

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 2nd MARCH 2021, 19:30

Present were:

- Nicky Brooks (Chair)
- Mark Walker (Deputy Chair)
- Lysette Nicholls (Parish Councillor)
- Martin Wilson (Parish Councillor)
- Graham Soame (Parish Councillor)
- Martin Spurrier (to update on South Leigh Forest Restoration)
- Dick Pears (to update on Mobile Phone Signal)
- Gary Nicholls (to update on the Conservation Area)
- Tammy Heavens (Clerk)

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

1. Apologies: Eileen Mawle (Parish Councillor)
Charles Mathew (County Councillor)
Carl Rylett (District Councillor)
Dan Levy (District Councillor)
2. Declarations of interest: Lysette advised she would be standing for District Councillor for the Standlake, Aston and Stanton Harcourt Ward.
3. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.
4. Matters of concern from Parishioners: None.
5. Matters of concern from County Council or District Council: Nicky Brooks advised that Charles Mathew had attended a meeting the previous day regarding plans for the A40 Oxford to Eynsham Park and ride, the meeting didn't not include anything relating to Shores Green.
6. Matters arising from previous minutes not covered elsewhere: None.
7. Constitutional Matters:
 - a) Tammy attended a workshop regarding the forthcoming elections covering West Oxfordshire District Council, Town and Parish Council and Oxfordshire County Council Elections . Notice of Elections will be posted to the village website, Facebook page and on village noticeboards. Applications for anyone who wishes to nominate themselves to become a Parish Councillor can be collected in person from the Council Offices, or via arrangement with Tammy Heavens as she will hold applications packs. If you would like an application pack, please email Tammy at clerk@southleigh.info and she will be able to arrange to meet you or deliver an application pack to you. Should an election take place, this will be held on Thursday, 6th May.
 - b) Nicky Brooks advised that the mistake in the Neighbourhood Plan referring to a B3 form has been corrected to a B8 form in all versions.
8. Payments to approve: Clerk's Salary and associated costs for income tax, all within budget. Invoices received for OALC subscription and from Walker Machinery for football pitch grass cutting; cheques to be raised.
9. Conservation Area: Gary Nicholls advised that funding was in place for the next stage so a Heritage Consultant has been appointed, next month preliminary works will start with a visit to the village.
10. Mobile Phone Signal: Dick Pears advised a mast is to be erected in Eynsham (O2) to aid signal along the A40 section. Dick is still enquiring after the possibility of a mast on the top of Oxford Hill. Dick Pears and Nicky Brooks are due to meet with Robert Courts on the 19th of this month.

11. The Lymbrook:

- a) Flooding: Lysette Nicholls has with assistance from Charles Mathew escalated the problem with the exposed drain by Gunn Cottage to OCC. Charles Mathew has also been assisting with a potential crack to pipework parallel to the road at High Cogges. Lysette Nicholls continues to discuss with Eynsham Park Estate over issues close to Shuttles Cottage. Mark Walker advised that he thought there was also an issue on the private section of Shuttles Cottage. Lysette Nicholls continues to chase, although during lockdown she is unable to meet with the Council, owners or contractors.
- b) Pollution: Graham Soame has met with Rita Sawrey-Woodwards who will help with a more thorough way to check the pollution. Further Zoom meetings are planned to discuss and arrange a plan, Graham Soame will put Katriona and Rita Sawrey-Woodwards in touch with one another, and we hope to be able to borrow equipment from Eynsham to help with our research. Nicky Brooks advised that her son, Ed, might also be able to help.

12. South Leigh Forest Restoration: Martin Spurrier advised that trees have arrived and are due to be planted on Wednesday 3rd March this will be the end of Phase 1. Martin Spurrier asks for help from the villagers in identifying other areas for possible planting. Martin Spurrier will contact Eynsham Estates to also try to identify areas with them. Graham Soame advised that his wife, Janet, has seen some areas whilst she has been walking and litter picking, and will discuss with Martin Spurrier. The Parish Council wishes to thank Martin Spurrier and David Brooks for all their hard work to date.

13. Facilities updates:

- a) Village hall
- b) **Village green** - we have been advised the current contractor will be retiring, so we are looking to volunteers or suggestions for someone to cut the grass on the village green and the village hall going forward.
- c) Playground
- d) Football pitch.
- e) Bus shelter.
- f) Postboxes.

14. Responses to Planning Applications:

- a) Gill Mill - this has now been approved.
- b) Church End Farm - the Parish Council Submission has been incorrectly reported on the planning portal. Nicky Brooks will resubmit.
- c) 62 Chapel Road - an application to replace the corrugated shed with a building of the same footprint but taller with slate and timber. A vote was taken with all in favour of support to the application. Clerk to write to planning office.

15. Anaerobic Digester: Nicky Brooks is aware that there is consultative documentation out at the moment that the Parish Council hasn't been made aware of. Consultation is due to close within the next few weeks. Nicky Brooks will obtain the documents and send to Parish Councillor's for their thoughts and comments by next week.

16. Items to note: Nicky Brooks and Lysette Nicholls attended a meeting on Military Covenants. Monies are available to support military based projects. Nicky Brooks and Graham Soame attended the Eynsham Nature Recovery webinar and will attend the next one. The Salt Cross Area Action Plan consultation had finished and has gone to the inspector.

17. Any other business:

- a) Mark Walker heard from a colleague farmer that RAF Lakenheath were due to send all aircraft to RAF Fairford - there could be additional aircraft noise in the area. Dick Pears suggested this was something he and Nicky Brooks could discuss with Robert Courts.
- b) The Parish Council wish to thank Lysette Nicholls and John Ashwell for another wonderful village newsletter.

Date for the next meeting: 13th April
The meeting closed at 20:29