

Oxhill Parish Council
Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting
held on Tuesday 13th November 2018 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 and two villagers

- 18/42. Apologies for absence were received from**
County Cllr Chris Williams
- 18/43. To receive Declarations of Interest under the Council's Code of Conduct relating to business on the agenda**
There were no interests to declare.
- 18/44. To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 11th September 2018**
The minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.
- 18/45. To note any matters arising from the minutes not included on this agenda for report only**
Area outside the pub - Cllr Moore and Cllr Harper have measured the area outside the pub for the placement of a bus shelter and planters. A drawing of how the area could look was circulated at the meeting. No planning permission is required but an accurate floor plan will be needed for Highways to check underground services. A proposal was suggested to place a smaller version outside the village hall but they have requested that nothing is fixed to the wall. They may consider the idea in the future. £3K has already been ring fenced for the work. Cllr Moore has requested a quote from a local supplier for completing the work and will chase this up.
- 18/46. Public Participation Session**
Mr Connelly who is new to the area has set up a Whats App group which is fast and real. He comes from an area which had a crimewave problem and thought it was a good idea to set one up here. He has sent the information to the editor of the Oxhill News.
- 18/47. To receive a report from the County and District Councillor**
There were no reports to read out.
- 18/48. To discuss the Oxhill News which is funded by the Parish Council**
The item was on the agenda as the newsletter is funded by the precept and public money. A discussion took place on several aspects relating to the Oxhill News and everyone agreed that there should continue to be no advertising.
Action: The Chair to meet with the Editors to discuss what guidelines, if any, they might want and a potential disclaimer.
- 18/49. To discuss and agree the new street name for the development on Whatcote Road**
The developer has put forward the name of Leys Field. Everyone was in agreement to accept this name.
Action: The Parish Clerk to reply to Stratford-On-Avon District Council
- 18./50. To receive a report on the meeting with Warwickshire County Council Traffic Department**
The Chair had met with Jo Edwards of Warwickshire County Council Traffic Department and circulated a report.

The County Council operate in a difficult environment between the Department for Transport and the police who all have significant budget constraints. A tour of the village took place and areas for potential improvement were identified. Jo Edwards said during her visit that the County Council (CC) could produce a draft design to help with traffic calming for £200 that could then be considered prior to any changes being made.

Action: It was agreed to proceed with the cost of £200 for the CC to produce a draft design.

18/51. To discuss forthcoming Elections in May 2019

There will be Parish Council elections on 2nd May 2019. There will be costs involved for any type of election whether contested or uncontested. The cost for uncontested is £100.00 but the costs for contested are unclear as some costs will be shared. Costs will have to be allocated when the budget is set in the New Year.

Action: The Parish Clerk to seek more clarification with regard to costs from SDC.

18/52. To receive an update on planning

New applications

Older Applications

18/02878/TREE, Fell poplar at the Old Church House, Main Street. No objections by PC.

18/02591/TREE, Tree work at The Fellows House, Back Lane. No objection by SDC.

18/02352/FUL, Construction of one new dwelling and all associated works at Land Off Church Lane. Objections raised by PC.

18/02915/VARY, Condition 2 of 18/01357/FUL at Plot 2, Land on north side of Green Lane.

Comments made by PC.

18/02905/FUL, Proposed barn to replace barn destroyed by fire at Church Farm, Whatcote Road. No objections by PC.

18/01935/FUL, Single storey extension at The Old Church House, Main Street. Granted by SDC.

18/01651/FUL, Erection of equine food store and an extension to the previously approved 10/01607/FUL. Granted by SDC.

New application

18/02938/FUL, Proposed single storey side extension and internal alterations at Gateways, Main Road. Under consideration.

The Parish Council had contacted the Enforcement Team at SDC about Tehidy on Green Lane. Approved plans show the property as a 3 bedroom property but it is being advertised as a 3/4 bedroom property. The developers are leaving it open to potential purchasers to use the room as a dressing room or bedroom. Internal changes to dwellings do not constitute development as defined at Section 55 of the Town and Country planning Act (1990). There appears to be no breach of planning control but the file has not been closed yet. SDC are investigating the windows which are not in accordance with the approved plans.

Action: There is concern that Highways had not approved a 4 bedroom house as there are insufficient parking spaces and this would be pursued with Enforcement.

18/53. Financial Report

a) *To review the 2018/19 Budget*

The budget sheet was circulated prior to the meeting. The Parish Council are working to budget.

b) *The following payments were approved under statutory powers:-*

£390.80 to Tysoe Children's Group Ltd (printing of Oxhill news)

£19.76 to L Stuart (website)

18/54. To receive the following correspondence

The following correspondence had been circulated:

WALC AGM on 17.11.18

Warwickshire County Council, Winter Service

Warwickshire County Council, Minerals Plan Publication Consultation

18/55. To receive Councillors Reports

Cllr Moore reported mud on the road outside the Whatcote Road building development. One of the planning conditions is to keep the road clear. The Parish Clerk to report to the Enforcement team at SDC.

The condition of Rouse Lane and Green Lane was discussed. Councillors felt that the District Councillor was going to look at Green Lane. The Parish Clerk to make contact with him before speaking to Highways.

Councillors discussed the letter from VASA who provide community transport. They are asking for funding to help them continue with their work. Councillors were unsure who would benefit from this. There may be one villager who uses community transport. The Parish Clerk has asked for more specific figures.

A discussion took place about a welcome pack which was put through the door of new houses. The person who has done this in the past is moving out of the village. It could include trades people, opening hours and contact details. Cllr Moore to look into this.

18/56. To note meeting dates for 2019

The following meeting dates were agreed:

8th January

12th March

14th May

9th July

10th September

12th November

There being no other business to discuss, the meeting closed at 9.20pm.