

SOUTH LEIGH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES, 15th SEPTEMBER 2020, 19:30

Present were:

- Mark Walker (Deputy Chair)
- Lysette Nicholls (Parish Councillor)
- Graham Soame (Parish Councillor)
- Martin Wilson (Parish Councillor)
- Carl Rylett (District Councillor)
- Catriona Bass

The meeting was held via ZOOM - three members of the public joined.

1. Apologies: Nicky Brooks (Chair)
Eileen Mawle (Parish Councillor)
Charles Matthews (County Councillor)
Dan Levy (District Councillor)
2. Declarations of interest: None.
3. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.
4. Matters of concern from Parishioners: Carl introduced Catriona Bass. Catriona is from the Eynsham Nature Recovery Network and she talked through one of the projects recently undertaken in Eynsham where three areas were highlighted to restore with wildflowers. These areas are in the churchyard, a section of the playing field and some of the verges. Catriona advised there is already a group set up in South Leigh that may, with the help of the Parish Council, highlight areas where the village could plant wildflowers. More information on the Eynsham Nature Recovery Group can be found [here](#).
5. Matters of concern from County Council or District Council: Carl advised that some of the telephone masts in Eynsham are being upgraded so this may help to improve signal in South Leigh. Dick Pears advised that he is in communication with the CEOs of 4 mobile telephone companies exchanging correspondence and that he and Nicky Brooks are due to meet with Robert Courts in October to discuss further.
Carl advised that the consultation for the area action plan was due to close on the 23rd October and that further information would be available towards the end of the year.
Carl advised there was no further information on the A40 works due to delays because of concerns from the Environmental Agency. A new team from the County Council is being put together, but no consultation period yet. To be kept as an agenda item, as we may wish to invite the County Council along to present to a meeting soon.
6. Matters arising from previous minutes not covered elsewhere: None.
7. Constitutional Matters: None.
8. Payments to approve: None.
9. Mobile Phone Signal: Covered in section 5.
10. The Lymbrook: Lysette and Graham walked areas of concern of the Lymbrook with John Hampton. The visit was to identify areas that could potentially cause flooding, so that consideration could be given for works to make improvements. Areas where banks have collapsed or need clearing were identified. Further discussions with highways and or the environment agency are needed to explore what is possible.
11. South Leigh Forest Restoration: Martin Spurrier reported that the legal agreement has been received back from Savills (Signed on behalf of Eynsham Park Estate). Approval has been received for the tree site in Chapel Road plus additional planting at the entrance to Just Cartridges. Planting is intended to start from the 28th September. News on the planting at the football field is still awaited. An application for a grant from TOE (Trust for Oxfordshire's Environment) has been completed by Martin Spurrier and Nicky Brooks. It will be assessed

and, if successful funds, would be available in December. Thanks from the Parish Council to Martin, David and Mike for their dedication and hard work on behalf of the South Leigh Forest Restoration.

12. Church End Farm: Carry over to next meeting when it's hoped more information would be available.
13. Storm Damage and review of Public Tree Safety: The chestnut tree at Holyrood House came down and damaged some fence and hedging. The Walkers at Holyrood House are arranging repairs etc. Attention was bought to the chestnut tree on the roadside where it has significant die back; this has been reported to OCC and Charles Matthew is kindly progressing this on behalf of the Parish Council.
14. Facilities updates:
 - a. The Village Hall: The Village Hall will remain closed for the foreseeable future in line with government guidelines.
 - b. Playground: The deposit has been paid. We await installation. Martin advised the pieces of equipment that needed to be removed to make way for the new installation have been removed.
15. Responses to Planning Applications: Shuttles Cottage: Previous comments relating to the Neighbourhood Plan still stand.
16. Items to Note:
 - a. Newsletter: Lysette advised that the village newsletter had been circulated via email, and social media, and the response received was positive. Consideration for further newsletters to be produced this way for the foreseeable future. Paper copies can be printed for any parishioner that wishes to have one (please email the Clerk who will arrange).
17. Any other Business:
 - a. Shores Green – to be added to the agenda for the next meeting.
18. Dates for the next meeting: 27th October at 7:30pm via Zoom.

The meeting closed at 8:58pm