

Minutes of a meeting of **South Hinksey Parish Council** held on
Monday 1st October 2007 in the Village Hall, South Hinksey.

Present: Councillor C. Briffett - Chairman
Councillor Ms. S Balaam
Councillor C. Davies
Councillor Mrs M. Rawcliffe

In attendance: Anne Wilson Parish Clerk
Councillor J. Patterson – Oxfordshire County Council

Councillor Briffett formally welcomed Councillor Patterson to the meeting and stated that he was very welcome to attend when ever he was able.

69/07 Apologies for Absence

RESOLVED to note that apologies were received from Councillor Bob Johnson..

70/07 Vacancy on the Parish Council

It was with regret that members acknowledged the resignation of Sarah Gray as a Parish Councillor. Members thanked her for her contribution to the parish of South Hinksey.

Members are asked to note that therefore a similar process to the recent co-options will take place.

All members were asked to consider who may be suitable for co-option and approach them direct. All applications would need to be sent to the Parish Clerk in line with the information on the posters that would be put up in the parish.

71/07 Declarations of Interest

RESOLVED to note that Councillor Ms. Sarah Balaam declared both a personal and prejudicial interest in agenda item 9 - Planning Applications.

72/07 Minutes

RESOLVED to confirm the minutes **SHPC/04/07**

RESOLVED that the following amendments be made:

At the beginning of the minutes Councillor Ms S Bayliss should read
“Cllr. Ms S Balaam”

56/07 Cllr. Mrs Rawcliffe did not have serious reservations about the proposal but about the ongoing costs of such a project.

SHPC/04/07 would now be posted on the South Hinksey website now they had been approved. Cllr. Briffett expressed concern about the amendments that had just been made and if they were put on as they are without these amendments it would give a

false impression of what had been agreed. The Parish Clerk stated it was normal practice that it was the minutes agreed without the amendments being made that are available for members of the public. However one way forward was to put an addendum on the end of the minutes stating any amendments made at the meeting that would be confirmed at the next meeting. This was agreed by those present.

73/07 Woodland Project Proposal

Members considered the report with regard to the Woodland Proposal from Councillor Clive Briffett which will be discussed at the meeting.

Following lengthy discussion and explanation by Cllr. Briffett members **RESOLVED** that they would accept the quote from JAG Timber as presented at the meeting at a cost of £12471.40 + VAT £2182.50 total cost of £14653.93. This would comprise of grants from various organisations currently being applied for and be at no cost to the Parish Council.

Included in the grant application to the Forestry Commission was an amount covering the Farm Woodland Premium Scheme which is paid to compensate the loss of agricultural land as a result of creating woodland. Amounts paid may range from £60 - £300 per hectare. This should be more than adequate for covering costs of tree, grassland and shrub maintenance for the site.

Cllr. Briffett stated that he was very keen to connect up all the woodland and hedge areas in the parish. He was hopeful of a major grant for the woodland. Cllr. Davies asked whether people actually used the existing woodland and Cllr. Briffett stated that he saw many groups on the Chilswell path trail and coming through the lower part of the village from Oxford and the surrounding area.

Concern was expressed about future costs of the woodland area when any maintenance monies ran out and the Parish Clerk suggested that the Parish Council start a woodland reserve fund as part of the annual precept which is ring fenced for that specific purpose until such time it is required. **RESOLVED** by those present that this was a good idea and that monies would be put into the precept annually for this purpose with effect from 2007/2008.

74/07 Sale of Land Off Chilswell Path to Mrs M. Pringle

Members considered the paperwork and confirmed that the area circled on the map is Chilswell Path. There were queries over some of the land ownership and the Parish Clerk was asked to confirm these.

Members considered the paperwork with regard to a "Disclosable Overriding Interest Questionnaire" and other issues relating to the sale of the land off Chilswell Path and asked the Parish clerk to respond accordingly.

Concern was also be expressed about the siting of two vehicles adjacent to the path which members believed belonged to the second cottage on Chilswell path and they thought that the owners had already been asked to move them.

75/07 Community Land Proposal

Members noted that there was no update at the current time.

76/07 Members Responsibilities

RESOLVED that members should give the matter of Members responsibilities as a Parish Councillor within South Hinksey further thought and discussion should take place again at the next meeting. Some areas, such as Finance and Legal were the responsibility of the Parish Clerk although under the Code of Conduct these also fell to members.

77/07 Planning Applications

RESOLVED that members noted the following:

General Elliott

Members noted that a revised access survey had taken place at the end of September by eclipse.co.uk. Members were aware that a response was awaited from the Environment Agency and concern was expressed about the water levels on the site. Members had many concerns that made the site unsatisfactory. Councillor Mrs Rawcliffe stated that the proposals were down a very narrow access and the proposals by the pub did not offer the only access to the site.

Planning Applications considered:

AFD/07/00860/AFD Notification of Agricultural Development
New Barn, Land Adjoining Wyevale Garden Centre, South Hinksey

RESOLVED that the following comments be made:

- The application presented an overdevelopment of the site
- The application was an inappropriate use of the site both in size and location
- There was not enough land to justify an agricultural building
- The proposed size of the development means it will dwarf everything in the area

Planning Applications Passed:

SH1/020230 3 Church Close, South Hinksey
Erection of rear and side ground floor extensions, proposed loft conversion, removal of existing garden shed plus internal minor alterations

78/07 20mph speed limit in South Hinksey

Members discussed the possible implementation of a 20mph speed limit in the village like Wytham have recently installed following comments which have been by residents of South Hinksey.

RESOLVED that members felt that there was very little option but to drive slowly through South Hinksey Village and with the natural obstacles that any implementation of a 20mph limit would be a waste of money.

Cllr. Briffett referred to a recent discussion held by Cllr. David Robertson with parishioners of South Hinksey at the Village Hall AGM on the 11th September and to his comments on changes proposed for the Hinksey Hill interchange roundabout made on 27th September in Abingdon at the Sustainable Community Strategy workshop.

RESOLVED that the Parish Clerk should write along the following lines to David Robertson and the Highways Agency:

Members discussed the implications of these proposals for village traffic and **RESOLVED** that whilst they welcome improvements to the roundabout to improve traffic flows they wondered if the opportunity could be taken to solve the slip road problems previously raised on numerous occasions with the Oxfordshire County Council and the Highways Agency in recent years.

That if a new road could be extended from the end of Parker Road to the new roundabout or directly to Redbridge this would reduce the need to access the A34 as the only current means of exiting the village. To avoid possible rat running there would be a need to redesign the southern direction exit from the A34 into the village. The existing northern direction exit from the A34 to the golf course, garden centre and the village could remain the same.

Members asked that these requests are given serious consideration since the dangers of continuing to use our existing slip roads have become rather hazardous due to the huge increases in traffic flows on the A34. Members would be willing to meet with Cllr. Robertson and the Highways Agency to discuss this further.

79/07 A34

Following the meeting held on 1st August the Parish Clerk had re-written to the Highways Agency and still no response had been received.

Members were less than happy that the Highways Agency had not yet responded

Cllr. Patterson felt that a variable speed limit should be implemented along the stretch of the A35 from the beginning of the 50mph limit at the Botley interchange to just past the turning to Cowley as they felt would help traffic flow problems and keep the traffic moving. Cllr Ms. Balaam felt that this would create even more of a dangerous manoeuvre for residents getting onto the A34 both south and north bound. It would make it difficult to regulate the gaps.

RESOLVED that members felt that the 50mph speed limit should be extended beyond the South Hinksey turning.

80/07 Flooding Matters.

RESOLVED that Members are asked to note the attached responses and correspondence with regard to flooding in South Hinksey. Members were very concerned about the recent flooding.

Cllr. Ms Balaam reported that if you were affected by the flooding and a Council Tax payer then there was a £250 payment available from the County Council. She had also asked for a flood indicator but had been told these were expensive and subject to VAT. It was agreed that the Parish Council should lobby the government and Evan Harris MP and make Peter Rawcliffe aware of the situation as members considered these were an essential item and not a luxury so should not be subject to VAT.

RESOLVED that Cllr. Mrs Rawcliffe would confirm the all the locations mentioned in correspondence where the village flooded with her husband so that the Parish Clerk can respond accordingly.

81/07 Church Close – South Hinksey Parish

RESOLVED that members noted the comments reported with reference to minute no. **62/07** made by Sarah Gray:

I contacted David Brown (Property Records Officer) at Oxford City Council, unfortunately I was unable to speak to John Kulasec, I explained the situation again to him regarding the reasons as to why the residents of Church Close wanted to buy part of the field alongside Parker Road. Although we have already been told that the land is in use until 2011, I asked whether it would be possible for a site visit, so the City Council could see for themselves what we are actually proposing. I was told quite clearly that Oxford City Council would not be going back on their decision and therefore, there really was not point in trying to pursue it.

Regarding the limited parking along St. Lawrence Road, I contacted Kemp & Kemp, who are selling the nine properties in Isis Court and I was told that each house will definitely have two parking spaces and there will also be some spaces allocated for visitor parking, within the development. Hopefully, this shouldn't impact too much on the parking situation on St. Lawrence Road.

Members felt that this was a very negative response. There is excessive parking in the road and the road was too narrow to take it. Members did acknowledge however that the parking did slow the traffic down.

82/07 Cheques for Payment

RESOLVED to confirm:

a) That the following invoices have been paid in between meetings:

- OALC – Planning Course on 10th October £ 47.00 (MR & CB)
- Centurion (Graffiti removal) £

b) That the schedule of cheques for payment listed below be paid at the meeting.

• Bicester Town Council – postage and photocopying	£ 26.17
• VOWH Uncontested Election expenses	£ 59.48
• Outerspace Garden Company (July/August) mowing	£ 1701.44
• A. Wilson – postage	£ 13.34
• South Hinksey Village Hall rental 2007/2008	£ 165.00
• Saint Laurence Church grant (2x£500 per annum)	£1000.00
• Mrs A Wilson (telephone £30 and postage £4.90)	£ 34.90

FURTHER RESOLVED that South Hinksey Parish pay for the web hosting for the South Hinksey Website at a cost of £102.55

83/07 Correspondence

RESOLVED that members considered or noted the correspondence attached to the agenda or sent to the Parish Council as listed below:

- Licensing Act 2003 – Draft Statement of Licensing Policy
- Oxford Green Belt Network – newsletter September 2007
- Businesses asked to clear up advertising clutter literature

- OALC Risk Assessment Course – 9.15 a.m. Tuesday 13th November in Kidlington –no member would like to attend
- OALC Freedom of Information Course - 1.30 p.m. Tuesday 13th November in Kidlington – no member would like to attend
- ORCC Parish Plan Training Day – Saturday 20th October in Steventon – no member would like to attend
- Information on Glasdon Seating, litter and dog litter bins
- OCC Home2School newsletter
- Oxfordshire Playing Fields Association AGM – Monday 1st October – SHPC have sent apologies to this AGM
- ORCC AGM and Presentation of the Calor Village of the Year Awards – Wednesday 3rd October in Little Milton – no member would like to attend
- Clerks and Councillors Direct – magazine
- GOSE _ Regional Spatial Strategy for the South East (The South East Plan) – Publication of the Panel Report – can be seen on the internet
- OCC Casualty Report 2006 and Road Safety Strategy and Plan 2007/08
- National Association of Local Councils Conference in Bournemouth on the 5th – 7th October – The Parish Clerk was already attending this conference but no member would like to attend
- Parish Plans – Does your Village have a future? Information on how to put together a Parish Plan.
- Letter from Parochial Church Council of St. Laurence Church to say thank you for permitting the use of the area next to the burial ground for the Church Autumn Fair. A total of £805 was raised.
- Vale of White Horse D.C. - Code of Conduct Training: Tuesday 13th or Tuesday 20th November 2007 at 6.30 p.m. in the Civic Hall, Wantage. No members would like to attend
- General Notice of Registerable Interests:

RESOLVED that as members of South Hinksey Parish Council have adopted the new Code of Conduct all members should fill in a new Notice of Registerable Interests form and return it to the Parish Clerk as soon as possible for her to send the new copies to the Vale of White Horse DC.

84/07 Circulated in between Meetings.

RESOLVED that members noted that for members information the following information has been sent to the Parish Council Chairman and where necessary circulated in between meetings to other members. Members therefore noted this information and the action taken.

- Local Councils update
- VOWHDC Parish Liaison Meeting – Cllr. Briffett attended this meeting on the 27th September.
- Consultation on Draft Supplementary Planning Document on Balance of Dwellings – Oxford City Council:
- Oxfordshire Services – your guide to the County Council - for the parish council records
- Vale of White Horse – Getting Your Voice heard on Planning Applications leaflet
- News from Oxfordshire County Council newsletter
- Vale of White Horse – review of polling Districts and Places – two notices to were put up in the village
- Countryside and Family Show information
- Electric Blanket testing – notice to be put up in the village
- Flooding Information pack – for the parish council records
- Oxfordshire Nature Conservation Forum – letter
- Review of Primary School Provision in Oxfordshire – update on earlier consultation
- Thames Valley Police Open Day in Sulhamstead
- A further letter on the Oxfordshire Waste and Minerals Strategy for information
- Waste Strategy Information from Peter Rawcliffe
- Audit Paperwork – the relevant paperwork for the 2006/2007 financial year has been sent to our Auditors BDO Stoy Hayward. (Initially by fax followed by post)

85/07 Updates.

Members are asked to note the following:

- Street Names: The Clerk has written to the VOWHDC stating that the Council felt that Wilkins Court was a fitting tribute to the Clerk of 45 years standing. The developer preferred Isis Court and in fact already had had name plates made to that effect. He was asked to contact me direct by the VOWHDC to discuss the matter but as at the meeting the Clerk had not heard from him. Until a name is agreed no post code can be allocated to the development.

RESOLVED that the Parish Clerk should follow this up stating that eh parish council feel quite strongly that the road should be Wilkins Court.

- Unfortunately Cllr. Mrs Rawcliffe and Mr Rawcliffe were not able to attend the reception on the 17th September at the reception in the Abbey Hall in Abingdon.

86/07 Date of next meeting: Monday 5th November 2007 at 7.30 p.m.

Signed Date:
Chairman