

**BRIGHTWELL-CUM-SOTWELL PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting duly convened and held on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2017 at 7.30pm in the Church Room, Brightwell-cum-Sotwell**

**Present:** Cllrs S. Robson(Chair), J. Debney, C. Collett, H. Baines, S. Jackson, D. Fox and R. Neilsen.

**In attendance:** L. Dalby (Clerk), County Cllr L. Atkins and five members of the public.

1.	<b>Apologies for Absence</b> Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Gillgrass.							
2.	<b>Minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2016</b> The minutes of the meeting held on 17 <sup>th</sup> and 30 <sup>th</sup> January 2017 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.							
3.	<b>Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest.</b> There were none.							
4.	<p><b>Public Participation</b> A resident expressed concerns about Planning Application P17/S0343/O - construction of four dwellings Mackney Lane. The applicant responded to comments from the neighbour and Parish Councillors.</p> <p>The agent for P17/S0164/O – Residential Development Little Martins Field offered to answer any questions about the application. The applicants would welcome thoughts on Watermans Lane. They also reported this is the outline application and they will have further consultations about the layout etc once planning permission has been granted.</p> <p>County Cllr Atkins discussed her report and reported that following concerns raised by the Clerk about problems with builders parking in the village she had spoken to the Highways officers but they do not have the power to act.</p>							
5.	<p><b>Matters for Discussion/Decision</b> Cllr Fox proposed to exclude members of the public from the discussions about planning decisions due to the sensitive issues involved. Cllr Collett seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously. The public left the meeting.</p> <p>a) Planning</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Ref</th> <th>Description</th> <th>Decision</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>P16/S4253/O</td> <td>Outline planning application with new access off Didcot Road / West End, (with all matters reserved except access) for the erection of up to 25 residential dwellings (Class C3); together with open space (incorporating LAP), landscaping and all enabling works. Land south of Didcot Road Brightwell cum Sotwell</td> <td> <p><b>Object</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Law and Policy of NP</li> <li>- Substantial harm to views</li> <li>- Harm to tranquillity of graveyard</li> <li>- Historic nature of land</li> <li>- Access issues</li> <li>- Land not redundant</li> <li>- No permission to fell sycamore tree</li> <li>- Against NP</li> </ul> </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Ref	Description	Decision	P16/S4253/O	Outline planning application with new access off Didcot Road / West End, (with all matters reserved except access) for the erection of up to 25 residential dwellings (Class C3); together with open space (incorporating LAP), landscaping and all enabling works. Land south of Didcot Road Brightwell cum Sotwell	<p><b>Object</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Law and Policy of NP</li> <li>- Substantial harm to views</li> <li>- Harm to tranquillity of graveyard</li> <li>- Historic nature of land</li> <li>- Access issues</li> <li>- Land not redundant</li> <li>- No permission to fell sycamore tree</li> <li>- Against NP</li> </ul>
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P16/S4245/HH	Retrospective application for garden room, gates to drive, repositioning of garage and two rooflights in roof of house (changes from approved plans P15/S2748/FUL). Haldene House Bakers Lane Brightwell Cum Sotwell OX10 0PU	<b>Object</b> Subject to expected amendment to plan.
P16/S0164/O	Proposed residential development including new access from Didcot Road following demolition of existing buildings to southern portion of site. Little Martins Field, land east of Waterman's Lane north east of Didcot Road Brightwell-cum-Sotwell OX10 0RY	<b>Approve</b> In line with NP
P17/S0151/HH	Two storey side extension. Farthing Corner Sotwell Street Brightwell-cum-Sotwell OX10 0RH	<b>Approve</b> Subject to neighbour's comments
P17/S0343/O	Construction of four dwellings and access drive Address: Land west of Mackney Lane Mackney Lane Brightwell-cum-Sotwell OX10 0SQ	<b>Object</b> - Law and Policy of NP - Access - Narrow lane - Views - Footpaths - Backland development
P17/S0387/AG	Barn extension Mackney Court Farm Mackney Lane Brightwell-cum-Sotwell OX10 0SJ	<b>NSV</b>
MW.0094/16	Planning application by Grundon Sand & Gravel Ltd for planning permission for the extraction of sand and gravel with associated processing plant, conveyors, office and weighbridge, parking areas. Construction of new access onto the A4130. Restoration to agriculture, incorporating two ponds, using imported inert materials at New Barn Farm, Cholsey, Nr Wallingford, Oxfordshire, OX10 9HA	<b>Object</b>

- b) Application for donations from
- Shillingford Hill Residents Association for weekly mini bus.  
Cllr Fox proposed that £910 be awarded to the Association for the first three months transport. The award will then be reviewed subject to use of the service.  
Cllr Collett seconded the proposal.
  - Environment Group for work to the Millennium Wood  
It was agreed to ask for more details of the groups finances before using more than the budgeted £200 for work to the wood.
- c) Minerals and Waste Local Plan  
Cllr Neilsen to respond.

6. **Reports**

a) County Councillor's Report

The Cabinet approved the final draft Local Plan for Minerals and Waste at its meeting on 24th January. A period of statutory consultation on the plan began on 3rd February and ends on 20th March at 5pm. There are no planned changes to the Minerals Strategic Resource Area to the north of Wallingford, also known as Site A, part of which is in the Parish, or the two sites between Wallingford and Cholsey.

There are a number of flaws in the current plan which I shall be pointing out in response to the consultation. I'll be happy to share details with anyone who is interested outside the meeting. Consultation details can be found here: [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/minerals-and-waste-core-strategy](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/minerals-and-waste-core-strategy)

OCC agreed its budget for 2017/18 at its meeting on 14th February which includes a Council Tax increase, for the OCC part of Council Tax, of 4.99%. Three percent of that is directly targeted at Adult Social Care (as agreed by government) while the other 1.99% will support other services such as Children's Social Care, roads maintenance, libraries etc.

The Environment Agency is planning a series of pop-up information stalls to raise awareness of the Oxford Flood Alleviation Scheme. I set up a meeting for the local councils in my Division with the EA last year and have asked the EA to have an information stall in Wallingford. This will probably happen in March and I will keep the Parish Council posted about a date and location.

I am very much aware of the flood of planning applications for housing development in the village. If members of the Council are able to let me know of any specific concerns about OCC issues (particularly highways and public transport) I would find that very helpful when framing my own contribution to the OCC response to each of the applications.

I am very pleased to report that following the consultation held by the County Council which ended in December, the Cabinet is recommending to the Council that a Day Services Centre, for use by both older people and adults with learning disabilities, is retained in Wallingford. The decision has been made that this should be the site by the library, currently used by adults with learning disabilities, rather than the area of Westgate House used by older people. This decision has been broadly welcomed and I am pleased we will retain a Centre in Wallingford for use by people across the area.

Discussions about Unitary Authorities continue, and I am very pleased that SODC and the Vale of White Horse District Council now both agree with OCC that a single Unitary Authority with clear local accountability through area committees is the most sensible way forward.

b) District Councillors' Report

There was none.

c) Clerk's Report

The Neighbourhood Plan has been submitted to SODC.

The Clerk has reported the problems with builders parking at the old Bell Garage as the bus company have threatened to withdraw the service if the situation doesn't improve (it is currently causing daily delays). SODC Planning will not take any responsibility and OCC Highways do not have the power to act. The Police have spoken to the builders about the issue but did point out that SODC do have the power to act if they choose to.

Cllr Collett will speak to District Cllr Murphy about the problem.

The Village Hall Committee have requested to use the Parish Council wifi to allow the hall to be used for a forthcoming planning appeal. It was agreed to give permission.

d) Planning Report

Ref	Description	PC Rec	Decision
P16/S3960/HH	Retrospective Application for the erection of an open porch to the front elevation, Saddlestones, High Road	NSV	Granted
P16/S4004/HH	Rear single storey extension. Alterations to pitched roof and interior. Addition of rooms to loft. Benjamin House, Sotwell St	Approve	Granted
P16/S3875/FUL	Conversion of an agricultural building to a single dwelling house and creation of domestic curtilage. Land off Mackney Lane	NSV	Granted

e) The following accounts for payment were agreed.

Payee and reason	£ detail	£ VAT	£ total
L. Dalby – Clerk’s Salary and Expenses	599.11		599.11
HMRC - PAYE	80.75		80.75
rCOH Ltd – NP Professional Fees	5050.00	1010.00	6060.00
SODC – Emptying Dog Bins	41.86	8.37	50.23
TH Cooper - Hedgework	520.00		520.00

7. **Matters for report and inclusion on March’s Agenda**
- Bosley’s Orchard Planning Application
  - Cllr Debney reported that it is hoped that Regulation 16 of the NP will start as soon as possible.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Council would take place on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2017 at 7.30pm

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 9.45 pm.