

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

HORSPATH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 4th January 2022 at 8.00pm.

Present: Mr D Burgess (Chair), Mrs P Cook, Mr P Dobson, Mr J Dobson, Mr P Ewart, Mrs J Horne, Mrs B Oakley, Mrs C Riley, Mr M Timbs, Mrs L Yendole, Mrs H Kogel (Clerk).
Mr T Bearder (County Councillor), Mrs E Gillespie (District Councillor).

Apologies Mrs J Dobson

Absent: 0

Public: 5

The Clerk informed Councillors and members of the public that this meeting will be recorded to assist with drafting the Minutes.

01/22 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

The Clerk reminded Councillors that it was agreed at the last meeting held in November 2021 to postpone electing a Chairman until the December meeting when all Councillors were present. The December meeting was then cancelled, so this is the first item on the agenda. The Clerk stated that Mr Burgess has recently confirmed that he is willing to continue as Chairman until April. The Clerk asked Councillors for nominations.

Mr Peter Dobson stated that if Mr Burgess is prepared to remain as Chairman he is quite happy to support that decision. Mr Burgess stated that he has a heavy workload and is willing to handover to another Councillor. Mr Peter Dobson proposed Mrs Oakley for the position, seconded by Mrs Cook, In Favour – 7, Against -2. Mr Peter Dobson thanked Mr Burgess for the work that he has done whilst Chairman. Mrs Oakley proposed Mr Burgess for Vice Chairman, seconded by Mr Timbs, In Favour – unanimous.

02/22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. – Apologies were made on behalf of Mrs J Dobson.

03/22 DECLARATION OF INTEREST. – None.

04/22 EMERGENCY BUSINESS. – None.

05/22 MINUTES FOR APPROVAL.

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 2nd November 2021, a note was added to read:- *Mr Peter Dobson stated that although he believes that the minute is written correct on Item 216/21 (d), he was not at the last meeting and he wants to clarify a comment made by Mrs Southall about all present Councillors being co-opted and not elected, as this is an incorrect statement. Mr Peter Dobson wanted to clarify that he is an elected Councillor prior to the 2019 election. At the 2019 election the following Councillors were all duly elected onto HPC, Mr P Dobson, Mr J Dobson, Mr Burgess, Mr P Ewart and Mrs Oakley as the election was not contested. Mr Timbs, Mrs Horne, Mrs Yendole, Mrs J Dobson, Mrs Cook and Mrs Riley are all co-opted Councillors and will remain until the next election.*

The Minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11th November 2021, were approved and signed by the Chairman.

06/22 MATTERS ARISING.

216/21 (a) Correspondence – Mrs Oakley agreed at the last meeting to look into purchasing two new noticeboards at an expected cost of around £2000 each. Mrs Oakley has received quotations for one new noticeboard which is £2000 plus £400 for a survey and £1600 for installation. Mrs Oakley suggested that a local carpenter is asked to provide a quotation to supply and install a smaller noticeboard. Mr Peter Dobson asked if it is going to be a smaller noticeboard will it still be shared with the public as we do need one lockable section and there has been a request from a member of the public to have one open section for the public to use. Mr Timbs stated that HPC should not spend a lot of money on a noticeboard, HPC has just spent a lot of money on a new website which should be the best way of communicating with the village. Mr Timbs suggested that we could use the Hub window or the Church to display Minutes/Agenda's. Mr Peter Dobson stated that although he agrees with Mr Timbs regarding technology, there are still a lot of people that look at the noticeboard, so there is still a need. The noticeboard is in a central location outside of the village shop where everyone can see it, and it is part of the local amenities. Mrs Cook agreed with Mr Timbs and stated that older people in the village look at the noticeboard. Mrs Oakley stated that she did not agree with using the Hub, and Horspath deserve to have their own noticeboard. The Clerk suggested that an aluminum noticeboard may be cheaper than an oak noticeboard. Mrs Oakley stated that aluminum is a cheaper option, but at a previous meeting Councillors preferred oak. Mrs Oakley will report back at the next meeting. Mr Burgess stated that he will contact a couple of local carpenters in the village for a quotation.

07/22 PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

- P21/S5107/ 61A Gidley Way, Horspath (Householder)**
HH Proposed first floor extension with internal and external associated works. – **Councillors voted unanimously in favour of recommending this application.**
- P21/S4065 59 Gidley Way, Horspath (Full Application)**
FUL Amendment as amplified by PEA report and energy statement received 13th December 2021. – **Councillors voted unanimously in favour of recommending this application.**

PLANNING PERMISSIONS/REFUSALS/APPEALS.

- APP/Q3115/ 84 Gidley Way, Horspath - Appeal**
C/21/3285143 Without planning permission the material change of use of land shown outlined in red on the attached plan and building identified as "Building A" and hatched yellow on the attached plan from Part agricultural and part builders yard to storage use.
- APP/Q3115/ 84 Gidley Way, Horspath – Appeal**
C/21/3285144 Without planning permission the undertaking of (a) the construction of a garage building hatched blue and labelled "Garage 1" on the Plan; (b) the construction of a garage building hatched green and labelled "Garage 2" on the plan; (c) the construction of a car port hatched black and labelled "Carport" on the plan; (d) the construction of the "Gravel Surfaced Area" shown purple on the plan.
- APP/Q3115/ 84 Gidley Way, Horspath – Appeal**
C/21/3285145 Without planning permission the material change of use of part of a builder's yard to a dwelling house (known as Robins Nest) including the partial redevelopment and conversion of a building.
- APP/Q3115/ 84 Gidley Way, Horspath – Appeal**
C/21/3285146 Without planning permission the redevelopment and material change of use of a building from use as a builders yard to use as an office.

Mrs Oakley stated that the applicant has been informed by SODC that he has to take down the buildings that have been erected. Mrs Gillespie stated that the appeals for the four above applications have gone to the Planning Inspector. It is not a statutory duty for a local council to have an enforcement team, and SODC's enforcement team are under-staffed and they need the support of the Parish Council. Councillors agreed that the Clerk write to SODC stating that HPC fully supports their decision.

- P21/S4345/ FUL** **Horspath Pre-School Nursery, Blenheim Road, Horspath (Full Application)**
Retention of existing pre-school porta cabin and the renewal of the temporary (3 year) planning permission for the siting of the nursery within the grounds of Horspath Primary School. – **Granted.**
- P21/S4318/ HH** **49A Gidley Way, Horspath (Householder)**
Install orangery to the rear of the property. – **Granted.**
- P21/S3666/ FUL** **Sunnyhill Vineyard, 51 Cuddesdon Road, Horspath (Full Application)**
To erect a roof terrace to cover patio area for outdoor seating, connecting to existing agriculture steel building. Roof with 8 steel supporting pillars. – **Granted.**
- P21/S4099/ FUL** **128 Gidley Way, Horspath (Full Application)**
Variation of conditions 2 (approved plans) & 3 (parking and maneuvering) on application P20/S3269/FUL. The scheme approved under application P20/S3269/FUL to be repositioned to the location approved under application P19/S4613/FUL.
(Redevelopment of existing builder's yard, with resultant erection of a new detached three storey luxury dwelling with garage/home office building and our off street parking spaces and associated amenities. (minor revisions to extant planning permission LPA Ref: P19/S4613/FUL). – **Granted.**

08/22 CLERK'S UPDATE.

Rospa Inspections – The Clerk is waiting for a quotation from Oxford Direct Services to carry out the repairs.

Burial Ground – The Clerk reported that she is waiting to receive a copy of the waste carrier licence and the public liability insurance from the approved contractor before work commences.

Christmas Tree Collection – SODC will be collecting Christmas trees on 11th January 2022.

Street Lights Oxford Road – The Clerk circulated a quotation received from OCC for the installation of street lights, and also an email from Mr Hamlet asking for a proposer and a seconder to take this project forward. Mrs Oakley stated that when street lighting is installed the road automatically becomes a 30mph zone. Mr Timbs stated that he is against this, there will be a lot of light pollution and once installed it there could be a possibility for re-development in that area, and this is a lot of money for minimal benefit. Mr Peter Dobson stated that it is a lot of money and if paid for by HSPC, the VAT cannot be reclaimed. Mr Hamlet stated that this is not only for cyclists, over the last two years the cycle track is used constantly by walkers, dog walkers, runners and there are street lights up to the Marathons and then after that it is darkness. HSPC was set up for the benefit of the residents, and this is a good use of the money. The lights would benefit the village people and will make the whole area safer, and if the existing bus service was to stop, residents would be cut off. There is already light pollution on that side of the road. Unipart own the land along that road and they are likely to develop the area in the future. Mr Ewart stated that when cycling against headlights along the cycle track, it is very dangerous and something is needed. Mr James Dobson stated that he has the same view as Mr Timbs but he would proposed that we form a group to look into this further and to consult with the village and get their views and if required submit a grant application to HSPC. Mr James Dobson also stated that if we are confident that this area may be subject to future

development, why would HSPC pay for the street lights when it could be paid from 106 funding. Mrs Riley stated that this is a lot of money, however, it is very dark along the cycle track, and a consultation with residents is needed. Mr James Dobson stated that he would like to see the benefits and disadvantages of the street lights explored and defined in more detail.

Mr Hamlet stated that he is prepared to consult with the residents in the village to get their views and circulate leaflets explaining the proposal. If the residents are in favour of the street lights, then HPC has no option but to pursue it. Mrs Oakley stated that when the resident's views are available we can get a group together to look at the advantages and disadvantages of the street lights.

Mr Timbs stated that at the moment this is a plan from Mr Hamlet on his own. Mr Timbs proposed that Mr Hamlet sets up a group to seek the views of the residents, and do his own consultation and propose a proper plan with full details and submit to HSPC. Mr Timbs stated that he personally doesn't feel that it is worthwhile as there are other projects that would have to be set aside, but if it has a lot of support from residents it may change his opinion. Mr Hamlet asked if the village supports the installation of the lights would Mr Timbs support it. Mr Timbs stated that if it has the village support then he would support it.

Mr James Dobson asked to refine the points made by Mr Timbs. He would like to see in the first instance, a project plan and a terms of reference for the group, as there needs to be a defined impact type assessment as well as a survey. Mr James Dobson stated that this would need to be contracted through HPC, although HSPC could fund part/all of it, the body paying for it would need to be HPC and not sure that the local authority would install it with anyone else driving the project. Mr Ewart stated that it is a national cycle track, and he doesn't think that the village should be paying for it. Mr Ewart agreed to help Mr Hamlet with the village consultation. Mrs Oakley will also join the group. Mr Hamlet stated that if the Oxford Road is made a 30mph zone, there may not be a need for the chicane by the village hall to be re-instated.

Internal Audit 2021/22 – Councillors agreed to continue to use IAC Audit Services for 2021/22.

Grass Verges outside of Horspath School – OCC arranged for maintenance work to be carried on 16.11.21 and this area has now been included on OCC's land management programme for regular maintenance. Mr Peter Dobson passed thanks to Mr Bearder and OCC for arranging for the maintenance to be carried out.

Lime Tree on Village Green – SODC has now given permission for works to be carried out. The Clerk has contacted James Prior to provide a quotation for the work.

Emptying of dog bins – The Clerk is waiting for the Shield Group to come back to us about providing this service.

2 Sycamore Trees – The Clerk has asked Mr Prior to look at the quotation given for the work on the two trees.

Bus Stop – Councillors agreed to the installation of flags at the bus stop.

Email from Charlotte Marshall regarding damage to fencing – Councillors agreed that this is a civil matter and not a matter for HPC. The Clerk will also advise Ms Marshall that HPC is not planning on putting a kissing gate in this area, it is being done by a private group.

Email from Mrs Jane Dobson regarding the Christmas Tree – Mr Burgess stated that the Christmas tree was much stouter and heavier than normal and when lifting, there was some damage to the tree. Mr Burgess had to use a forklift to lift the tree, which left marks on the village green, but it could not be avoided. Mr Burgess stated that new lights for the tree were donated by a resident, they are brand new LED lights.

Memorial Request – Councillors agreed that this request is approved, subject to the approval from Mr David Horsley, Burial Ground Manager.

Queens Platinum Jubilee – The Clerk circulated an email and stated that this will be on the February Agenda.

09/22 PRECEPT 2022/23.

HPC Finance Sub-Committee have met and prepared a draft Precept which has been circulated to all Councillors. The Sub-Committee has recommended that the Precept for 2022/23 is set at £45,000. Mr Timbs asked why £6,000 has been allocated to the contingency fund. Mr James Dobson stated that the Finance Committee has been made aware of a potential historic cost that will need to be paid so the contingency fund has been increased to allow for this, but there is a high probability that this cost may come in at the end of this financial year or early in the next financial year. Mr Burgess proposed that the Precept is £45,000, seconded by Mr James Dobson, In Favour – unanimous.

10/22 HPC HR SUB-COMMITTEE – Proposal from Mr James Dobson.

The Clerk circulated the documents prepared by Mr James Dobson relating to this proposal. Mr James stated that his proposal is to form an HR Committee with terms of reference to act as employer of HPC and report back to HPC with reference to employee matters. If Councillors vote in favour of the committee, HPC will need to nominate three Councillors to join the committee. For good governance, this will not include the Chairman as the Chairman needs to remain independent from the committee. Councillors voted unanimously in favour of forming the HR Sub-Committee. It was agreed that the three members will be Mr James Dobson, Mr Peter Dobson, and Mr Peter Ewart. Mr James Dobson stated that this will be reviewed in April.

11/22 MICROSOFT OFFICE 365. – Proposal from Mr James Dobson.

The Clerk circulated the details of the proposal from Mr James Dobson prior to the meeting. Mr James Dobson stated that this proposal has been reviewed and is supported by Mr Timbs. Mr James Dobson stated that HPC need to look at how we do business and how we use IT, and try to highlight some of the risks that we have as a PC and identify the opportunities if we move to M365, which will give all Councillors an individual email address and document storage and will be able to collaborate on documents which will reduce the number of emails being circulated. The proposal has been costed using a package using a monthly subscription but this cost may be reduced if some Councillors already have M365 subscription or happy to use M365 on a mobile device or on the online applications. The cost of moving to M365 is estimated at £500 - £1350 p/a to implement this but will benefit all Councillors being able to archive everything in one place that is accessible to all. Mr Timbs stated that at the moment HPC is at risk in terms of how we do our emails. Mr Timbs himself today circulated the Clerk's email address on social media. The way that we use our personal emails to do Council business and then change email addresses, gives HPC no access to any of those communications. What happens when a Councillor leaves the Council, what happens to all of those emails? If ever HPC received a freedom of information request we may have to access Councillors employer email addresses to gather the information which would be a mind field. It is something vitally important even just to use on the basic form of using a unified email service but there is extra benefits if we start using a proper collaboration service to discuss things and edit documents. Mr James Dobson stated that he is looking for approval of moving to M365, the higher cost of this package has been included in the Precept for 2022/23, and then we move to an implementation phase which Mr Timbs has agreed to drive it forward and implement. Mr James Dobson stated that HSPC will also benefit from the IT provided by HPC, he will be looking at claiming 50% of the cost to be covered by HSPC. Mr James Dobson stated that we could probably switch to M365 from April 2023, unless there is sufficient funds available in this current financial year. Mr Timbs stated that M365 could be up and running within 48 hours. Mr Burgess stated that his only concern is that not everyone has compatible hardware. Mr James Dobson stated that M365 is cloud based, so Councillors will only need internet access or a mobile device/table to log in via the website. Mr Timbs stated that the basic package will include Teams, Sharepoint, and email and online versions of Word & Excel. Mr Timbs stated that the Clerk will need the full software suite, but Councillors will need just the basic package.

Mr Peter Dobson proposed that we move to M365, seconded by Mr Burgess, In Favour – Unanimous. Mr Peter Dobson stated that HPC will no longer need to pay the subscription for Zoom. Mrs Oakley stated that HPC will need to submit a grant application to HSPC. Mr Peter Dobson stated that the wording on the application will need to be considered carefully.

12/22 HORSPATH ALLOTMENTS – DRAFT LEASE.

The Clerk stated that the draft lease has not yet been received.

13/22 UPDATE FROM VILLAGE BEAUTIFICATION SUB-COMMITTEE.

Mrs Oakley reported that she cleared the leaves around the war memorial before Armistice Day. Mrs Oakley is hopeful that the sub-committee can meet in February to decide on the location of the bench and arrange purchase and installation.

14/22 TRAFFIC CALMING, OXFORD ROAD, HORSPATH.

Mrs Oakley, Mr Burgess and Mr Hamlet met with Mr Beale, OCC, who wants to put in survey wires, two in Oxford Road and two in Cuddesdon Road. The surveys will not take place until January 2022. Mr Hamlet was happy with the meeting, but Mr Beale did indicate that it could be another five years before any work on the chicane takes place. Mrs Oakley stated that the cost of the survey will be around £550-£600 for four locations. Mr Timbs stated this is a lot of money to spend on surveys when we know that there is a problem with speeding. Mrs Oakley stated that OCC will not carry out any traffic management unless traffic surveys are carried out. Mr Timbs asked if we need more chicanes. Mrs Oakley stated that we are not looking at installing more chicanes, this is to remove the chicane on Oxford Road as it is considered to be dangerous. Mr Timbs asked what it would be replaced with. Mr Burgess stated that OCC will be looking at replacing the chicane with two cushions that are considered to be far more effective and safer than the chicane. Mr Timbs asked about the cost for this. Mrs Oakley stated that the cost of the traffic calming will be around £40,000+, and it agreed at a previous meeting that Oxford Road would be done. Mr Peter Dobson stated that he wouldn't expect HPC to be paying £600 for the surveys, he would expect either a traffic calming sub-committee to submit a grant application to HSPC, or it is funded by HPC via a grant to HSPC. Mrs Oakley stated that she thinks that this cost should be submitted on a grant application to HSPC. Mr Peter Dobson stated that we need either a group or someone from HPC who can complete the grant application to HSPC. Mr James Dobson stated that he supports the traffic surveys as they have been done in the past, but if the chicane is classified as dangerous, why is it down to HPC to pay for it to be removed. Mr Peter Dobson stated that HPC paid for the chicane to be installed, and OCC then maintain it. Mrs Oakley stated that it is HPC that is classing the chicane as dangerous, not OCC. Mr Beale, OCC suggested that the chicane is replaced with speed cushions rather than a speed humps, and both Mr Hamlet and Mr Burgess agreed with this suggestion. Mr James Dobson stated that with regards to funding of the traffic calming surveys, would there be any financial contribution from either the District or County Councillor. Mrs Gillespie stated that she is not allowed to contribute any of her grant money to projects that should be financed by other bodies. Mr Bearder stated that in terms of safety and OCC rectifying it, it's not likely as there is lots of worse places. It would have to be an accident hot spot with fatalities and serious injuries. Mr Peter Dobson asked Mr Bearder about the maintenance and repair of the chicane. Mr Bearder stated that it costs OCC around £37-£40 million a year to maintain highways, and OCC get around £11 million from the government. Mr Peter Dobson stated that OCC has a commitment to maintain the traffic calming measures that we installed. There is a fallen post at the traffic calming on Oxford Road that has been down for around 3 months. Mr Bearder will report this to OCC Highways. Mr Burgess stated that he reported the fallen post to FixMyStreet back in November, and Mr Beale is also aware of it. Mr James Dobson asked if Mr Bearder would be able to contribute to the cost of the traffic surveys. Mr Bearder stated that his Councillor Priority Fund has largely been allocated but he will check and get back to the Clerk. Mr Bearder apologized for the

delay in fixing the fallen post and will liaise with Mr Beale. Mrs Oakley agreed to submit a grant application to HSPC in the name of Horspath Traffic Management Sub-Committee to cover the costs of the speed surveys. Mr Peter Dobson stated that HPC approved the traffic surveys on Cuddesdon Road and Oxford Road to be carried out before the pandemic in March 2020. Mr Bearder stated that the cost is usually around £200 per site, and without the traffic surveys we can't look at any traffic intervention. Mr Burgess proposed that the speed surveys are carried out and a grant application is submitted to HSPC, seconded by Mrs Riley, In Favour – 9, Against -1.

15/22 NORTHFIELD DEVELOPMENT.

The Clerk circulated the notes from a recent meeting. Mrs Oakley stated that there is no further update.

16/22 DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS.

Mrs Elizabeth Gillespie – District Councillor – Mrs Gillespie reported that she has attended several meetings with Garsington PC with the Bursar of Brasenose College and the developers. She also organized and attended a meeting for Garsington PC with SODC Officer, Nicola Smith who is the Officer dealing with the master plan. The only time that we will have any effective input into this plan is now. At the moment we have the landowners will make an agreement with us or not, but we can play on what the Inspector said at the Local Plan and there are things that are mitigating in it that we need to make sure we get. They asked at the last meeting for Mrs Gillespie to send them a map showing where the 200ft width tree buffers should go. Mrs Gillespie has sent that to the developers and a meeting has been organized for Garsington later this month with Nicola Smith and another meeting has been arranged with the developers. Mrs Gillespie stated that when the landowners have made their decisions it gets sent to the developers who do what they want. Garsington PC really need to get onto this now as it is the only time that they will have a voice. Mrs Gillespie also has concerns about the 387 acre solar farm that is being erected next door to the Grenoble Road site, which will have an impact on the quality of housing that we get at Northfield. Garsington PC is concerned that Northfield will be having a school, which may detract from our local schools, so discussions need to take place. Mrs Gillespie has recently raised concerns with Nicola Smith about how Northfield will engage with Horspath and Garsington but not Grenoble Road, with which it will have a lot more in common. There are all sorts of implications that we need to discuss now and Horspath need to be involved. HPC needs to set up a larger group to assist Mr Harris as Northfield will have an enormous impact on our villages. Garsington have all of the village and the Parish Council and Horspath need to do the same. Mr Harris is going to contact the developer again as they haven't got back to him. Mrs Oakley stated that the residents of Horspath have no idea what is coming with 1800 houses at Northfield, and it is likely to be more. Mrs Gillespie stated that there is plans for another solar farm further down below Northfield and also 3700 houses at Grenoble Road. Mrs Oakley stated that there will be around and additional 6000 houses on the out skirts of Horspath with no additional infrastructure. Mrs Gillespie stated that we need to safeguard Horspath, and now is the only opportunity that we have. The Brasenose Bursar is a very good man, he very green, and a member of OPT, he has brought in a developer who wants to provide quality housing. Whether this is feasible financially is another matter, but at this stage we need to do what we can and ensure that the buffer of trees is put in, which is crucial. Mr Harris has also pointed out that the area is prone to flooding, so the trees are very important. Mrs Gillespie has asked that the trees are planted before the building starts. Mrs Gillespie stated that HPC needs to get onboard with this. Mrs Oakley stated that villagers are aware that there will be a development on the other side of Cuddesdon Road, but there is no way to relay this information without scaremongering unless we hold a Q&A public meeting, but with Covid this is not possible at the moment. Mrs Gillespie stated that Garsington have managed to do it and they have village participation. HPC needs a few people/groups to get out there and let residents know what is going to happen and you need to fight it. Mr Ewart stated that the real threat is Grenoble Road, Oxford City want an Eastern Bypass going through Lye Hill Quarry and Hill Farm. Mrs Gillespie stated that

Grenoble is not starting yet, but Northfield is. Mr Ewart stated that Mr Harris has always been concerned about phase 2 of Northfield and when we met in the village hall, the drawings for phase 2 were there to see. Mrs Gillespie stated that we need to meet with Nicola Smith as she is in dialog with the developers, and Horspath needs to get in there now, as in the next couple of weeks while Brasenose are on board or it will be too late. Mrs Gillespie is meeting with Garsington and Nicola Smith and the developers and Brasenose College this month. Mrs Oakley asked if any Councillors would like to join a group using people in the village, to make Horspath residents aware of what is going on, especially people living on Cuddesdon Road, even if it means going door to door. Mrs Oakley suggested going to all village organisations to let them know what is going on. Mrs Gillespie stated that HPC needs to arrange a Zoom meeting with Nicola Smith and also another meeting with the developers that other village organisations can join with the help of Mr Harris. Mrs Oakley will contact all village organisations to inform them of what is going on and ask them to pass on the information to residents, and she will also contact Mr Harris. Mrs Gillespie will pass on the contact details for Nicola Smith. Mrs Horne asked if a poster could be created so that the school and nursery can pass on this information to parents, or to do a leaflet drop. Mrs Gillespie stated that Mr Harris could do this quite quickly, if not Mrs Gillespie will do it. Mrs Julian stated that she feels very strongly about this, and as a professional ecologist, she is willing to help and support this. Mr Timbs stated that the poster should also be posted on the village website.

Mr Tim Bearder – County Councillor – Mr Bearder reported that OCC owns a plot of land on the Northfield site so they have a certain amount of influence over the development and he is working hard with the portfolio member for property to see if they can do anything to influence how it develops potentially car free.

Mr Bearder cycled through Horspath today and the speed of vehicles along Oxford Road is terrifying. Mr Bearder stated that long term we should really look at some kind of measure being implemented along this road. OCC has not implemented any new speed cameras since 1998 and there are only 80 speed cameras in Oxfordshire and only 40 of them are operational.

Mr Bearder is trying to get money in the budget for next year for the Children’s Centre in Wheatley and hopes to get them a rent holiday.

Mrs Oakley stated that she will have to adjourn the rest of the meeting to a later date as we have run out of time. It was agreed that a further meeting will be held to complete the outstanding Agenda items on Thursday 13th January 2022 at 7.30pm before the HSPC meeting takes place at 8pm. The Clerk will circulate another Agenda for the meeting.

17/22 AOB.

- a. Mrs Horne reported that she has been approached by a member of the public requesting that the footpaths in the village are cleared, so it would be a good idea to hold a beautification of the village sub-committee meeting to arrange for this to be done.
Mrs Horne stated that Mr Judges has some photos that he has previously submitted that we can use on the websites, and she is happy to liaise with him.
Mrs Horne stated that the Clerk has recently circulated an email about grants that are now open for applications. Mrs Horne suggested that a Play Area sub-committee meeting is arranged to look at submitting a grant application now for the Play Area.
- b. Mr Timbs asked for the following items to go on the next Agenda:- access for residents to attend PC meetings held on Zoom, all meetings should be recorded and livestreamed and an open web link so that people do not have to request a link from the Clerk. Also to look at the effectiveness of the web site that we spent a lot of money on and also the updates that are currently out of date. Mrs Oakley stated that these items can go on the February Agenda, as the meeting next Thursday is just to finish the January Agenda.

- c. Mr Wendy Knerr requested that the palisade fencing around the bridge is added to the February Agenda for discussion. Was a survey carried out before it as erected as it is a wildlife corridor that has now been shut off, especially for larger animals. Also the aesthetics of the fence is very industrial and not in keeping with the village. Mrs Oakley agreed that this will be added to the February Agenda.
- d. Mrs Julian feels that the fencing is out of keeping with the rural nature and character of the village, and she is concerned about the wildlife. Mrs Julian is looking to form a Horspath Nature Group and look to HSPC to cover the cost of the bat surveys again as there is some health and safety issues with entering the tunnels. This village is very rural and there is a lot of wildlife around and it would be nice to reconnect people of the village with that. Mrs Oakley stated that there has been lots of emails about the fencing, but the fencing was erected under the direction of HRE and the private owners, and not HPC. Mrs Julian stated that HPC did vote on the fencing. Mrs Oakley stated that this will be discussed in February 2022.

18/22 DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS.

Parish Council Planning Meeting – Tuesday 18th January 2022 (To be confirmed).

Horspath Stone Pit Meeting – Thursday 13th January 2022.

Horspath Parish Council Meeting – Tuesday 1st February 2022.

Signed.....

Date.....