

HINTON WALDRIST PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Hinton Waldrist Annual Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on 10th January 2024, 7pm

In attendance: Alison Geary (Chairman), Councillors Justin Davenport (JD), Peter Evans (PE), Hugh Hamill (HH), Stephanie Stott (SS), Martin Taylor (MT) and Judith Willis (JW)

Present: Allison Leigh (Clerk)

23/75: Apologies for absence: None

23/76: Declarations of Interest: None

At this stage in the meeting the Chair noted she would like the Council to be looking at ways to bring residents together and new initiatives.

23/77: Public questions and statements: No members of the public were present.

23/78: Minutes:

- The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of the 15th November 2023 were approved and signed with 2 typographical errors corrected.

23/79: Reports from County and District Councillors:

Vale of White Horse District Council (VoWHDC)

There was no report and not update on the Joint Local Plan.

Oxfordshire County Council (OCC)

There was a report received on the 9th January which was not circulated due to when it arrived. See Attachment 1.

23/80: Report from Police Constable Officer: A report was received from PCSO James Pelling from Faringdon who reported there have been no reports in the past 30 days. HH noted there were he was made aware of the theft of tools in Longworth.

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23/81: Finance:

- **24/25 budget:** The Council resolved a budget of £4,975.00 and a precept of £4,400.00
- **Bank signatories:** PE stepped down as a bank signatory and the Council resolved for JW to act as a new one.
- **Donation requests:**
 - **Citizens Advice:** The Council resolved to donate £50 to South and Vale Citizens Advice.
 - **Oxfordshire Mind:** The Council resolved to donate £50 to Oxfordshire Mind.
- **Consider Community First Oxfordshire (CFO) membership:** The Council resolve not to purchase a CFO membership.
- **Finance report:**

Reconciled balance as of 31/12/23: £6,049.90

Payments authorised:

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Date</u>
Allison Leigh	Salary – January	133.90	31/1/24
Allison Leigh	Salary – February	137.30 (minus tax)	29/2/24
Allison Leigh	Expenses: Home allowance and mileage	56.50	10/1/24
Hinton Waldrist Village Hall	Room Hire	20.00	10/1/24
HMRC	PAYE	16.60	10/1/24
South and Vale Citizens Advice	Donation	50.00	10/1/24
Oxfordshire Mind	Donation	50.00	10/1/24

Receipts

There have been no receipts since the last meeting.

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23/82: Reports:

- **Communication:** The Council would like to proceed with the domain name hwpc.gov.uk if it is allowable. If not, the Council resolved to proceed with hintonwaldrist-pc.gov.uk.
- The Council resolved for email addresses to be firstname.lastname @.....
- The state of the noticeboard was discussed. JW will arrange a meeting with a contractor and the Clerk to discuss a refurbishment or replacement of the noticeboard. The possibility of moving the noticeboard to inside the bus shelter was discussed. PE will follow up with the Village Hall Committee.
- The Clerk will create a Parish Council Facebook page.
- **Allotments:** The Council considered the discussions that had been had with Savills with regards to leasing the land on which the allotments are. The Council resolved to have a working group to discuss a business plan to send to Savills made up of the Chair, Vice Chair, MT and SS. This will be discussed at the next meeting of HWPC.

23/83: Planning:

<u>Application number</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Plan</u>	<u>HWPC Comments</u>
P23/V/2581/HH	2 Duxford Farm Cottages Duxford SN7 8SQ	Two storey extension to provide garage with a playroom over. Single storey linking extension (to the garage) to provide a new kitchen. Replacement (enlarged) porch. Closing off of the existing vehicular entrance.	HWPC has no comments on objections to this planning.

23/84: Biodiversity: The Clerk advised that legislation has come into effect requiring councils to consider biodiversity initiatives.

- CAG: Nature Recovery Networks survey: The Council resolved not to complete this survey.
- The Council noted its tree planting initiatives which were carried out in 2023.

23/85: Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) Charter: The Clerk noted she will respond and encourages councillors to do the same.

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23/86: Publications and correspondence: The Council acknowledged the correspondence since the last meeting.

23/87: Matters for report: The Council would like to advertise the handy person scheme operated by the Home Improvement Agency.

23/88: Date of the next meeting: The date of the next Parish Council meeting was confirmed as 13th March 7pm.

The meeting closed at 9:05pm.

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County Councillor Juliette Ash REPORT- All parishes- Jan 2024

Dear residents,

Happy New Year 2024

I hope that you had a rest-filled and relaxing holiday season and wish you and your family all the best for a happy and healthy 2024.

RIVER LEVELS IN OXFORDSHIRE

Consistent rainfall during December has followed a wetter than average Autumn. This has in turn led to higher-than-normal river levels on many watercourses in Oxfordshire.

OCC continues to support both our efforts and those of partners in the Thames Valley to respond to the flood risks and warnings, and we have started to plan for recovery. Both an Oxfordshire working group and a Thames Valley resilience group will be set up over the next couple of days to facilitate this. Water levels remain high and flood barriers and other resources may still be required in the county until the end of the week. There are 24 flood warnings and 30 flood alerts in the county.

Useful information for local people to monitor the situation in their part of the county – especially when the Environment Agency issues flood alerts or the more serious flood warnings – can be found here: <https://news.oxfordshire.gov.uk/river-levels-in-oxfordshire/> or via the Environment Agency at gov.uk/check-if-youre-at-risk-of-flooding.

You are advised to direct residents to this website and to X @EnvAgencySE for timely updates as well as the Met Office for weather warnings and advice. Residents can call the Environment

Agency's flooding hotline for advice and support at any time, seven days a week, on 0345 988 1188. Our news webpage also contains helpful information and signposting and is being updated regularly.

COLD WEATHER PREPARATION

School closures:

Schools are asked to update this page on the county council's website should they need to close for any emergency reason including flooding

Energy management:

Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks list any power outages at:

<https://powertrack.ssen.co.uk/powertrack>

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BUDGET PROPOSALS FOR 2024/25

As previously reported, the Liberal Democrat/Green administration at OCC has revealed its first draft of Budget proposals for 2024/25. The opposition parties have criticised the administration for failing to engage with them at an early stage, given the Budget cannot pass without opposition support, and are currently developing their own Budget proposals. A meeting of Full Council on Tuesday 20th February will vote on the options.

OCC SPENDS £10,000 ON COLOURING-IN BOOKS PROMOTING 20MPH SCHEME

OCC has come under criticism for spending £10,000 on colouring-in books for schoolchildren promoting its 30mph to 20mph sign-changing exercise. Opponents say that not only is it a waste of money that could be spent repairing potholes, but it also fails to provide children with a balanced view of the controversial scheme.

PRIORITY ACTION PLAN PUBLISHED TO IMPROVE SEND SERVICES

On 18 December) OCC published the local area partnership priority action plan to improve services and support for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). The plan responds to Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission's inspection report of SEND partnership services in July. A draft plan was submitted to the Department for Education (DfE) on 24 October and was approved by Ofsted on 12 December.

The plan sets out what will be achieved across five priority action areas.

1. Gathering and acting on the views of children and young with SEND and their families.
2. Developing effective communications systems across the partnership to ensure coordinated approaches.
3. Improved timeliness and quality assurance of education, health and care plans.
4. Commissioning of services to meet the needs of children and young people and their families.
5. Producing plans that are coproduced with children and young people and their families, which are rigorously monitored.

The local area partnership includes Oxfordshire County Council, NHS Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West Integrated Care Board and the parent carer forum (PCF), the official body for the voice of parent carers. The PCF

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will be directly involved in activities in the priority action plan that lead to improving services and outcomes for children and young people with SEND.

A42060/A4165 Kidlington roundabout improvements begin

Construction work for the planned improvements to Kidlington roundabout on 2 Jan 2024 and is expected to continue until June 2024. A letter drop to residents and businesses in the Kidlington area was completed in Dec 2023.

The project team is holding a drop-in info event from 3pm – 8pm on 25 Jan at Exeter Hall in Kidlington. Attendees will learn more about the programme of works and how OCC aims to minimise disruption throughout the project.

Cllr Juliette Ash

Jan 2024

Please refer directly to Cllr Ash for additional verbal reporting on your top 3 priorities by Parish