

HINTON WALDRIST PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present: Chairman Hugh Hamill (HH), Vice Chair Alison Geary (AG) and Councillors Justin Davenport (JD), Peter Evans (PC), Stephanie Stott (SS), Judith Willis (JW) and David Beckenham (DB) and County Councillor Juliette Ash (JA)

21/92: Apologies for absence: District Councillor Jerry Avery (J. Avery)

21/93: Declarations of Interest: None

21/94: Co-option of Parish Councillor: The council resolved to co-opt David Beckenham as a Parish Councillor. DB signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office. AL will provide DB with the Register of Interests form.

21/95: Public questions and statements: No members of the public were in attendance.

21/96: Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the meeting of the 27th January 2022 were approved and signed as true record of the meeting.

21/97: Reports from County and District Councillors:

Vale of White Horse District Council (VoWHDC)

J. Avery was not in attendance, but sent a report. See Attachment 1.

Oxfordshire County Council (OCC)

JA send a report. See Attachment 2. She also arrived at agenda after agenda item 102 (see below).

21/98: Report from Police Constable Officer: No report was received.

21/99: Matters arising and not appearing elsewhere on the agenda:

Ukraine: It was noted that residents want to support the people of Ukraine where they can. AL advised she has information on the website and will keep it updated with any further information.

Planning application P21/V3565/FUL: It was noted that planning application P21/V3565/FUL had come in after the agenda had been published. AL advised

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holding a separate meeting to discuss this application. A meeting was scheduled for Saturday, 2nd April at 11am in the Village Hall.

Old minutes: PE noted that he'd found old minutes that he will give to AL to send to the Oxfordshire History Centre.

21/100: Queen's Jubilee/Big Lunch: The council discussed the following for the Queen's Jubilee/Big Lunch:

The council resolved to purchased 150 mugs from Aston Pottery.

AG reported the children's entertainer is sorted.

AG reported she is working on a leaflet and poster for the day. This will include a competition for best dressed house, a cake competition and a fancy dress competition.

PE will work on the road closure.

AL will double check with the insurance company regarding a Risk Assessment.

21/101: Traffic/speed: The council noted that it would like to explore a 20mph speed limit on High Street and will ask JA.

21/102: Communication:

- Updated website: AG reported the new site is nearly ready for AL to add content. AL will need a training session prior to starting the project. Once ready, a notice will be placed on the noticeboard making residents aware of the new and improved site.
- Mailing list: The council is happy to create a Mailchimp mailing list as long as people have to agree to join and can opt out.

JA arrived at this point in the meeting. JA asked AL to email her about the council's 20mph request. AL noted she had sent an e-mail which she will re-send.

JA reported that OCC would not be able to assist the Day Centre as OCC considers it a local initiative. The council resolved to donate £100 to the Day Centre.

JA reported she will donate two rose plants to the village in honour of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The council thanked JA and will decide where to plant them.

21/103: Climate initiatives

- **Tree planting:** It was noted that the council will look to plant more trees in the Autumn of 2022.

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21/104: National Association of Local Councils (NALC) support for smaller councils: The council did not have any recommendations for NALC to support smaller councils.

21/105: Planning:

Planning applications

<u>Planning Number</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>What</u>	<u>HWPC Comments</u>
P21/V3545/HH	Ford Cottage 2 Duxford Duxford SN7 8SQ	Demolition of existing carport and erection of replacement garage and workshop	Hinton Waldrist Parish Council has no comments on this planning application.
P22/V0510/HH	1 Priors Lane Hinton Waldrist SN7 8RX	Porch extension	Hinton Waldrist Parish Council has no comments on this planning application.

Planning Decisions

<u>Planning Number</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>What</u>	<u>Vale Of White Horse District Council Decision</u>
P21/V3547/HH	Northcott House High Street Hinton Waldrist SN7 8RN	Proposed two-storey rear extension and replacement porch	Permission granted
P21/V3503/HH	Hamilton House Charney Road Longworth OX13 5HW	Conversion of 2 bay garage into en-suite guest bedroom/annexe. Conversion of 3 bay garage and workshop into the pool room, games room and gym. (Description of development amended 8 Feb 2022)	Permission granted

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		(Amended plans rec 15 Feb 2022 to include wine cellar spiral staircase to glass link extension)	
P21/V1136/HH	The Old Rectory Hinton Waldrist	Proposed erection of a 3-bay garage (additional tree report received 7 July 2021 and amended plan re-positioning the garage received on 3 February 2022)	Permission granted
P21/V2816/LB	Lamb And Flag House Faringdon Road Longworth OX13 5HN	Proposed replacement of the existing timber framed windows to the front elevation. Replacement ironmongery. (Additional information rec 16 Nov 2021) (Amended description by email dated 23 Nov 2021) (Amended location plan rec 9 Dec 2021 and reference to replacement of downpipe and guttering removed by email rec 9 Dec 2021) (Window specification rec 8 March 2022)	Permission granted

Planning Withdrawals

<u>Planning Number</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>What</u>
P21/V3373/FUL and P21/V3375/LB	Hinton Manor Hinton Waldrist SN7 8SA	Proposed redevelopment of existing dilapidated cottages to include a new garage and access track to Westfield Cottages. No changes from current approval P18/V2403/LB & P18/V2402/FUL. Access track to cottages already been formed.

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21/106: Memorial for Debbie Cordery: The council discussed possibilities for a memorial in the village for Debbie Cordery. The council would like to plant a tree in memory of Debbie with the value up to £100 including the stakes and ties. JD will look into options. The council would like to plant this in the next month or so.

The council would like to plant this on the green near the Manor House. The council will to inform them as a courtesy.

21/107: Financial report:

- Reconciled balance as of 28th February 2022: £8,081.81

Cheque authorised

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Cheque number</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Date</u>
Peter Evans	Tree guards	672	75.42	25/2/2022
Allison Leigh	Salary – March	673	135.00	31/3/2022
Allison Leigh	Expenses February and March	674	52.00	23/3/2022
Hinton Waldrist Village Hall	Room Hire: November 2021, January 2022, March 2022 meetings	675	60.00	23/3/2022
SLCC	Membership – 2022/2023 (20% as split with 2 other councils)	676	34.20	1/4/2022
OALC	Membership – 2022/2023	677	150.00	1/4/2022
Oxfordshire South and Vale Citizens Advice	Donation	678	200.00	23/2/2022
Allison Leigh	Salary – April	679	113.20	30/4/2022

21/108: Publications and correspondence: The council acknowledged the correspondence list.

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21/109: Matters for report: There were no matters for report.

21/110: Date of the next meeting: The date of the Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council meeting was schedule as the 18th May 2022.

21/111: Staff Pay Increase: The council resolved a staff pay increase. **Note: This is a confidential item with no members of the public and press.**

The meeting closed at 8:25pm.

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ATTACHMENT 1:

Update for Thames Ward – March 2022

Council Budget 2022-23: The Vale has approved our budget for the coming year. It is both lengthy and detailed and such a lot of very hard work and excellent work has gone into it and the key points were in my update of Feb 2022. As you are all aware residents, are being offered £150 to help with energy bills and it worth emphasising that the quickest way to receive this financial relief is by setting up a direct debit. If that is not done it will take longer for all entitled to receive the relief.

Boundary Review: Following responses from parishes about possible changes to electoral boundaries, the Community Governance and Electoral Issues Committee met on 07 Mar 22 to discuss an officer's report on the suggestions submitted and decided whether to consult on these changes. This was a public meeting, and the papers were made available a week before the meeting via this

link: <http://democratic.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=542&MId=3067>.

There had been a lack of clarity wrt this item and hence some misunderstanding, but I have since spoken to the Chair of the Boundaries' Committee (Cllr Ron Batstone) and been 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. No items wrt any proposed parish boundary changes were on the meeting agenda.

Oxford-Cambridge Expressway: The Conservatives' plan to build it has been scrapped. Arguably this is a great victory for local campaigning but in her report, the leader of the Council, did state that there are indications that the Tories now want to build it by stealth. In his statement announcing the cancellation the Transport Secretary (Grant Shapps) said "the Government will continue to work on alternative plans to boost transport connectivity in the ARC." At the same time, Oxfordshire County Council is anticipating that at least 862,000 new houses will be built across the ARC between now and 2050. In order for that to happen there have to be a rate of building far in excess of any rate previously seen. It would mean doubling the number of houses in the county and that is certainly something that no-one has voted for.

Thames Water Reservoir: There is a proposal to build a two-mile wide reservoir in the area bounded by Abingdon, East Hanney, Marcham and Steventon. There is very considerable local opposition to the proposal because if it goes ahead, there would not only be an enormous negative impact on local carbon reduction targets but also because there are more environmentally friendly ways to address the question of future water shortages. Both Cllrs Richard Webber and Andy Cooke proposed motions at District Council meetings opposing the Thames Water proposal and their motions were passed unanimously.

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ATTACHMENT 2

County Councillor Juliette Ash REPORT- All parishes- MARCH 2022

My thoughts are very much with those in Ukraine and those with any with friends, family or colleagues there. As with all councils in England, OCC are ready to help people in Ukraine and any refugees that may come here. Central Government has committed a series of supportive measures to Ukraine from anti-tank weapons to £20 million as a starter donation with additional match funding given by residents to the Disaster Response Committee. OCC will respond to Central Government requests as to the best ways that we can help as the situation continues to develop. This is unlikely to be in the short term as so many local Countries have offered exceptional levels of support such as Germany and Poland and we commend them. However, we stand ready to support in the long term and by current gifts and donations where we can. For residents the feeling of helplessness whilst watching events unfold is acute. As a result, OCC has a page Support for Ukraine | Oxfordshire County Council to signpost people as to how they can help.

Covid-19- vaccination prog

NHS Oxfordshire msg:

- Children aged 5 -11 who are in a clinical risk group or who live with someone who is immunosuppressed will be able to get the first dose of the COVID vaccine in line with advice set out by the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI).
- If you are the parent or guardian of a child in a clinical risk group, or the child is a household contact of someone who is immunosuppressed the NHS will contact you to make an appointment to get vaccinated
- If you're unvaccinated it is never too late to come forward for a vaccine – all vaccination sites will welcome you for your first, second, third or booster. Walk-in vaccinations are available vaccination sites at Kassam Stadium. Anyone who is eligible can get a jab at these sites without the need for an appointment.

URGENT: Reservoir development near East Hanney and Garford.

The proposed development of a mega reservoir near East Hanney and Garford has dominated my meetings diary this month. There is a considerable amount of detail to share and much of it is well captured by the local group GARD, but suffice to say, exploring the proposals I am not convinced that the reservoir is required either for the local community of indeed residents of the whole of the South East for whom it is designed.

There are secondary options for a Severn Thames link that would deliver the same water-based benefits without the extreme damage and disruption and above ground 150-million-ton capacity water reservoir that has been proposed. I urge residents to have their say in the consultation before the deadline of the 14 th March.

<https://wrse.uk.engagementhq.com/>

I am working with MPs David Johnson and Layla Moran and other partners to achieve a positive outcome for residents regarding this development.

Council Tax budget:

At the County Council budget-setting meeting on February 8 th the administration voted through an unfortunately large 5% Council Tax increase despite many Conservatives sharing how the increase could be limited to 3.5%.

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This is not ideal timing regarding the current cost of living challenges that the UK is starting to face as a result of Covid, however, we will seek to ensure that tax-payers money is wisely and effectively spent.

Supporting our local farmers.

Farmers' held a protest outside County Hall at the Feb meeting after OCC mandated a vegan diet at all council-catered events. Richard Binning, a beef farmer from Steventon, said: "The message they are sending out is really dangerous - they are suggesting its ok to eat avocados from Brazil, instead of our wholesome British beef." The farmers' protest received national press coverage. The motion to impose the vegan diet has to be ratified by the OCC Cabinet at its meeting on March 15 th .

I advised when the motion was raised that mandated change could be unwelcome and will continue to press OCC to seek change through education, persuasion & choice rather than mandate.

BRITAIN'S FIRST ZERO EMISSION ZONE (ZEZ) HAS STARTED IN OXFORD

Britain's first ZEZ started on 28 February. Launching as a pilot, the streets included in the ZEZ are: New Road, Bonn Square, Queen Street; Cornmarket Street, New Inn Hall Street, Shoe Lane, Market Street, Ship Street and St Michael's Street. The ZEZ pilot is a precursor to the introduction of a larger ZEZ covering most of Oxford city centre next year (2023), subject to further public consultation. The ZEZ pilot will operate from 7am - 7pm, all year around. All petrol and diesel vehicles, including hybrids, will incur a daily charge unless eligible for a discount or exemption. However, zero emission vehicles, such as electric cars, can enter the pilot area free of charge. The charge will vary from £2 to £10 per day depending on the emission levels of the vehicle. Automatic number plate recognition (ANPR) cameras have been installed to enforce the zone. The scheme has been criticised as being a tax-raising measure and not a true ZEZ, as all vehicles are allowed into the zone if they pay the tax, however, it will encourage car owners to switch to less polluting models as soon as financially viable.

BID SUBMITTED TO DELIVER 159 ELECTRIC BUSES FOR THE OXFORD AREA

A new fleet of state-of-the-art electric buses could be coming to Oxford and its surrounding areas after a bid for government funding was submitted. OCC last month applied for £32.8 million from the Zero Emission Bus Regional Areas (ZEBRA) scheme. Along with £6m from the council and £43.7m from bus companies Go Ahead and Stagecoach, the scheme could deliver 159 electric buses and the infrastructure to charge them in a package worth £82.5m. If successful, the electric buses would operate in an area stretching from Kidlington in the north to Sandford in the south, and from Cumnor in the west to Wheatley in the east. There are no proposals to support the south of the county but I would press for an extension of this scheme if it goes ahead to ensure we maintain rural bus service provision where it is being used and there is demand.

HAVE YOUR SAY:

Surveys and call for evidence

Consultations this month that are closing:

(Reminder as these have been running since Jan):

1. Local transport and connectivity. The Local Transport and Connectivity Plan

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consultation formally opens on the 5 th Jan. Closes 16 th March.

<https://letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/ltcp>

2. Special Educational needs and Disabilities (SEND)

More funding has been committed by The Government for this important area of provision and proposals have been drafted to make more high-quality SEND support available closer to home i.e. in-County, here in Oxfordshire. There are many children in mainstream provision who would benefit for additional support in their current setting and so it is important that parents are able to have their say. The consultation launches on the 10 th Jan and will be live until the 10 th March.

<https://letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/send-2022>

3. Use of libraries and heritage services:

Residents are invited to share their thoughts on their usage of Oxfordshire's library and heritage services in order to feed into a new strategy for usage up to 2027. The consultation will open on the 24 th Jan. I am very supportive of an increase in digital inclusion support services being made available and this is something I will press for on behalf of all residents.

Unauthorised encampments update: South and Vale.

Nothing to report.

Cllr Juliette Ash

07/03/22