

HINTON WALDRIST PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Hinton Waldrist Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 23rd May 2022

Present: Chairman Hugh Hamill (HH), Vice Chairman Alison Geary (AG), Councillors Peter Evans (PC), Judith Willis (JW) and David Beckenham (DB) and Allison Leigh, Clerk

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

22/6: Appointment of Chairman: HH noted he does not wish to stand as Chairman. No other councillors would like to stand as Chairman, so the council resolved to elect a Chairman per meeting. It was proposed by AG and seconded by JW for HH to chair the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council. HH agreed. The Clerk will check with Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils to ensure this is a proper way forward.

22/7: Appointment of Vice Chairman: HH proposed AG as Vice Chairman – JW seconded. AG agreed.

22/8: Signing of Declaration of Acceptance forms by Chairman and Vice Chairman: HH signed the Declaration of Acceptance form for the Annual Parish Council and Annual Parish Meetings. AG signed the Declaration of Acceptance form for Vice Chairman.

22/9: Standing Orders, Risk Assessment and Financial Regulations: The council resolved not to adopt Standing Orders, but to have regard to them, if needed. The council resolved to adopt the Risk Assessment and Financial Controls document, which has not changed.

22/10: GDPR Policies: The council resolved to adopt General and Staff privacy notices.

22/11: Bank Signatories: The council resolved to continue with AG, PE and HH as bank signatories and to add JD as an additional signatory.

The council would like AL to put the proposal of switching to Unity Trust Bank on the next agenda as it would like to consider online banking. The council asked the Clerk to provide information on Unity Trust Bank prior to the meeting.

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22/12: Apologies for absence: Councillors Justin Davenport (JD) and Stephanie Stott (SS)

22/13: Declarations of Interest: There were no declarations of interest.

22/14: Public questions and statements: No members of the public were present at this stage in the meeting.

22/15: Minutes of the last meetings: The minutes of the meetings of the 23rd March 2022 and 2nd April 2022 were approved and signed as true record of the meeting.

22/16: Reports from County and District Councillors:

Vale of White Horse District Council (VoWHDC)

J. Avery sent a report. See Attachment 1.

Oxfordshire County Council

There was no report.

The council asked the Clerk to follow up with the County Councillor regarding the 20s plenty scheme.

22/17: Report from Police Constable Officer: No report was received.

22/18: Matters arising and not appearing elsewhere on the agenda: DB asked the Clerk to check with the Elections team to see if Parish Councillors' addresses need to be held online.

(One member of the public arrived at this point in the agenda.)

22/19: Queen's Platinum Jubilee: The Council discussed plans for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee lunch. It was noted that VAT cannot be claimed on mugs sold.

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22/20: Memorial for Debbie Cordery: The Council discussed the type of tree that would be appropriate.

The Council asked the Clerk to check the budget. The Council would like to plant this tree in the Autumn 2022.

22/21: Bus Shelter sign: The Council resolved to create an A4-sized metal plate for the bus shelter with the agreed wording.

PE will research options with a budget of no more than £100.

22/22: Committee for Standards on Public Life - Ethical Standards: This was addressed in item 22/18

22/23: Planning:

Planning applications

<u>Planning Number</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>What</u>
P22/V0716/LDP	4 Priors Lane Hinton Waldrist SN7 8RX	CERTIFICATE OF LAWFUL DEVELOPMENT FOR: Formation of habitable rooms in roofspace with rear dormer and velux rooflights NOTE: There is no call for comment.
P22/V0734/DIS	2 Duxford Farm Cottages Duxford	Discharge of condition 4(Surface Water Drainage) on application P21/V2058/HH . (Construction of a two storey extension to provide garage with a playroom above, construction of a single storey linking extension to the garage to provide a new kitchen. Construction of a replacement porch and closing off of the existing vehicular entrance)
P22/V0864/DIS	The Old Rectory Hinton Waldrist	Discharge of condition 3 (Tree Protection) under application reference number P21/V1136/HH. (Proposed erection of a 3-bay garage)

The council had no comments on the above applications.

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Planning decisions

<u>Planning Number</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>What</u>
P21/V3545/HH	Ford Cottage 2 Duxford	Demolition of existing carport and erection of replacement garage and workshop
P22/V0510/HH	1 Priors Lane Hinton Waldrist	Porch extension

22/24: Financial report:

- Reconciled balance as of 30/4/2022: £8,951.99

Cheques authorised:

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Cheque number</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Date</u>
Allison Leigh	Salary	681	113.20	31/5/2022
Allison Leigh	Salary – June	682	113.20	30/6/2022
Allison Leigh	Expenses: Home allowance and mileage	683	70.00	18/5/2022
Hinton Waldrist Village Hall	Room Hire	684	20.00	18/5/2022
Magic Peter	Children's entertainer for the Queen's Jubilee lunch	685	145.00	18/5/2022
Alison Geary	Fee for proposed new website	686	194.40	18/5/2022
Aston Pottery	Queen's Platinum Jubilee Mugs	687	1,305.00	18/5/2022

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Receipts

<u>From</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Date</u>
Vale of White Horse District Council	1 st Half of the precept for 2022/2023	£1,825.00	4/4/2022

Audit:

- **Certify the council can confirm itself as exempt and sign the Certificate of Exemption:** The council declared itself as exempt and the Clerk and Chairman signed the Certificate of Exemption
- **Review Internal Audit Report 2021 2022:** The council acknowledged and reviewed the Internal Audit Report 2021 2022.
- **Review and sign Annual Governance Statement 2021 2022:** The council reviewed and approved the Annual Governance Statement 2021 2022. This was signed by the Chairman and the Clerk.
- **Review and sign Accounting Statements for 2021 2022:** The Clerk presented the signed Accounting Statements for 2021 2022. The council approved the Account Statements for 2021 2022 and the Chairman signed these.
- **Review Annual Return with variances for the 2021 2022 audit:** The council reviewed and approved the variances for 2021 2022.

22/ Publications and correspondence: The council reviewed the correspondence since the last meeting.

- An email had been received about grass cutting of verges. The council agreed that the verges do not need to be cut at this time and the cut by Oxfordshire County Council is sufficient. DB will respond to this correspondence.

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22/: Matters for report: The council would like to add the possibility of purchasing more trees on the July agenda.

AG reported the website is in progress.

22/: Date of the next meeting: The date of the next parish council meeting will be the 19th July 2022 at 7pm.

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Attachment 1

Vale of White Horse District Council

Thames Ward Update - May 2022 – District Councillor Jerry Avery

1. Boundary Review: I have had nothing further from the Chair of the Boundaries' Committee (Cllr Ron Batstone) since being reassured by him that the meeting held on 07 Mar 22 had been called for the sole purpose of discussing and deciding on terms of reference. Currently, the matter of possible boundary changes affecting parishes within Thames Ward is not on the agenda.

2. The Oxford - Cambridge ARC proposal: As you may well be aware, the Government has dialled back plans to meet the ambitious target of one million new homes in the Oxford-Cambridge ARC by 2050 and that is a reflection that Conservative backbenchers are increasingly concerned by the development proposal and its effect on their voters following the Chesham and Amersham by-election earlier this year. However, Housing Minister, Christopher Pincher MP, has tried to play matters down by emphasising that the ARC project is mainly to do with economic development and not just throwing up as many houses as possible. Further to that, it should be noted that this news is linked to an announcement in Feb 2022 which seeks to make the ARC proposal a matter of national policy. The Government, of course, still wants to make housing and planning a key issue and wants to identify the most sustainable locations for residential development. To make the proposal more palatable there will be more of a focus on brownfield sites and the building of affordable housing.

There is a possibility that Government ARC proposals will impact local planning processes in host districts; Oxfordshire County Council is still in the process of developing options for the Oxfordshire Joint Statutory Spatial Plan which runs to 2050. To address the matter of areas of conflict the Government has set up a housing panel for a period of 6 months to advise on design and sustainability and at the end of that term it will report to the Housing Minister.

Whilst Government ministers will have a fight on their hands given the strength of local opposition campaigns to individual proposals, the Oxford-Cambridge ARC is seen by Westminster as a national opportunity and a driver for growth at a time of economic uncertainty, so although the Government may be easing back from its ambitious goals in the face of stiffening resistance, it still considers the ARC to be a key plank of policy. To put it mildly, even in the face of very considerable determined local opposition this is not a matter that the Government will allow to go away quietly despite there being good reason to develop other arcs of economic growth. A 2019 study by Smart Growth UK examined alternatives (Wolverhampton - Birmingham - Coventry, Newcastle - Sunderland - Teesside, Derby - Nottingham, Manchester - Salford - Bolton and Leeds - Bradford - Huddersfield), and found them to be not only more sustainable environmentally but also more in need of investment and resources than an Oxford - Cambridge ARC.

3. Thames Water Reservoir proposal: Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) has called for revived plans to build a seven square kilometre reservoir between Abingdon, Steventon and East Hanney to be dropped.

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A draft regional plan for securing future water supplies includes proposals for the south east strategic reservoir option (SESRO), which would cost up to £1.4 billion. Similar proposals were rejected by the government in 2011 following a public inquiry.

The council's official response to the Water Resources South East (WRSE) regional plan was discussed by the council's cabinet at its meeting on 15 Mar 2022. It recommended that the SESRO should not be included as there is insufficient evidence that it is needed and other options would be better value. It was stated that it would make more sense to bring water in from less water-stressed areas and/or consider other options such as reduced leakages, better water management and recycling. Indeed, Thames Water's own data show that such measures could produce far more water than the reservoir would hold and also be far less damaging in terms of environmental impact.

The OCC's 14 particular concerns about SESRO (South East Strategic Reservoir Option) are as stated in my update of April 2022. The proposed reservoir will have serious detrimental impacts on the environment and local people and as you are aware consultation ended on 14 Mar and that Oxfordshire County Council called for the proposed scheme to be scrapped.

4. I have decided once again to include the historical account relating to the Thames Ward bus service. Evidently it has never been a one-party issue because as stated in my last update (April 2022), in 2015 when Nicola Blackwood was the Conservative MP for the area, she and residents from Appleton staged a protest by walking to a bus stop on the A420 to show that it was neither practical nor safe for residents to walk the mile to use the Stagecoach Route 66 service. The 63 service that has run through the villages until now has always been a vital link for many in Thames Ward and discontinuing it in May 2022 will affect the most disadvantaged. I have sought advice as to what might be done but unfortunately it is something out of my hand. Westminster will not fund the service that has been run by Pulhams.

5. Community Infrastructure Levy: There is still time for PCs to submit bids for CIL money.

6. We are still being very supportive of the "20 is plenty" campaign.