

**DUE TO THE CURRENT GOVERNMENT RESTRICTIONS IN PLACE FOR THE CORONAVIRUS EMERGENCY, HORSPATH PARISH COUNCIL CANCELLED THE APRIL MEETING AND HELD THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING REMOTELY.**

**HORSPATH PARISH COUNCIL  
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2021 at 8.00pm.**

**Present:** Mr D Burgess, Mr P Dobson (Chair), Mr J Dobson, Mrs J Dobson, Mr P Ewart, Mrs L Hofen, Mrs J Horne, Mrs B Oakley, Mr M Timbs, Mrs L Yendole, Mrs H Kogel (Clerk).  
**Apologies**  
**Absent:**  
**Public:** 6  
Mr T Bearder (County Councillor), Mrs E Gillespie (District Councillor).

- 55/21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** – There were no apologies to be made.  
**56/21 DECLARATION OF INTEREST.** – None.  
**57/21 EMERGENCY BUSINESS – None.**

**58/21 MINUTES FOR APPROVAL.**

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021, were amended on **Item 53/21 AOB (b)** to read:- Mrs Oakley reported that pink dots have been marked on to a tree by the village memorial, which indicates the tree is going to be cut down. Mr Peter Dobson he has spoken with James Prior and checked on the internet, and the dots indicate that work is going to be carried out on that particular tree. Mr Peter Dobson has tried to contact SODC to clarify its meaning. *Mr Ewart stated that the pink dots indicate where water is coming out of the ground.* The trees on the Village Green are all covered by TPO's and are the responsibility of HPC., so we should have been notified if any work is being carried out on the tree. Mr Burgess stated that the drain in front of that tree is blocked with tree roots and is due to have work carried out on it. Mrs Gillespie agreed to speak with the Tree Officer at SODC and find out the details. The Minutes were then agreed as correct and signed by the Chairman.

**59/21 MATTERS ARISING.**

**39/21 Emergency Business – Horspath Bridge** – Mr Ewart reported that there are slow worms living in the bottom of the parapets, which are a protected species, and suggested that Mr Rob Gray be contacted to carry out an eco-survey. Mr Peter Dobson stated that an eco-survey has been carried out prior to work being carried out on the parapets and now that the bridge is going to be refurbished and not demolished, a further eco-survey will be carried out prior to the work starting. Depending on how soon the eco-survey can be carried out, the work could start in October 2021.

**60/21 MRS VICKY SHEPPARD – Presentation on proposed summer village event.**

Mrs Sheppard explained to Councillors that she works for Boys & Girls Promotions who put on events, and she would like to organise an event in the village and call it "Horsfest" to raise money for the Parish Council and St Giles Church. Mrs Sheppard suggested that the road around the Village Green is closed for 24 hours so that the Village Green can be used for stallholders, children can decorate the bridge, and a stage can be set up by the bridge. Mrs Sheppard reported that Oxford Marquees have agreed to support the event. Stallholders will pay for a pitch to raise money. Mrs Sheppard also wants to involve the Scout Group from Wheatley. Mrs Sheppard asked Councillors for an idea of how many people attend the Fair in the village in September. Mr Peter Dobson stated that it is impossible to put a figure but there is quite a few people who attend. Mr Peter Dobson stated that he has previously spoken with Mr Pettigrove about the possibility of a

Fair in the village in the summer, so he would like Mr Pettigrove to be invited to bring a small fair in for the event. Mrs Sheppard stated that she was also going to ask Mr Downes for fair rides as well. Mr Timbs asked why use the Village Green and arrange for closing of the road when the event could be held on one of the two fields available. Mrs Sheppard stated that it will be better to hold it on the Village Green and it will bring the village together. Mrs Sheppard suggested that the event is held on either the Saturday or Sunday over the August bank holiday from 12-12pm. Mr Bearder stated that he supports the event but it will be down to the Officers at OCC to approve the road closure. Mrs Sheppard stated that Wheatley close the road in the village at Christmas. Mrs Legg stated that the Christmas event in Wheatley is organised by one individual, and not the Parish Council.

Mrs Hofen stated that it would be helpful for HPC to have an understanding of how the finances will operate, and asked if there will there be a charge for pitches. Mrs Sheppard stated that local businesses will be charged £20 for a stall, and food and drink stalls will be a higher charge, all of which will be donated to HPC and St Giles Church.

Mr James Dobson suggested that HPC agree in principle to enable Mrs Sheppard to look into the road closure, but is conscious of the time frame, which might cause limitations, and also the associated costs involved. Mrs Horne stated that she is concerned about Covid-19. Mr Peter Dobson stated that the event would be subject to Covid-19 guidelines.

Mrs Oakley asked who will benefit from the money raised at the event. Mrs Sheppard stated that all money raised, minus any costs for purchasing hay bales and lighting etc., will go to HPC and St Giles Church.

Mr James Dobson proposed that HPC support the first stage of the event in principle, to allow Mrs Sheppard to contact OCC Highways with regards to a road closure, Seconded by Mr Burgess, In Favour – Unanimous. Mrs Sheppard will keep the Clerk updated.

## **61/21 PLANNING APPLICATIONS.**

- P21/S0535/ 51 Gidley Way, Horspath (Householder)**  
**HH** Renovation and two storey extension to existing dwelling and demolition of outbuilding and garage. **\*\*\*This planning application has been withdrawn by the applicant\*\*\***
- P21/S0714/ Three Acres, Sandy Lane, Horspath (Full Application)**  
**FUL** Proposed are 4 FDome glamping accommodations along with decking, parking and turning area and associated landscaping. – **Mr Peter Dobson stated that there are several concerns that are listed on SODC website about this application, including lighting, noise, the fact Sandy Lane is a bridleway, and the condition of the road which will only get worse with more people using it. Mrs Oakley stated that two neighbours who live at Gidley Way, very close to Sandy Lane are very concerned about lighting, noise, and additional cars and also about the number of glamping pods could increase very quickly. Mr Peter Dobson stated that there will be 3 permanent staff of site, but no facilities for them to use. The site is 550metres away from a public highways and is also in the Green Belt. Mr Ewart stated that this application has too many implications to Shotover Wildlife Park. Mr Peter Dobson stated that that a resident has a license for touring caravans at a site at Sandy Lane in the near future. Mrs Dobson stated that the same rules should apply to this planning application as the application for the caravan park. Mrs Gillespie stated that planning permission is not required for the touring caravans. Mrs Gillespie reported that the Planning Officer, Mr Paul Bowers has gone back to the applicant with numerous concerns, including special circumstances for development in the Green Belt and is waiting for the applicant to provide the information requested.**

Mrs Oakley proposed that this application is refused on the grounds that it does not meet the very special circumstances for development in the Green Belt. Seconded by Mr Burgess, In Favour – 8, Against – 1, Abstentions – 1.

**P21/S4227/ HH** **24 Blenheim Road, Horspath (Householder)**  
Erection of garden office. – **Councillors fully support this planning application and recommend approval.**

**P21/S1021/ LDP** **144 Gidley Way, Horspath**  
Proposed garden building.

**\*\*Certificate of Lawful Development\*\* \*\*For information only\*\*.**

Mr Davies, 146 Gidley Way, gave a presentation to Councillors to support his objection to this planning application showing the view from the rear of his property. Mr Davies stated that the proposed garden building is a substantial structure that will block the view from his property and it is an incongruous precedent on Green Belt land.

Mr Willis, 148 Gidley Way, informed Councillors that he is very concerned that the owner of the property doesn't know anything about this planning application and is concerned that the planning application has been completed by someone else in his name. Mr Willis has spoken with the Planning Officer at SODC who is doing a site visit tomorrow.

Mr Peter Dobson stated that he has been advised that the planning application is for over 50% of the size of the existing property. SODC Planning Officers will be carrying out a site visit. Mr Peter Dobson suggested that both residents make contact with Mrs Gillespie, our SODC representative. Mr Davies stated that Mrs Gillespie has visited his property and is also very concerned about this planning application and will be speaking with the Planning Officer. Mrs Legg stated that although a Certificate of Lawful Development doesn't require a consultation with Parish Councils, she would urge the Parish Council to voice their concerns in writing. Councillors agreed that the Clerk write to the Mr Neil Davies, Planning Officer at SODC to inform him that Councillors are extremely concerned about the size and location of the proposed building, which is an incongruous precedent on Green Belt land.

#### **PLANNING PERMISSIONS/REFUSALS/APPEALS.**

**P21/S0138/ FUL** **Sunnyhill Vineyard, 51 Cuddesdon Road, Horspath (Full Application)**  
Small extension to the left side of existing steel building. – **Granted.**

#### **62/21 CLERK'S UPDATE.**

**Winkworth Sherwood Solicitors.** – Horspath Glebe Allotment Field Lease, looking for confirmation of the proposed lease. – Mr Peter Dobson stated that the lease for the allotments has already been agreed previously and Winkworth Sherwood require confirmation. Councillors agreed that the Winkworth Sherwood can go ahead and prepare the draft lease.

**Flooding at Gidley Way** – The Clerk has received an email from a resident regarding flooding at Gidley Way due to blocked drains as reported by other residents in October 2020. This has been reported again on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 to OCC who will arrange for an inspector to inspect the drains.

**Conservation Area** – A resident has reported needles & syringes in the Conservation Area. The Clerk has reported this to SODC who has arranged for collection and disposal.

**Rospa Playground Inspection** – The repairs are now nearing completion. Mr Peter Dobson stated that he will meet with ODS when the repairs have been completed, to sign off this project.

**Photograph Competition** – The Clerk requested authorisation to make a BACS payment to the winners of the competition. Councillors agreed for the payments to be made. Mrs Riley agreed for some of her other photographs to be used on the website.

**Parish Council meetings after 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021** – The Clerk circulated an email from OALC which states that the regulations enabling virtual Town & Parish Council meetings come to an end at midnight on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021, therefore a return to face to face meetings is expected from 7<sup>th</sup> May 2021 despite continued uncertainty about Coronavirus. Councillors agreed to discuss this further at the next meeting.

**63/21 CYCLE SPEEDWAY LEASE – Update.**

Mr Peter Dobson reported that the draft lease has been forwarded on to Blake Morgan Solicitors for their advice and we are waiting to hear back from them. Mrs Legg will update Mr Clarke.

**64/21 PLAY AREA – Update.**

Mr Peter Dobson reported that the Minutes from the sub-committee meeting have been circulated to all Councillors, however the sub-committee have been unable to agree on a joint report for the location of the new play area. Mr Peter Dobson stated that the Cricket Club still have 13 years to go on their lease, and it is likely to be at least five years before plans to look at refurbishing the Village Hall take place, so this needs to be taken into consideration when looking at the new play area. Mrs Hofen suggested that the current location of the play area works well, and asked about the choice of equipment as outdoor gym equipment has not been accounted for. Mr Timbs stated that he has received a quotes for the play area but they do not include gym equipment. This play area will be for children only, but he has longer term plans for adult gym equipment. Mr Peter Dobson asked about funding this project, Mrs Oakley has an idea of the costs involved. Mr Timbs has requested information from Mrs Oakley on funding.

Mrs Oakley stated that at the last sub-committee meeting Councillors discussed the 3 possible locations for the play area and could not agree on the location. Mrs Oakley stated that until a location is agreed, she is unable to obtain a firm quotation for the project, and until this is received she is unable to apply for funding. Mrs Horne stated that Mr Eason, Horspath Cricket Club, is happy for the existing play area to be squared off just before the Scout Hut. Mr Peter Dobson also spoke with Mr Eason, who suggested that the play area could be extended across the road, but this would increase the costs when the indications are that the play area will be big enough as it is. Mrs Oakley stated that Coolplay and Komplan, the two companies who have submitted quotations have both said that the existing play area will not be big enough to fit all of the equipment into. Mr Timbs stated that Wickstead, who have also quoted have said that it is big enough. Mrs Hofen stated that there is also equipment in the top play area, along with a football pitch that could be refurbished and include the outdoor gym equipment and a sensory garden. Mr James Dobson stated that the Parish Council needs to decide on the expected life span of the play area, taking into consideration the possibility of the refurbishment of the village hall and the Cricket Club lease and either use the existing footprint or choose another location if the life span is expected to be more than 13 years. Mr Timbs stated that the existing location of the play area has worked well, and the size would be increased if it was extended up to the Scout Hut and he expects the life span of the play area to be around 10 years, which would fall in line with the Cricket Club lease expiring. Ms Natalie Oakley stated that a decision was made that the top play area is not included in the plans for the new play area. If it is now included, there is no need to move the play area. Ms Oakley stated that increasing the existing play area up to the Scout Hut will not give much extra room, and will the cost be worth it for a small increase in size. Ms Oakley suggested that we either make good the two play areas that we have or choose a new larger location for one play area. Mr Timbs proposed that the sub-committee obtain quotations for a new play area in the existing location that will be extended up to the Scout Hut. Seconded by Mrs Horne, In Favour – 6, Against – 4. Mr Timbs will obtain quotations for the play area and look into funding the project.

**65/21 NEW WEBSITE – Update.**

Mr Burgess reported that work on the website is progressing, but more data and photographs are required. The Clerk and Mr Peter Dobson have a training session booked with Lemoneye.

## **66/21 REVIEW OF BURIAL GROUND RULES.**

The Clerk circulated a copy of the existing burial ground rules to all Councillors, along with a fact sheet produced by the Burial Ground Manager, Mr David Horsley.

Mr Horsley stated that it is up to the Parish Council to set the price for burials etc., and there is room for an increase in fees. Mr James Dobson stated that HPC should look at an increase in line with inflation as we need to look at longer term maintenance. Mr Horsley stated that HPC should build up the reserves for purchasing land in the future. Mr Burgess stated that there will be additional expenses for the burial ground, especially with hedge cutting. Mr Horsley suggested an increase of 25% in fees.

Mr Burgess proposed the following increases:

Fee for a burial - £500.00

Fee for interment of ashes - £160.00

Fee for permission for a monument - £160.00

Fee for permission for a tablet for an ashes plot - £95.00

Seconded by Mr James Dobson, In Favour – Unanimous.

Mr Horsley will notify all funeral directors of the new fees and Mrs Palmer to update the website.

## **67/21 DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS.**

**Mr Tim Bearder (County Councillor)** – Mr Bearder has sent his annual report to the Clerk who has circulated it to all Councillors. Mr Bearder will definitely still be HPC's County Councillor at the next meeting. Mr Bearder will be taking the issue up with the planning application at Sandy Lane, Horspath as it is definitely in the Green Belt.

**Mrs Elizabeth Gillespie (District Councillor)** – Mrs Gillespie reported that the elections are on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021. Mrs Gillespie stated that she is so impressed with County Councillor Mr Tim Bearder who is very efficient. Mrs Gillespie reported that Bioabundance is appealing the decision made by the Judge to take their application to the planning court to have the Local Plan quashed. Mrs Gillespie is working with Mr Harris and attending meetings on the Oxford Cambridge Expressway.

## **68/21 CORRESPONDENCE.**

- a. John Howell MP. – Update on Horspath Bridge. – (Circulated via email).
- b. SODC. – South Town & Parish Council update 4/3/21, 11/3/21, 19/3/21, 25/3/21, 1/4/21. – (Circulated via email).
- c. LGRC. – Town Council vacancies. – (circulated via email).
- d. OCC. – Temporary road closure – Oxford A4142 Eastern Bypass (Northbound only). – (Circulated via email).
- e. RSN – Rural Funding Digest March 2021. – (Circulated via email).
- f. RSN. - The Rural Bulletin. – 2/3/21, 9/3/21, 16/3/21, 23/3/21, 30/3/21. – (Circulated via email).
- g. OALC. – Online Banking Session with Unity Trust Bank. – (Circulated via email).
- h. OCC. – Exhibition launched on plans for A34 junction at Lodge Hill. – (Circulated via email).
- i. ONPA. – March Mailing. – (Circulated via email).
- j. NALC – Chief Executive's Bulletin. 5/3/21, 12/3/21, 19/3/21, 26/3/21, 1/4/21. – (Circulated via email).
- k. SODC. – Councils looking into the possibility of a joint South & Vale Local Plan. – (Circulated via email).
- l. NALC. – How are local Councils vital to community recovery 2/3/21. – (circulated via email).
- m. NALC. – Coronavirus Update 1/3/21. – (Circulated via email).
- n. RSN. – Revitalising rural: Realising the vision. – (Circulated via email).
- o. TVP. Police & Crime Bulletin February 2021. – (Circulated via email).
- p. OALC. – February 2021 Update. – (Circulated via email).
- q. Open Spaces Society. – Update: Our team is growing – Campaigning Success. – (Circulated via email).

- r. CPRE. – OxCam Ark Spatial Framework announced. – (circulated via email).
- s. SODC. – New Tree Champions embark on ecology and climate work for South Oxfordshire. – (Circulated via email).
- t. Open Spaces Society. – Spring 2021 Newsletter.\*
- u. OCC. – Zero Emission Zone Pilot approved for August launch by Cabinet. – (Circulated via email).
- v. SODC. – Litter Picking Update – South Oxfordshire. – (Circulated via email).
- w. John Howell MP. – March 2021 Newsletter. – (Circulated via email).
- x. SODC. – Have you got your Census letter? – (Circulated via email).
- y. OCC. – Local Transport & Connectivity Plan Vision Consultation. – (Circulated via email).
- z. OALC. – Council meetings post 7<sup>th</sup> May 2021. – (Circulated via email).
- aa. Bioabundance. – Meeting 18/3/21, 25/3/21, 1/4/21. – (Circulated via email).
- bb. NALC. – Online Events. – (Circulated via email).
- cc. The Maple Tree Centre. – Harry Potter Quiz – Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2021. – (Circulated via email).
- dd. Cllr, Tim Bearder. – The Expressway is cancelled. – (Circulated via email).
- ee. OCC. – Trials to improve safety and air quality outside schools sets to begin. – (Circulated via email).
- ff. Bioabundance. – Expressway Cancelled. – (Circulated via email).
- gg. OCC. – Super fast Broadband is here – Rollout completed by “Better Broadband for Oxfordshire”. – (circulated via email).
- hh. OALC. – Tuesday National Day of Reflection. – (Circulated via email).
- ii. SODC. – South & Vale Building Control service Awarded Quality Mark. – (Circulated via email).
- jj. NALC. – How to get young people involved in Local Councils. – (Circulated via email).
- kk. Bioabundance. – Response to OCC connectivity and transport consultation. – (Circulated via email).
- ll. Cllr. Tim Bearder. – Update on Horspath Bridge. – (Circulated via email).
- mm. Oxfordshire Growth Board. – Oxfordshire Strategic Vision Update. (Circulated via email).
- nn. OCC. – Water Disruption OX2 9AS. – Update, Update 2 & Final Update 3. – (Circulated via email).
- oo. TVP. – Police & Crime Bulletin March 2021. – (Circulated via email).
- pp. SODC. - £70,000 raised for local causes by the SO Charitable Lottery as it celebrates its third anniversary. – (Circulated via email).
- qq. SODC. – Councils agree to develop a joint South & Vale Local Plan. – (Circulated via email).
- rr. SODC. – Councillor grant scheme awards £105,000 to local causes in South Oxfordshire. – (circulated via email).
- ss. NALC. – So, where has the planning power gone? – (Circulated via email).
- tt. SODC. – SODC agrees new actions to support the needs of local communities. – (circulated via email).
- uu. OALC. – Virtual Meetings. – (circulated via email).
- vv. OALC. – A free webinar on crisis communications for Parish & Town Councils. – (Circulated via email).
- ww. SODC. – High voltage power lines to be moved underground and light pollution to be minimised in South Oxfordshire. – (Circulated via email).
- xx. Bioabundance. – Help with Twitter. – (Circulated via email).
- yy. Oxford City Council. – Oxford West End & Osney Mead Area SPD – Early Engagement Consultation. – (Circulated via email).
- zz. SODC. – SODC will provide over £607,000 towards community facilities in Thame and Sonning Common. – (Circulated via email).
- aaa. SODC. – Councils to offer financial support to leisure provider. – (Circulated via email).
- bbb. Open Spaces Society. – Spring 2021 Newsletter.\*
- ccc. John Underdown. – Conservation Area. – (Circulated via email). – **Councillors agreed that Mr Harris has been the Manager of the Wildlife Conservation Area for over 20 years, and would like him to**

continue in that role. It was agreed that the Clerk will notify Mr Underdown and any other volunteers who wish to assist with projects in the Conservation Area to contact Mr Harris who will supervise all work carried out. Mrs Oakley stated that the steps in the Conservation Area need repairing.

- ddd. SODC. – Variation Application – Sunnyhill Vineyard. – (Circulated via email). – **Councillors agreed that there are no objections to extending opening hours.**
- eee. OGBN. – Annual Subscription of £15. – (Circulated via email) – **Approved.**
- fff. OPFA. – A return to play. – (Circulated via email).
- ggg. CPRE. – Sewage, Flooding & Water issues in your Parish. – (Circulated via email).
- hhh. Bioabundance. – Bioabundance files appeal to have legal action proceed. – (Circulated via email).
- iii. SODC. – Statement from SODC. – (Circulated via email).
- jjj. Open Spaces Society. – Easter Update/Your Outdoors/Campaigning Success. – (Circulated via email).
- kkk. CPRE. – OxCam Expressway Cancelled. – (Circulated via email).
- lll. Bioabundance. – £3-£4m to mend the Goring gap. – (Circulated via email).
- mmm. SODC. – Council to offer financial support to leisure provider. – (circulated via email).
- nnn. OALC. – March 2021 Update. – (circulated via email).
- ooo. OCC. – Annual Parish survey and GDPR form returns. – (Circulated via email).
- ppp. Morland House Patient Participation Group. – Morland House Surgery. – (Circulated via email).
- qqq. Ms Valerie Hunt. – Community Orchard. – (Circulated via email). – **Mr Ewart suggested that the pumping station land could be used. Mr James Dobson suggested that this may be a good opportunity to approach land owners adjacent to green belt land to purchase a piece of land for the community orchard. Mr Burgess stated that all college land is on agricultural leases. Mr James Dobson stated that we need to understand the requirements, such as size of the land etc. It was agreed that the Clerk will contact Mrs Hunt to obtain more details such as the size of the land required, and who would manage/maintain the orchard.**

*\* original held by the Clerk, copy available on request.*

*# displayed on Village Hall & village noticeboards.*

## 69/21 PAYMENTS.

Chq	To Whom Paid	Details	Vat	Total £
BACS	Mrs Hayley Kogel	Home Office March 2021		30.00
		Stationery		43.00
		Postage		25.46
		Zoom Monthly Subscription		14.39
	Mrs Hayley Kogel	Salary 24/2/21 – 24/3/21		570.15
BACS	OALC	Annual Subscription	48.40	290.41
BACS	Mr P Aries	Bus Shelter & Play Area Maintenance February & March 2021		120.00
	Barclays Bank	Fee to cancel cheque		12.50
BACS	Lemoneye	2 <sup>nd</sup> Instalment of website fee		800.00
BACS	Bioabundance	Membership Fee		25.00
BACS	Community First Oxfordshire	Annual Subscription		70.00
DD	PWLB	Loan repayment for village hall		624.75
BACS	Arrow Accounting	Internal Audit Fees 20/21 (Chq 102785 cancelled)		435.00

BACS	Oxford Duplication Centre	Scanning of village scrap book	29.77	178.62
BACS	Mrs Heather Palmer	Payment of Easyspace website domain		49.47
BACS	ONPA	Annual Subscription		25.00
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>78.17</b>	<b>3313.75</b>

#### 70/21 RECEIPTS.

Date	Received from	Details	Total £
15.2.21	Horspath Nursery	Annual Rent	240.00
8.3.21	Barclays Bank	Business Premium Account Interest	0.29
24.3.21	HMRC	Vat Repayment	2636.98
30.3.21	S&R Childs Funeral Director	1 x Burial	400.00
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3277.27</b>

#### HORSPATH RECREATION CHARITY

Chq	To Whom Paid	Details	Vat	Total £
24.3.21	S T Properties Ltd	Quarterly rent for Chequers Car Park		712.50
		<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>712.50</b>

#### 71/21 AOB.

- a. Mr James Dobson thanked Ms Natalie Oakley for her help with the photograph competition.
- b. Mrs Oakley asked if any decision has been made on using the donation from Mr Bearder to paint the Village Hall. Mr Peter Dobson stated a quotation for the painting has been received and he is waiting for a second quotation. The donation from Mr Bearder is to use towards kitchen units. Mr Peter Dobson stated that this is a Village Hall matter and will be a Village Hall cost.  
Mrs Oakley suggested that HPC should purchase flowers and champagne for Mrs Palmer as a thank you for managing the village website over the years. Councillors agreed an amount of £50.00. Mrs Oakley will arrange for the present to be given to Mrs Palmer.  
Mrs Oakley asked if there is any update on 20mph speed limits being implemented in the village. Mr Bearder stated that there are a lot of villages keen to have this, and it will be top of his priority list if he is elected in May 2021.  
Mrs Oakley asked for the date of the APM. Mr Peter Dobson confirmed that the APM will be held on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2021.
- c. Mrs Gillespie stated that the SODC Planning Officers won't take official notice of any comments received from HPC with regards to the planning application at 144 Gidley Way Horspath. Mrs Gillespie has made a site visit and is concerned about the application as there is not any other back land development in the area.  
Public:
- d. Mr Davies thanked the Parish Council for agreeing to write a letter to SODC regarding the planning application at 144 Gidley Way, Horspath and he looks forward to the Planning Officer at SODC making a site visit.
- e. Mrs Riley stated that if the new play area remains in the existing location and the size is increased, with more interesting equipment being installed, older children will use it and may cause a problem for people hiring the village hall.  
Mrs Riley stated that a community orchard for the village is a good idea, but it will need to be maintained in the future.



Mrs Riley asked if there has been any consideration for other organisations in the village with the new website. Mr Peter Dobson stated that Mrs Palmer has agreed to continue to manage the village website for other organisations. Mr Burgess stated that HPC is legally required to update the Parish Council side of the website. Mr James Dobson stated that HPC took the decision to have its own website as there are certain things that have to be done. The new HPC website will be just for HPC business. The village website will continue to be managed by Mrs Palmer for village organisations and if in the future it requires further development, a grant application to HSPC could be submitted for funding. Mr Peter Dobson stated that HPC and HSPC websites need to be completely separate.

**72/21 DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS.**

- Horspath Stone Pit Charity Meeting – Date to be arranged.
- Parish Council Planning Meeting – Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2021. (To be confirmed).
- Horspath Annual Parish Meeting – Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2021.
- Horspath Parish Council Meeting – Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

Signed..... Date.....