

NEWINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Meeting held on Thursday 1st August 2019

Attendees	Cllr. James Nettleton (JN) Cllr. Graham Howlett (GH) Cllr. Mike Black (MB) Cllr. Peter Ablett (PA) Cllr. Duncan Howlett (DH) Martin Baldwin (MEB) (Clerk) Cllr. Lorraine Lindsey-Gale (LLG) (OCC) 4 Parishioners
Apologies	Cllr. David Turner (DT) (SODC)

Ref	Item	Notes	Action
44/19	Introduction	The Chair (JN) opened the meeting and welcomed all present.	
45/19	Apologies	Cllr. David Turner (DT) (SODC)	
46/19	Minutes of the last meeting	The minutes of the Newington PC AGM & Ordinary meeting held on Thursday 16 th May 2019 were approved by the meeting and signed by the Chair.	
47/19	Matters Arising (not on agenda)	None.	
48/19	Holcombe Lane: Speed Issue & Road Damage	<p><u>SPEED ISSUE</u> Serious concern about speed of traffic in Holcombe Lane. Lengthy discussion ensued regarding various options. Speed Bumps were raised as an option, though LLG informed us that OCC no longer use speed bumps. Speed bumps can cause considerable noise, though it was agreed we would look at all possible options. Holcombe Lane is an adopted highway and as such all options have to meet legal requirements and be approved by OCC. The current legal speed limit is 30mph.</p> <p>It was agreed to write a letter to all Holcombe Lane residents. See Letter Appendix C. This letter will be delivered by hand by some of the Councillors.</p> <p>It was agreed to write a letter to OCC via LLG to request a legal reduction to 20mph. LLG will pass it on to relevant authorities.</p> <p>We will continue to liaise with Jon Beale from Highways.</p> <p><u>ROAD DAMAGE & POT HOLES</u> Highways have said as it's a water leak it's down to Thames Water to fix the road once they have resolved the water leak. There are other subsidence which has been reported on Fix my Street web site by PA.</p> <p>Highways have said that until the water leak is dealt with by Thames Water, they will not repair the road. The water leak was first reported on 5th June, but it has been impossible thus far to get them to progress repair.</p>	<p>MEB</p> <p>JN</p> <p>MEB LLG</p> <p>MB</p>

		<p>MB continues to liaise and correspond with Thames Water & Highways seeking to facilitate the appropriate work.</p> <p>Subsequent to water repairs the question of the suitability and strength of the road needs to be addressed by Highways. There are clearly two issues: the short-term resolution and the long-term survey of the road.</p>	<p>MB</p> <p>ALL</p>
49/19	Open Forum & Village Matters	The footpath alongside the main road from Holcombe Lane to Orchard cottage is restricted requiring the hedge to be cut back.	
50/19	District Councillor Report	DT - SODC monthly report, which follows as Appendix A .	
51/19	County Councillor Report	<p>LLG - OCC monthly report, which follows as Appendix B.</p> <p>It was noted that verge cutting is only done twice a year by OCC, but where there are junctions it needs to be done more often. Where there are concerns send LLG photographs and details of where it is and LLG will pass it on.</p>	
52a/19 JN	SAD Speed Awareness Device	<p>MB has full costings for the various options. It was agreed to progress the installation of a solar powered vehicle activated speed-warning sign. This is the most effective option. Approximate cost of about £4000. It is hoped that OCC will help fund this, but NPC will also have to find some funds. MB will continue to liaise with Highways to fulfil this.</p> <p>MB agreed to the request from JN to acquire three quotes for the speed awareness device and give them to JN to process.</p> <p>Other options are white gates and dragons' teeth road marking, but these options will depend on further funding availability and will be reviewed in the future after we assess the impact of the speed-warning sign.</p>	<p>MB</p> <p>MB</p> <p>ALL</p>
52b/19 DH/GH	Community Liaison/Notice Board Control	<p>GH to give MEB key.</p> <p>MEB will update and reorganise the Notice Board.</p>	<p>GH</p> <p>MEB</p>
52c/19 DH/GH	Planning Applications	<p>We are waiting the printed details regarding the planning application from Lonesome Farm which will then be processed.</p> <p>Following correspondence regarding Crazy Bears use of Garden House it was agreed to take no further action.</p>	MEB
52d/19 PA/MB	Church revival	<p>This is progressing well and we are awaiting further costings. John Howell MP has agreed to give us a letter of support. A new Newington resident Bianca Rush has joined the working party and as a professional fundraiser she has produced a fundraising plan of whom we can approach for some funding. Various evening meetings are being organised where Bianca will attend.</p> <p>We still need to complete a statement of need and statement of significance.</p> <p>Also corresponding with the owners of Glebe land to facilitate parking.</p>	<p>PA</p> <p>PA</p> <p>MB</p>

52e/19 MB/JN	Event co-ordination	Charity Fun Run event on Saturday 14 th September. Still need Marshalls and First Aiders. There are a lot of people coming.	JN/ALL
52f/19 MEB	Website management	New Website is now fully transferred and fully launched. Hopefully we will get a refund from Vision ICT. Will now reduce our annual costs to £100 per annum. MB asked if there is any possibility in selling advertising space, but we have very little traffic to the website so may not be viable. MB will investigate further.	MEB MB
52g/19 PA/MB	Neighbourhood plan	No plans to produce one at this stage.	
52h/19 JN	PAGE (Gravel extraction)	LLG reported that OCC had a meeting and Newington continues to be a significant site for extraction. We need to keep fighting this. JN continues to work with PAGE & Mini PAGE to prevent it in our area. There is a good team who are all working hard. Ian Mason is key contact and LLG will connect JN with him by email.	JN LLG
52i/19 MB/GH/PA	New highways/ potholes	See item 48/19 above.	
52j/19 JN	Responsible Financial Officer	JN presented the cash asset report. JN will email it to MEB for the website. Our balance is decreasing which does limit us on expenditure. We already are an expensive village so would like not to increase the precept. For specifics we need to fundraise rather than use the precept. Following expenditure agreed: Insurance £209.17 Oxford Diocese Glebe for Allotments £17.15 Clerks Fee £470.08 CSD for Website £99.99 £358.70 still remaining from Transparency Fund which we can use for Webpage hosting fees over the next few years.	JN/MEB JN
52k/19 DH	Footpaths	See 49/19 above: The footpath alongside the main road from Holcombe Lane to Orchard cottage is restricted requiring the hedge to be cut back. A metre footpath is required so it needs cutting back significantly rather than just a trim. MB will discuss with neighbour.	MB
52l/19 MEB	Upcoming Training Events	Nothing forthcoming.	
53/19	AOB	None.	
54/19	Date of Next Meetings	AGM & APM Thursday 17 th October 7.30pm.	

Signed: Chairman

Date:

APPENDIX A

SODC Councillor's Monthly Report July 2019 From Councillor David Turner

Local Plan 2011/2034. There are many discussions going along at SODC led by the new administration to see if we can change the Local plan which was submitted by the last administration in March of this year. Recent comments by the planning inspectorate on the Oxford City plan which was also submitted in March of this year have the potential to have a big effect on the SODC Local Plan. The Planning inspector has questioned the level of housing need in Oxford City asking them to justify their high figures. This of course could affect the number of homes neighbouring District Councils have to provide in their duty to cooperate. The actions being discussed in SODC have potential knock on effects on items such as government agreed infrastructure money so they have to be very carefully considered. The options are:

- Option one – make no changes to the plan and allow it to continue to be examined by the government's independent inspectors.
- Option two – allow the plan to continue to be examined by the government's inspectors but recommend a series of main modifications that will be considered by the inspectors.
- Option three – withdraw the plan, revise it, and then resubmit the revised plan following an additional public consultation.
- Option four - withdraw the plan and start the whole plan-making process from the beginning.

Anti-idling campaign launched. SODC & the Vale have launched a new anti-idling campaign, called **Turn it off**, to help improve air quality in our districts. The campaign aims to educate residents about unnecessary air pollution caused by leaving car engines idling - our message is that if you've stopped for a minute or more, then turn off your engine for cleaner air - especially in built up areas. The Environmental Services team took the campaign to Henley and Abingdon on Clean Air Day - 20 June. Over the coming months, the team will be doing some further promotion around in our districts. We will keep you up to date when these are planned. If you'd like to discuss promoting it at a particular venue or you'd like some campaign posters and stickers, please contact SODC's Environmental Services.

Transport South East consultation. The government is looking at creating a statutory local transport body called Transport South East. The new body would be able to directly influence the government's decisions on transport issues and help deliver their strategy. As part of its proposals, the government is consulting on two documents:

- Background context - quick guide on becoming a statutory body
- Draft proposal for consultation

If you would like to feed into our responses to the consultation, please contact the South or Vale Planning Policy team by 8 July. Details are on the website.

How to report a missed bin collection. If a resident in your parish contacts you about their bin not being emptied, please ask the resident to contact our waste contractor, Biffa direct:
online - southoxon.gov.uk/missedbins or whitehorsedc.gov.uk/missedbins
phone - 03000 610610

If there are repeat problems at a property or a specific area, Biffa will investigate. If a collection is missed at the same property on a number of occasions, and the issue is not resolved by Biffa, residents should email waste.team@southandvale.gov.uk and we will investigate. You can find out more information on our missed bins policy on our missed bin pages (above) on our websites.

Garden Village status awarded to two locations in Southern Oxfordshire. Released on June 27, 2019 the government has announced that both Berinsfield and Dalton Barracks are set to become garden villages. As garden villages, both sites will have access to extra funding to help plan for new open spaces, high-quality housing, new employment opportunities, transport links and community facilities for its residents and wider community. It will help to unlock the full potential of these communities to speed up delivery. South Oxfordshire District Council has been working with the Berinsfield community for some time to work on what improvements villagers would like to see. This new status will help provide well-designed new homes, whilst protecting and enhancing existing local green spaces. The village expansion is included in South's emerging Local Plan, with councillors set to consider the options available to them in the next few weeks.

Dalton Barracks would be a new development included in the Vale of White Horse District Council's emerging Local Plan Part Two. Should it come forward as a housing site with Garden Village status it could allow more affordable homes, community facilities and healthy spaces for residents living in the area.

David Turner
1st July 2019

APPENDIX B

REPORT TO PARISH COUNCILS AUGUST 2019 FROM COUNCILLOR LORRAINE LINDSAY-GALE

STATEMENT FROM CLLR IAN HUDSPETH, LEADER OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

The decision by the new Liberal/Green coalition at South Oxfordshire District Council (SODC) to defer endorsing the emerging Local Plan has serious implications for the Housing Infrastructure Fund (HIF) bid which would provide £218 million of vital infrastructure for the Didcot area.

The preferred options of the coalition at the council meeting on 18th July were to either revise or withdraw the emerging Local Plan although any decision was deferred. Should either of these options be taken then the probable outcome is the collapse of the HIF bid with the consequent severe impact on the Didcot area infrastructure. This would then probably mean South's existing Local Plan would come under pressure and large-scale speculative planning applications might come forward on inappropriate sites. Neighbourhood Plans that many town and parish councils have spent time working on will continue to provide some protection, but there is a real danger that developers might seek to exploit the situation as there would be no new Local Plan for Neighbourhood Plans to align with.

Problems are not confined to SODC; if there is no HIF then the Vale Local Plan could also fail.

This could mean that within months of new administrations in South & Vale taking office, both Local Plans might fail due to the loss of £218 million for vital infrastructure in Didcot. A further consequence could then be the failure of the £215 million Growth Deal which contains £60 million for much needed affordable homes.

The only way to protect both Local Plans and deliver £433 million funding for Oxfordshire is for SODC to confirm it will not withdraw the emerging Local Plan but will satisfy its ambitions by seeking a review at an appropriate time in the future.

Culham and Clifton Hampden Primary Schools to merge

Informal consultation has been taking place into merging Culham Parochial Primary School and Clifton Hampden CE Primary School. Sadly, after all the efforts that were made to save the school some years ago, the numbers have been dwindling and have now reached the critical level of under 30.

A statutory notice will be served by mid September, and a public meeting will be held towards the end of the month. Representations can be made until mid October. So far, 18 children will transfer, who can be accommodated at Clifton Hampden, following some minor internal works to make better use of space. The County Council is arranging transport for these children

More charging points to support electric vehicles

The electric car revolution is set to continue in Oxfordshire thanks to a successful county council bid for a slice of a £37m government fund. Oxfordshire is set to host two major initiatives to provide more charging points for electric vehicles (EVs) across the county.

The projects have been awarded funding from Innovate UK as part of the government's £37 million investment into British engineering to transform electric charging infrastructure, revolutionising the experience for the record levels of EV drivers on UK roads.

Park and Charge will see up to 300 chargers installed in residential 'charging hubs' using car parks located in residential areas where properties don't have their own off-street parking.

Free school transport for disabled young people is retained

Young people with special education needs and disabilities will continue to be funded by Oxfordshire County Council, following a decision by Cabinet members on Tuesday, 16 July.

A cross-party group of councillors reviewed the service for students with special educational needs or disabilities (SEND) aged 16 or older to find savings needed by the council in response to reduced government funding.

The council has worked with 14 SEND schools to identify the necessary £300,000 of savings for post-16 home to school transport; removing any current need to change existing SEND free transport arrangements. A separate fund has also been created to provide transport for children to go to after-school activities.

Radical changes that improve the lives of families are set to be introduced in Oxfordshire

A pioneering approach that has radically changed the way children's social care operates in Hertfordshire is set to be adopted by Oxfordshire County Council.

The "Family Safeguarding" model has seen the number of children on child protection plans by fall 55 per cent in 30 months in Hertfordshire. Social workers have been working in small integrated teams centred around individual families in need alongside experts providing specialist mental health, drugs and alcohol, and domestic abuse services.

There has been 80 per cent rise in children in care from 2011 to 2019. There are now 780 children in care compared to 425. On current trends and without the changes we plan, children in care would rise to around 915 by 2023.

This new approach that has been pioneered in Hertfordshire will offer a way of beginning to reverse those trends.

Council seeks out more local foster carers

Oxfordshire County Council's cabinet has agreed a £1m investment in its in-house fostering service, which will increase the number of local carers and reduce the number of children who are placed with carers outside of Oxfordshire.

By enhancing the support given and amount paid to foster carers, the county council's in-house service will become competitive with independent foster care agencies and other providers across the country.

Like all councils in England, Oxfordshire County Council has experienced large rises in the number of children entering care over the last decade. In 2011 there were 425 children in care, now there are around 780.

In April 2019, 54 per cent of foster care placements in Oxfordshire were with independent fostering agencies (IFAs) with the majority being out of county (144 in 2019). National best practice suggests a local authority should aim to have 70 per cent of their mainstream carers in-house.

APPENDIX C



**Newington
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Tuesday 6th August 2019

**Residents of Holcombe Lane
Newington**

Dear Residents,

At our recent Parish Council meeting, 1st August, your councillors and I, together with a number of residents, had a very open and constructive discussion regarding the speed of some vehicles using Holcombe Lane.

Concerns by residents as to the traffic in Holcombe Lane have been voiced and after discussion I am writing to you, residents of Holcombe Lane, to raise the issue and create awareness.

The lane is a public highway and is used by a wide range of vehicles, residents and non-residents and include cars, cyclists, Farm tractors, trailers and contractors, delivery vans and so on. We also have a diverse group of pedestrians using the lane from young children, the elderly, dog walkers.

Presently the legal speed limit in Holcombe Lane is 30 mph. We are looking at various options to reduce the speed at which vehicles travel along the lane. One step we are taking immediately is to ask Oxford County Council to reduce the legal limit to 20 mph.

We, as the Parish Council, are respectfully asking that everyone takes greater care and reduces their speed in the lane. Please pass on this letter to all in your household. If anyone would like to contact me with any potential ideas to increase the safety on the lane please don't hesitate to contact me directly, my email address is james@netam.co.uk

In anticipation of your cooperation and each of us taking responsibility, we express our thanks to you in this matter.

Yours truly,

**James Nettleton
Chair
Newington Parish Council**