they have Public Liability insurance. They will bring their own equipment. Cllr Scott has written to R & L Green and thanked them for their previous services.*
 - Moles – *PC to monitor*
 - Annual Inspection Report from RoSPA and Playdale quote for repairs – *action plan for 2020 – Cllr Rust will be involved with this project. Agreed not to replace the whole playground but to invest over time and when the Village Hall loan is paid off, we could look at a new playground. Fencing and gates should be maintenance-free if they are to be replaced.*
 - Brown Bin for Garden Waste – *agreed not to get a Brown Bin or a Grundon Bin but to install a compost bin at BVH and use the compost on the borders. Need to find a good site at the hall. To be added to the playground project.*
 - Garden waste and Mrs Mortensen's field – *Cllr Cox to inform Mrs Mortensen that the PC will get a compost bin this year. Garden waste not to be thrown into the field or under the hedge of the neighbouring field.*
 - New Dual-waste litter bins – *five, weekly litter checks starting 3rd February to document the case for installation of a litter bin – ongoing.*
 - Bonfire and Firework Night – *Saturday 7th November 2020 – Fireworks at 6.30pm – gates open at 5.30 pm. Signs to alter. A4 poster to be put in the newsletter in the Autumn.*
19. **Date of Next Meeting:**
- **Monday 9th March** 2020 at 8.00 pm at Beckley Village Hall
 - Thursday 2nd April 2020 at 8.00 pm at Beckley Village Hall
 - Annual Open Parish Meeting – Thursday 21st May 2020 at 7.30 pm at BVH – *PC to invite Wild at Heart to the meeting for a progress report for 2019/20.*
20. Meeting closed at 9.20 pm.