

**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 (Part 2) held on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 7.30pm.**

**Present:** Mrs B Oakley (Chair), Mr R Burgess, Mrs P Cook, Mr P Dobson, Mr J Dobson, Mr P Ewart, Mrs J Horne, Mrs C Riley, Mr M Timbs, Mrs L Yendole, Mrs H Kogel (Clerk).

**Apologies** Mrs J Dobson, Mr T Bearder (County Councillor), Mrs E Gillespie (District Councillor).

**Absent:** 0

**Public:** 1

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

Mrs Oakley informed Councillors that on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2021, Mr Brian Mayling passed away and his funeral was held yesterday. Mrs Oakley asked Councillors to hold a minutes silence in respect to Mr Mayling.

**19/22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Apologies were made on behalf of Mrs Dobson, Mrs Gillespie and Mr Bearder.

**20/22 DECLARATION OF INTEREST.** – None.

**21/22 EMERGENCY BUSINESS.** – None.

**22/22 CORRESPONDENCE.**

- a. SODC. – Chair of Council gives on-going support to local charities. – (Circulated via email).
- b. Scofell. – Parish Council Grounds Maintenance. – (Circulated via email).
- c. NALC. – Newsletter 10/11/21, 15/12/21. – (Circulated via email).
- d. AMV Playgrounds. – Introductory email. – (Circulated via email).
- e. NALC. – Events. – (Circulated via email).
- f. RSN. - The Rural Bulletin. – 2/11/21, 9/11/21, 16/11/21, 23/11/21, 30/11/21, 6/12/21, 14/12/21, 21/12/21. – (Circulated via email).
- g. Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum. – Unknown Oxfordshire Officer killed during the Great War identified as descendant of William Wordsworth. – (Circulated via email).
- h. NALC – Chief Executive’s Bulletin. – 5/11/21, 17/12/21. – (Circulated via email).
- i. SODC. – Application for review of Little Sparrows development decision – appeal date. – (Circulated via email).
- j. Bioabundance. – Today’s Bioabundance Meeting. – (Circulated via email).
- k. Open Spaces Society. – Budget 21/Gifting Green. – (Circulated via email).
- l. SODC. Ethical Standards Training. – (Circulated via email).
- m. RSN – Rural Funding Digest November & December 2021. – (Circulated via email).
- n. SODC. – Businesses based in Southern Oxfordshire given support to widen their network. – (Circulated via email).

- o. The Maple Tree Centre. – Application for a financial contribution from HPC for the current year and 2022/23. – (Circulated via email). – **Councillors agreed that this would be deferred until the February meeting.**
- p. Cleanslate. – Donation request. – (Circulated via email). – **Councillors agreed that no donation will be made on this occasion.**
- q. SODC. – New Chair and updates for Didcot Garden Town Advisory Board Members. – (Circulated via email).
- r. CPRE. – December 2021 Newsletter. – (Circulated via email).
- s. NALC. – Levelling up the nation and our communities. – (circulated via email).
- t. Land & Property Registration. – Is all your land registered? – (Circulated via email).
- u. Morland House Surgery. – Newsletter. – (Circulated via email).
- v. SODC. – Updated Planning Enforcement Statement 2021. – (Circulated via email).
- w. OALC. – December 2021 Update for Member Councils. – (Circulated via email).
- x. Bioabundance. – Government Petition – Abolish Planning Inspectorate. – (Circulated via email).
- y. OALC. – Briefing – Operation London Bridge – save the date. – (Circulated via email). – **Mr James Dobson suggested that this is an Agenda item at the February meeting and recommended that a Councillor takes a lead on it and produces a plan ahead of time. Mrs Oakley stated that she doesn't mind a beacon for the event, but it could only go at the top of the Bowley field. Mrs Oakley suggested that the Beautification Sub-Committee would be able to take this forward. Mr James Dobson stated that HPC needs a volunteer to produce a one page plan in the event of the passing of the Queen.**
- z. OALC. – Operation London Bridge. – (Circulated via email).
- aa. TVP. – Police & Crime Bulletin November & December 2021. – (Circulated via email).
- bb. SODC. – A statement from Cllr David Rouane, Leader of South Oxfordshire District Council. – (Circulated via email).
- cc. Open Spaces Society. – Kate Ashbrook's Christmas message. – (Circulated via email).
- dd. OCC. – Local Transport & Connectivity Plan. – (Circulated via email).
- ee. Citizen's Advice Oxfordshire. – In Touch With You Newsletter. – (Circulated via email).
- ff. Tom Kitchin. – Restoration of Horspath Railway Bridge. – (Circulated via email). – **It was agreed that the Clerk will send the reply drafted by Mr Ewart.**
- gg. Community First Oxfordshire. – Rural Isolation/Collaborative Housing and more from CFO. – (Circulated via email).
- hh. Bioabundance. – On Wellbeing Measurements. – (Circulated via email).
- ii. SODC. – Council ends its legal challenge against a planning decision – Sonning Common. – (Circulated via email).
- jj. Bioabundance. – Adaptation to climate change – help from one of our members. – (Circulated via email).
- kk. SODC. – South Oxfordshire promises to become a local leader in tackling the climate emergency. – (Circulated via email).
- ll. Bioabundance. – Vale drops its Housing Land Supply target. – (Circulated via email).
- mm. SODC. – Planning appeal update. – (Circulated via email).
- nn. Open Spaces Society. – Campaign News. – (Circulated via email).
- oo. Bioabundance. – Right Hons Goves and Eustice. – (Circulated via email).
- pp. OALC. – Return of some Covid restrictions. – (Circulated via email).
- qq. SODC. – Vital work to help vulnerable people praised by Councillors. – (Circulated via email).
- rr. OCC. – OCC's Budget Consultation 2022/23 have your say. – (Circulated via email).
- ss. SODC. – Campaign highlights that help is available for victims of domestic abuse. – (Circulated via email).
- tt. SODC. – Over £7.3m given for transport and school improvements. – (Circulated via email).

- uu. NALC. – New Resources. – (Circulated via email).
- vv. SODC. South News November 2021. – (Circulated via email).
- ww. SODC. – Code of Conduct – Arrangements for dealing with complaints. – (circulated via email).
- xx. Mr John Bright. – Leaving Citizens Advice. – (Circulated via email).
- yy. Wheatley Parish Council – Newsletter December/January 2022. – (Circulated via email).
- zz. SODC. – New arrangements for considering allegations of breaches of the Code. – (Circulated via email).
- aaa. OALC. – November Update for Member Councils. – (Circulated via email).
- bbb. CPRE. – November newsletter. – (Circulated via email). – **Mr Ewart reported that he completed the questionnaire and circulated it to all Councillors in May 2021. This questionnaire is relevant to the approval of the Northfields development.**
- ccc. Mr Harris. – More speed cameras for community use. – (Circulated via email). – **Mrs Oakley stated that the information provided by Mr Harris does not give any contact details. Mr Peter Dobson stated that there is a contact in TVP that deals with the speed cameras. Mr Peter Dobson will pass the details to Mrs Oakley.**
- ddd. CEE Oxfordshire. – Climate & Ecological Emergency Bill. – (Circulated via email).
- eee. SODC. – Over £2.2 million extra funding for Southern Oxfordshire businesses is available this winter. – (Circulated via email).
- fff. SODC. – Ethical Standards Training. – (Circulated via email).
- ggg. OCC. – Community Emergency Planning. – (Circulated via email).
- hhh. OALC. – NALC & SLCC Civility & Respect Project. – (Circulated to all Councillors).
- iii. Wheatley Park School – Prize Giving Donation Request.\* - **Councillors agreed that a donation of £150.00 will be made. Mrs Yendole confirmed that there were children from Horspath that qualified for a prize.**
- jjj. Open Spaces Society – Autumn Newsletter.\*
- kkk. ONPA. – November Mailing. – (Circulated via email).
- lll. SODC. – More money and new laws needed to save planet says Councils as COP26 comes to a close. – (Circulated via email).
- mmm. SODC. – Community Governance Review. – (Circulated via email). – **Noted.**
- nnn. The Maple Tree Centre. – Annual Reports & Accounts 2020/21. – (Circulated via email).  
*\* original held by the Clerk, copy available on request.  
# displayed on Village Hall & village noticeboards.*

## 23/22 PAYMENTS.

<b>Paid by</b>	<b>To Whom Paid</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Vat</b>	<b>Total £</b>
BACS	SODC	Emptying Dog Bins	125.58	753.48
BACS	JJ Bark	Mower service & repair	161.23	967.39
BACS	Mr Robert Gray (9.8.21 – 24.11.21)	Grass cutting Burial Ground Grass cutting Play Area Emptying of Bins Taking mower to JJ Bark		171.00 45.00 25.00 31.50
BACS	Mrs Hayley Kogel	Home Office November 2021 Zoom Monthly Subscription		30.00 14.39
BACS	Mrs Hayley Kogel	Salary 24/10/21 – 24/11/21		800.98
BACS	Mrs Hayley Kogel	Home Office December 2021 Zoom Monthly Subscription		30.00 14.39
BACS	Mrs Hayley Kogel	Salary 24/11/21 – 24/12/21		800.78

11.10.21	NEST Pension Scheme	Pension contribution for Mrs H Kogel		22.91
2.12.21	NEST Pension Scheme	Pension for Mrs H Kogel		45.82
8.11.12	HMRC	Employer Contributions for Mrs H Kogel		145.00
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>286.81</b>	<b>3897.64</b>

#### RECREATION CHARITY

Paid by	To Whom Paid	Details	Vat	Total £
BACS	Mr Robert Gray (9.8.21 – 8.11.21)	Grass Cutting Village Green Diesel Engine Oil		770.00 40.00 19.98
8.11.21	SSE	Power Supply to Village Green		60.94
		<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>890.92</b>

#### 24/22 RECEIPTS.

Date	Received from	Details	Total £
6.12.21	Barclays Bank	Interest	0.67
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.67</b>

#### RECREATION CHARITY

Date	Received from	Details	Total £
24.12.21	S T Properties	Quarterly Rent for Chequers Car Park	712.50
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>712.50</b>

#### 25/22 AOB.

- a. Mr Timbs stated that he has been trying to get the Minutes from the June 2021 meeting amended. He has asked the Clerk to change them but it has not been done and is not sure why it is so outrageous to ask for this to be done. The Clerk stated that she has advised Mr Timbs that she is not permitted to make changes to Minutes that have been agreed and signed as they are a legal document. To clarify this information, the Clerk spoke with OALC and they have confirmed that changes cannot be made. The County Officer did say that if the change was of factual importance, a note could be added to the current Minutes, but she did not see that two people voting against the fencing was of factual importance when the majority of Councillors voted in favor. Mr Timbs stated that the email stream shows that he wanted the amendment made, which was done, but he also stated that the Minutes read that "Councillors agreed to the fencing" which is wrong as it suggests that Councillors were unanimous, which they weren't. This has become important with the petition that has been started in the village. Mr Timbs doesn't see why the Minutes can't be changed. The Clerk stated that if the change that was made wasn't correct, then this should have been mentioned at the following meeting. The Clerk stated that since June 2021 Mr Timbs has not raised this again until recently. Mrs Oakley stated that Councillors have a code of conduct which we follow and that is by showing respect. There are some things that we cannot change, and this includes the Minutes. We can clarify the changes in the current Minutes. Mrs Oakley's notes show that two Councillors abstained from the vote and that was Mr Timbs and Mr James Dobson, all other Councillors were in favour. Mr James Dobson stated that he would have raised this at the July meeting, but he was late arriving so this was not done. Mr James Dobson stated that as a Parish Councillor he believes in cabinet responsibility, so whatever we agree, we need to stand by that decision. Mr James Dobson is happy to work with the rest of the Councillors on how we move this situation forward.

- b. Mr Burgess asked the Clerk for the current bank balance. The Clerk will confirm the amount after the meeting.

**Public:**

- c. Mr Hamlet stated that it is time that HPC buried the fence business as it has gone on far too long. If Councillors are that upset about the fence, will they taking their own fences down or do they just want other to take their fences down. Mrs Oakley stated that the fencing around the bridge will be discussed at the February meeting.

**26/22 DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS.**

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

Horspath Stone Pit Meeting – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

Horspath Parish Council Meeting – Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022.

Signed.....

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