

BRIGHTWELL CUM SOTWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting duly convened and held on 15th September 2015 at 7.30pm in the Church Room.

Present: Cllrs D. Fox (Chair), Celia Collett, J. Debney, S. Jackson, S. Robson, A McGivan and R. Nielsen

In attendance: L. Dalby (Clerk), County Cllr L. Atkins and District Councillor J. Murphy.

1	Apologies for Absence Apologies were received from Cllrs S. Booth and H. Baines.
2	Minutes of the meeting held on 21th July 2015. The minutes were agreed and signed by the Chairman.
3	Declarations of personal and prejudicial interest As Trustees of the Charity responsible for the Recreation Ground all members of the Council who were present declared an interest under section 9 of the Code of Conduct in respect of all matters relating to the Recreation ground. The following personal interests were declared: All Councillors in matters relating to the Village Community Stores.
4	Public Participation There was none.
5	Reports a) County Councillor's Report I am working with representatives from CAGE and Oxage to try to ensure that all the various objections to the current draft of the Minerals and Waste Local Plan are thoroughly reflected in responses to consultation. We have until the end of this month to make representations, which have to focus on the legal compliance and 'soundness' of the document. It is the latter which concerns me, and on which I will be focusing. Cllr Atkins will forward a copy of the CAGE submission to the Parish Council. It was agreed Councillors would send any further comments to Cllr Nielsen before he submitted a reply on behalf of the Parish Council. Cllr Fox asked Cllr Atkins about the proposed cuts to the Waste and Recycling Centres. Cllr Atkins felt the suggestion is a blunt way of tackling the budget cuts and she hopes that the County Council will work with the District Councils as they will have to deal with increased fly tipping caused by any closures. Cllr Fox suggested that reducing opening hours would save money without the need for closure. It was agreed to respond to the consultation. I have replied to the consultation on Local Transport Subsidies (which ends on 19th September) emphasizing the need to continue to support services (such as the 97 in Long Wittenham) which are used by residents who otherwise would not be able to access services such as shops and doctors. I have also asked that real support is given to communities which are looking at community transport schemes – not just words of encouragement but practical and effective assistance to set schemes up. The latest draft of LTP 4 has been published, and as hoped it includes: <i>Investigating a new road from north Didcot and associated new Thames river crossing, and a road connecting Culham Science Centre to the B4015 (north of Clifton Hampden).</i>

This is proposal SV 2.13 and is scheduled for 2015 – 2020. It should improve access to Oxford from the parish. It is talking about investigating, not building, but it is a step forward!

b) District Councillors' Report

See Appendix 1

Planning application P15/S2748/FUL was discussed, objections noted and it was agreed to recommend refusal. Cllr Murphy agreed to call the application into committee.

c) Clerk's Report

The SODC Town and Parish Forum is on 4th November 6 -9 pm in Didcot. A volunteer is needed to attend.

Cllr Fox has raised concerns about the dangers posed to road users by the overgrowth of trees and hedges in the village. It was agreed that Cllr Fox would contact the landowners and ask them to cut back their hedges.

d) Planning Report

Ref	Description	PC Rec	Decision
P15/S1769/HH	Demolition of existing Porch, single storey front extension and pitched roof to existing dormer. 7, Monks Mead	Approve	Granted
P15/S1744/FUL	Erection of a new grain store and a general purpose storage barn with accessways. Frogs Island Farm	Approve	Granted
P15/S1670/HH	Variation of condition 3 on planning Permission P05/W0270. The Orchard, Church Lane	Approve	Granted
P15/S2188/HH	Replace roof over garage and kitchen and convert garage into kitchen, utility room and store room. 13, Monks Mead, B-c-S	Approve	Granted
P15/S2314/FUL	Proposed slurry lagoon. Mackney Court Farm, Mackney	No objection	Granted
P15/S2702/HH	Relocated access. Haddon Close Orchard, Sires Hill	No objection	

e) Neighbourhood Plan Report

Cllr Debney is meeting with the SODC Neighbourhood Plan Officer to review the plan and it is hoped she will attend the next Neighbourhood Plan meeting.

f) August and September's Payments

Payments made in August

Payee and reason	£ detail	£ VAT	£ total
Stewart Village Hall – Neighbourhood Watch meeting	13.75		13.75
Collier's of Crowmarsh - paint	22.16	4.43	26.59
Playsafety Ltd – RoSPA Inspection	130.00	26.00	156.00

SODC – Uncontested Election	85.00		85.00
Post Office Ltd - PAYE	72.80		72.80
L. Dalby – Clerk’s Salary and Expense	504.70		504.70

The following accounts for payment were agreed.

Payee and reason	£ detail	£ VAT	£ total
T.H. Cooper – grass cutting	100.00		100.00
L. Dalby – Clerk’s salary and Expenses	508.14		508.14
Post Office Ltd – PAYE	72.60		72.60
Brightwell-cum-Sotwell Web group	500.00		500.00
Came and Company – Annual Insurance	1805.15		1805.15

The balance of the current account on 28th August was £40,233.00.

The second Precept Payment of £14,798.50 was made on the 3rd September.

6 **Matters for Discussion/Decision**

a) War Memorial – Name correction

It has come to light that one of the names on the War Memorial is incorrect. It was agreed to accept the quote from the stone mason who recently cleaned the memorial for £248 + VAT to make a correction. The Clerk will ask if the work can be completed before Remembrance Sunday and it was agreed to invite the relatives to attend the service.

b) Defibrillator

There are now three defibrillators in the Parish registered with the Ambulance Service.

- a. Shillingford Hill Home Park, Shillingford Hill, Oxon, OX10 8LN.
Inspected by a rota of The Shillingford Hill Home Park residents Association.
- b. Greenmere Telephone Box, Greenmere, Brightwell-cum-Sotwell, OX10 0QF
Inspected by Mr Taylor
- c. Village Hall, West End, Brightwell-cum-Sotwell, OX10 0RY
Inspected by the Clerk.

The Inspections will take place on a weekly basis with any problems being reported to the Clerk or if she is unavailable to Cllr Collett immediately. The Clerk will contact the supplier who will then talk through a manual re-set for the device and if this fails to correct the problem will supply loan unit until our unit can be repaired/replaced.

c) Speed Limits

It was agreed to pay for the initial surveys required by OCC to establish the suitability of the Parish for a 20mph limit. Following the results of the surveys there will be further consultation with the residents.

d) Donations 2015

The Environment group have applied for £150 to pay towards speakers and room hire for their public meetings. Cllr Jackson agreed to find further information about this application.

South and Vale Carers who support local carers have applied for Grant Aid. They currently support two families in Brightwell-cum-Sotwell. It was agreed to donate £100.

	<p>e) Planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - P15/S2748/FUL – Construction of one dwelling and garages. Land between Mount Vernon and North Barn, Bakers Lane, Brightwell-cum-Sotwell. <p>As per District Councillor’s report at item 5 b) above.</p> <p>f) Approval of the A-Z Guide</p> <p>Cllr Nielsen has had problems with the formatting of the A – Z. It was agreed that he would get quotes from printers to format and print the booklet. The Clerk will forward details of the printer used previously and some other local companies. It is hoped to distribute the A – Z with the December Villager.</p> <p>g) OCC Minerals and Waste Local Plan</p> <p>As per County Councillor’s report at item 5 a) above.</p> <p>Cllr Fox will prepare a response to the Waste Consultation opposing the reduction in number of tips and suggesting reduced opening hours.</p> <p>h) Maintenance of Grass Verges</p> <p>Cllr Debney suggested that in order to reduce the costs of verge cutting the Parish Council should do some planting. More volunteers are also needed.</p> <p>Cllr Debney will also investigate creating compost bins in the village to deal with the cuttings.</p> <p>i) Broadband Speeds</p> <p>There have been reported problems with broadband speed in the village especially at Shillingford. It was agreed to find out how widespread the problems are and to investigate possible solutions such as creating a network for the Parish.</p>
7.	<p>Matters for report and items for inclusion on next month’s agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dangerous Ash tree at Well Springs – the Clerk will report to OCC Countryside. - Consider applying for more of the Parish to be included in the AONB – the Clerk will contact John Rodda for more information. - Earth Trust – the Trust is progressing with their plans and have taken on board the stakeholders’ views especially regarding parking. - It was agreed Cllr Fox will investigate the options for a community solar farm.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Council would take place on Tuesday 20th October 2015 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 9.50 pm.

Signed.....Dated.....

Appendix 1

I apologise for not supplying a report for several months but will now endeavour to provide one on a monthly basis to all Parishes in this Ward. Pat and myself are happy to attend meetings when requested and we will try and regularly visit all Parish Councils.

Neighbourhood Plans – There is a large amount of emphasis being put on these at the moment and more resource is hopefully going to be put in place to help the larger villages with this.

Also Community Plans are a good starting point for the smaller villages to start a plan. This is also has some resource at SODC and I am happy to help with any queries.

Other items of interest are set out below:-

The future of sport in the UK

If you're passionate about sport in the community you might want to have a say on the Department for Culture, Media and Sport's new wide-ranging sports strategy that covers ten areas such as participation, coaching, infrastructure and international influence.

They're consulting on the strategy now and you have until 2 October to have your say. Go to <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/a-new-strategy-for-sport-consultation> to take part.

Calling all community groups

OCVA (Oxfordshire Community and Voluntary Action) is trying to create a single online resource for people looking for information on voluntary,

community, charity and social enterprise initiatives, and the funding sources available in the county.

If you're a member of one please make sure yours is listed by completing the following. <http://ocva.org.uk/data/send/>

Save the date

From 7 September in South and 5 October in Vale you'll be able to recycle small electrical items and clothes/textiles that aren't good enough for charity from your home.

With your green bins we'll collect textiles that aren't good enough for charity such as torn/worn out clothes, curtains and bedsheets, and with your grey bins small electrical items like toasters, kettles, irons, hairdryers, small electronic toys, and radios. You just need to put these in an carrier bag next to the right bin on your normal collection day.

We still want people to send good quality/unwanted clothes to charity though so others can benefit from them!

Promotion will begin with 'Save the date' bin hangers, which will be going on bins towards the end of the month in South,

Flying the flag - 7 years running!

If you're a regular visitor to Wallingford Castle Meadows you'll know how lovely they are. So, you won't be surprised to hear they have received national awards from Keep Britain Tidy called Green Flags for the last seven years.

New home for South and Vale carers

South and Vale Carers have moved to:

Harwell Innovation Centre

Curie Avenue

Didcot

OX11 0QG

They also have a new phone number - 01235 838554 so please update any records you may have for them.

Section 106 agreements in your community

You can find out what Section 106 agreements are in place for your community on our website. ([South/Vale](#)). It includes all the agreements from developments dating back to 2000.

Infrastructure examinations

Last month, a Planning Inspector independently examined our draft CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) schedule. We're expecting their report after October.

Once it's agreed, the new levy will be used to determine how much funding developers need to provide for infrastructure projects.

Next month, we'll be consulting on how to apply S106 funding once the CIL is in place.

Orchard Centre update

We recently gave planning permission for the much anticipated expansion of the Orchard Centre. We'll now spend the next few months working with the developers (Hammerson) to finalise all the agreements such as S106 but they can go ahead and award contracts for the construction work so we expect to see work starting in the next few months.

Didcot Parkway car park proposal

First Great Western want to build a new six storey car park at Didcot Parkway to increase the amount of spaces available for people using the station.

*They've submitted what's called a **screening opinion** to explain how their proposal could affect the local environment. This will allow us to see if we need additional information - if not, the car park can go ahead under permitted development.*

PCSO update

Over three months (between April and June) the PCSOs we help fund have:

helped 401 victims of crime

identified areas in Cholsey that could lead to anti-social behaviour and gave advice to residents there on crime prevention

met business owners in Shiplake as part of a business day and signed 24 attendees up to receive alerts from TVP

issued ten tickets as part of a speeding and road safety awareness campaign in Thame.