

**Oxhill Parish Council**  
**Draft Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting**  
**held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall**

Councillors Present

Cllr Harbour (Chairperson), Cllr Harper, Cllr Hunt, Cllr Moore and Cllr Stuart

Clerk to the Council, Mrs C Coles, District Cllr Jon Feilding and four villagers

**19/01. Apologies for absence were received from**

County Cllr Chris Williams

**19/02. To receive Declarations of Interest under the Council's Code of Conduct relating to business on the agenda**

There were no interests to declare.

**19/03. To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.

**19/04. To note any matters arising from the minutes not included on this agenda for report only**

Welcome Pack – Three local trades people have made contact about advertising in the welcome pack. The Garden Club Committee have produced a flyer which could be included. Cllr Hunt to forward the flyer to Cllr Moore.

**19/05. Public Participation Session**

Mr Connolly was pleased to note that the Oxhill Next Door Whats App group had been set up and 56 people are on board. It acts as a notice-board. He thanked Mr Chick for doing this.

Two villagers expressed concern about speeding which goes back as far as 2003. The Parish Council have been working for years to look at speeding and what can be done. The problems have got worse and it is an ongoing issue. The Oxhill village sign has been pinched, signs are faded and there are high speeds as vehicles enter and leave the village.

**19/06. To receive a report from the County and District Councillor**

Cllr J Feilding spoke about the Practice Manager at the Redhorse Surgery who has created a rural network. This will be ongoing. He spoke about animals and licensing. Breeding and selling animals will require a license. Cllr Feilding advised the Enforcement Officer is visiting the Leys site on 9<sup>th</sup> January.

**19/07. To receive an update on traffic calming**

The Chair and Cllr Harper met Warwickshire County Council (WCC) in November for a tour of the village. A cheque for £200.00 has been sent to WCC and they will produce a scheme and costs in four weeks time. Any improvements will have to be paid for by the Parish Council. Estimated spend could be between £3.5K and £6.5K. Some traffic calming does require street lights. County Cllr Chris Williams has two budgets and would be willing to contribute £2K to this work. It was noted that individuals are driving through the village and do not brake at the 30mph village sign. The Chair has drafted a letter which would be posted through each residents door. The Parish Council are very frustrated and share the concerns of the residents. All budgets are being cut and Town and Parish Councils are expected to be more self sufficient and take on more work.

*Action: The Parish Council are to review the scheme and costs from Warwickshire County Council, increase the precept to allow for some work to be done, Cllr Moore and Cllr Hunt to redraft the letter to residents (this will be delivered to each house and put in the Oxhill News), the Chair to contact Cllr Chris Williams to accept his offer of a £2K contribution.*

**19/08. To receive an update on improvements to the area outside the pub**

Cllr Moore has received a quote for the new bus shelter but the cost is quite high. It exceeds the amount that has been set aside. It would be a nice amenity and a good aspiration to have but unaffordable at present. There is money to move the trough forward and put in two new planters.

*Action: Cllr Moore to speak to Robin Stanford for a more competitive quote.*

**19/09. To discuss forthcoming elections in May 2019**

There will be Parish Council elections on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019 and two current Councillors will not be standing again. Councillors are elected every four years. Stratford District Council are recommending that £1000.00 is put aside for a contested election and £100.00 for an uncontested election. There has not been a contested election in Oxhill for over thirty years. The Clerk will receive nomination papers in March. There is a Prospective Councillor Event in Stratford on 11<sup>th</sup> February. Details are on the notice-board and will be put in the Oxhill News.

**19/10. To receive an update on planning**

New Applications

- 18/03449/FUL, New garden room at rear of dwelling at Oxfield Farm. No objections.
- 18/01887/FUL, Proposed dwelling at Homestead, Main Street. No objections.

Older Applications

- 18/02938/FUL, Proposed single storey side extension and internal alterations at Gateways, Main Street. Approved.
- 18/01285/LBC, Minor alteration works at Oxhill Manor, Main Street. Approved.
- 18/02352/FUL, Construction of one new dwelling and works at Land off Church Lane. Refused.

There is a general disquiet about planning in general and the new developments. Cllr Moore and Mr Collins have both written letters about concerns.

*Action: The Chair to reword the letter from the Parish Council and send to Mr Weeks at SDC. The Parish Clerk to forward the letter to Cllr Feilding. The Chair to write to the CEO of Piper Homes.*

**19/11. Financial Report**

*To review the current budget and forecast to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019*

The Parish Council are currently working to budget.

*To set the precept for 2019/20*

Councillors discussed extra expenditure for the coming year. There will be additional election spend and traffic calming spend. It was agreed to set the precept for 2019/20 at £10,500.00.

*Action: The Parish Clerk to notify SDC.*

**19/12. To receive the following correspondence**

The following correspondence had been circulated:

- Warwickshire Home and Library Service – 2019 Timetable. In Oxhill news.
- Highways, State of Green Lane.
- Highways, Temporary 40mph speed restriction and road closure on A422 Banbury Road/Pillerton Hersey Road commencing 10<sup>th</sup> January 2019

- SDC, Updated Tree Management Protocol. On the website.

One item of correspondence was highlighted:

- Highways, State of Green Lane. Highways are aware that Green Lane is not in a good state of repair. They will carry out remedial work once the developments have died down. The Parish Council are to report anything of danger immediately. Cllr Moore noted that Gilks Lane should have been reported and not Rouse Lane. The Parish Clerk to notify Highways.

**19/13. To receive Councillors Reports**

The Section 106 for the Leys has not been signed off yet. Mr Connelly asked who decides how the 106 money should be used and who looks after the money. At the time it was agreed that a play area would be built on the Leys Development. Cllr Feilding confirmed that a proper application form should be sorted out. The Parish Council to write a letter for more clarification on S106 money.

There being no other business to discuss, the meeting closed at 9.15pm.