

## HINTON WALDRIST PARISH COUNCIL

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### **Minutes of Hinton Waldrist Parish Council Meeting held via Microsoft Teams on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

**Present:** Mr Hugh Hamill (Chair) (HH), Mrs Alison Geary (Vice Chair) (AG) and Councillors, Mr Peter Evans (PE), Mrs Debbie Cordery (DC) and Judith Willis (JW) and Vale of White Horse District Councillor Jerry Avery (JA) and County Councillor Anda Fitzgerald O'Connor (AFO)

**Also Present:** Mrs Allison Leigh (Clerk) (AL)

**20/80: Apologies for absence:** Councillor Stephanie Stott. It was noted that Anthony Williams has submitted a letter of resignation from the council. HH will send a letter of thanks to Anthony Williams for his service to the council.

**20/81: Declarations of Interest:** None

**20/82: Public questions and statements:** No members of the public were in attendance until agenda item 20/85.

**20/82: Minutes of the last meeting:** The minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council of 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021 and the Meeting of the Parish Council of 12<sup>th</sup> January 2021 were agreed as true record of the meeting. HH will sign the minutes and AL will collect.

**20/83: Reports from County and District Councillors:**

#### **Oxfordshire County Council (OCC)**

AFO reported the following:

- There would be a full OCC meeting later in March.
- There had been a budget meeting in February.
- There had been a planning meeting on 8/3/2021.
- OCC is recruiting firefighters who live within 5 miles of a fire station.
- Most children have been allocated their 1<sup>st</sup> or second choices for secondary school for 2021/2022.
- OCC has submitted a housing infrastructure plan for £218M.
- Residents must still follow guidelines for Covid.
- OCC didn't have any objections to the Glebe Farm Composting Site plans.
- She will not be standing again as County Councillor.

HH asked if AFO has any information on the possible continuation of virtual meetings which she did not.

#### **Vale of White Horse District Council (VoWHDC)**

JA submitted the following report:

## **Strategic Issues**

### **Lioncourt Strategic Land - Application to build 660 houses on LEKB (Land East of Kingston Bagpuize)**

I am relieved that I could speak up against the above application on behalf of all parishes within Thames Ward and that quite rightly it was rejected by the Planning Committee on 11 Feb 2021.

In my short address I emphasised two points wrt the Lioncourt application that had been rejected two years ago by the previous Planning Committee. The committee back then made it abundantly clear that, unless and until two conditions were met the application to build would be rejected. The two conditions imposed were as follows:-

1. Major improvements at the A338/A415 junction had to be carried out.
2. Air quality management issues ivo Marcham had to addressed satisfactorily.

Lioncourt failed to meet both of the above conditions and hence the Vale Planning Committee at the time rejected the original application to build. Lioncourt submitted a new application on 11 Feb 2021 which was really no more than a re-submission its original application and again it very obviously failed to meet the two conditions above. Indeed, in its application it states that HGV and other traffic can use the existing road network; to be precise, the Faringdon, Gozzard's Ford and Frilford Heath roads. There can, of course, be no doubt that the roads in question cannot possible carry such a traffic load. Again, the matter of air quality has again not been addressed. It is also perhaps worth noting at this juncture that Lioncourt has repeatedly ignored the Vale's request to update their traffic surveys even though their own traffic analysts have raised serious concerns wrt to the severe congestion that would result if the application as it stands were to be accepted and the project were to be carried through.

After making my statement I let Cllr Paul Barrow raise other issues in relation to the lack of infrastructure provision relating to medical and dental facilities as well as the lack of provision regarding education, leisure and sports facilities.

### **Government White Paper - Planning - 2020**

Proposed legislation on the future of planning has been branded as a developers' charter and a direct attack on local democracy. In its white paper on planning reforms which is currently under consultation the government has stated that it is aiming to simplify and accelerate the planning process. However, if we examine the proposals more closely, it means more deregulation and disregard for the views of local residents. Interestingly, the paper ignores the very obvious point that since 2009, that on 40% of sites with planning permission nation-wide no building work has been carried out despite the fact that councils approved 90% of all such planning applications. Further to that, the white paper also makes it clear that it effectively seeks to remove the rights of local residents to object to applications for developments in their vicinity; to make matters worse, it proposes that owners be allowed to add storeys to existing properties and that developers be granted automatic rights to build on land identified as "for growth"

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Alarming, the white paper contains a proposal to replace Section 106 (S106) payments for infrastructure with a national levy. The RIBA (The Royal Institute for British Architects) calls the proposals "shameful and which will do almost nothing to guarantee delivery of affordable, well-designed and sustainable homes." The RIBA adds that the proposals could lead to the next generation of slum housing. Finally, it is worth noting that the proposed "reforms" are opposed by the all-party LGA (Local Government Association).

### **2. The Oxford Cambridge ARC**

This is a matter that is still on the table but one that I am watching very closely.

### **3. Local Issues**

Support for residents

I have provided the parishes in Thames Ward with a small measure of financial support to ensure that the Comet Bus Service can continue to serve the vulnerable in the community. I was originally given £2000 to help PCs out and have so far handed over £1750. I would, of course, welcome a request for further funding up to £250.

With regards to Hinton Waldrist, JA reported he had received a letter from a local resident. The council noted the matter reported is a police matter.

**20/84: Report from Police Constable Officer:** None.

**20/85: Matters arising and not appearing elsewhere on the agenda:** It was noted that there is a casual vacancy with the departure of Anthony Williams. AL will post the vacancy notice and, if there is no call for election within 14 working days of posting, a councillor could be co-opted.

A discussion was had as to a potential date for The Big Lunch. The council discussed the 27<sup>th</sup> June 2021 as a possible date. This will be reviewed at the May meeting.

Dr. Paul Barrow joined the meeting at this stage. He is the District Councillor for the Thames Ward and wanted to enquire as to any interest in biodiversity in Hinton Waldrist. The council noted it would be interested in learning more and Dr. Barrow will forward any information onto AL.

**20/86: In person meetings:**

AL reported that the allowance of in-person meetings is due to cease on the 7<sup>th</sup> May 2021. The council will continue to review this.

**20/87: Planning:**

***Planning applications***

<u>Planning Number</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>What</u>	<u>HWPC Comment</u>
P21/V0003/FUL	Duxford Ford and land North of Duxford Duxford Faringdon SN7 8SQ	Duxford Ford fish easement works, comprising the placement of blocks of natural stone in the river downstream of Duxford Ford to create a natural pool and improved flow conditions to aid fish passage over the Ford, together with remedial works to the bed and banks of the river downstream of the Ford to repair scour and bank erosion, signage and interpretation board, a temporary construction access and temporary construction compound, and reinstatement of the site following completion of the works.	<p>Hinton Waldrist does not wish to object to this application.</p> <p>However it makes the following observations:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The applicant says that any mud on the road will be removed manually. Bearing in mind that the temporary access will be close to a sharp bend outside Walnut Cottage, this cleaning should be diligently observed.</li> <li>2. Rainwater at the side of the road, under the proposed access road. Duxford Road is at a hollow at the location of the temporary access road and there is a heavy flow of water during wet weather. It is considered that the applicant should provide a suitable pipe and temporary headwalls under the access road along the line of the old ditch.</li> <li>3. Consideration should be given to erecting road signs at the top of Duxford hill, just north of the Church, to warn of construction and delivery vehicles on the sharp bend.</li> </ol>

- **Letter from Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust (BBOWT) regarding the above application:** The council acknowledged the e-mail of 24/2/2021 from BBOWT

***Planning decisions***

<u>Planning Number</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>What</u>	<u>Oxfordshire County Council Response</u>

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OCC ref: MW.0017/21	Glebe Farm Composting Site, off the B4508, Hinton Waldrist, Oxfordshire, SN7 8QF	Non-Material amendment for Severn Trent Green Power The Stables, Radford, Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire, OX7 4EB for: Non-material amendment to condition 2 (change to approved plans and particulars to regularise a welfare cabin on site) of planning permission HIN/18975/1-CM (MW.0176/10)	Granted
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### 20/88: Financial report:

- Reconciled balance as of 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021: £ 7662.63

#### *Cheques authorised:*

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Cheque number</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Date</u>
Allison Leigh	Salary	636	222.40	9/3/2021
Allison Leigh	Expenses	637	52.00	9/3/2021
Oxfordshire South & Vale Citizens Advice Bureau	Donation	638	200.00	9/3/2021
ICO	Data protection fee	Direct Debit	35.00	31/3/2021
Oxfordshire Association for Local Councils	Membership fee for 2021/22	639	146.16	1/4/2021

#### ***Receipts***

None

**20/89: Publications and correspondence:** None.

**20/90: Matters for report:** The council requested the Big Lunch to be on the May agenda.

**20/91: Date of the next meeting:** The date of the next Parish Council was confirmed as 18<sup>th</sup> May 2021. This will be the Annual General Meeting and will be held at 7pm. The location is TBD.