

**Minutes of the meeting of Nuneham Courtenay Parish Council held remotely on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2020 via Zoom**

The Vice-Chair opened the meeting at 7.05pm.

**19/183. Present/Apologies**

Parish Councillors present: Akshay Morye, John Peters (Vice-Chair – in the chair for this meeting) and Mandy Rigault.

Also present: Cllr Sam Casey-Rerhaye (SODC), Steven Appleby and Geoffrey Ferres (Clerk).

Apologies for absence received from: James Fallon and Madhvi Saini (Chair).

**19/184. Declarations of interest**

None.

**19/185. Parishioners' issues**

Steven Appleby addressed the Council about his efforts to find common ground between the Council and the Nuneham Courtenay Sports and Playing Field Association. Mandy Rigault thanked him for his efforts. Steven said he had arranged a meeting with Akshay Morye and another with the Vice-Chair and Mandy Rigault.

**19/186. Minutes of the last ordinary Council Meeting**

The minutes of the Council Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020 were **approved**, then signed on each page by the Vice-Chair.

**Actions: Vice-Chair to send signed minutes to Clerk; Clerk to publish them on the Council's website**

**19/187. County Councillor's report**


Cllr Lorraine Lindsay-Gale had submitted two written reports since the last ordinary meeting, which had been published on the Council's website.

**19/188. District Councillor's report**

Cllr Sam Casey-Rerhaye had submitted a written report earlier in the day but it had not been possible to publish it on the Council's website before the meeting.

Sam referred to a Private Member's Bill before Parliament called the Local Electricity Bill and said she would send a link to it.

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Sam said that Cllr Lorraine Lindsay-Gale has succeeded in setting up a meeting with Cllr Yvonne Constance, the OxonCC Cabinet Member with responsibility for the Minerals Strategy.

The meeting will take place on either 16<sup>th</sup> or 24<sup>th</sup> November. Sam said she will attend the meeting.

Sam said there was little she could do about a matter raised with her about the existence or otherwise of a public right of way on a road on the estate as this was an OxonCC matter.

She understood OxonCC has a ten-year backlog of work of this type and suggested the Council contact Cllr Lorraine Lindsay-Gale.

### **19/189. Planning applications and consultations**

- a) The Old Rectory, Nuneham Park: Convert garage/shed to habitable space for elderly parents [P20/S3820/FUL] [Consultation deadline: Wednesday 18th November 2020]

The Council **agreed** to inform SODC that it had no objection to the application but wished to see it made a Planning Condition that the new habitable space should never be occupied other than for purposes ancillary to the residential use of The Old Rectory.

- b) Harcourt Arboretum: Construction of new footpaths and upgrading of existing footpaths [P20/S3902/FUL] [Consultation deadline: Wednesday 25th November 2020]

The Vice-Chair reported that he had already informed SODC that the Council had no objection to this application.

### **19/190. Finance**

- a) Bank reconciliation to end September 2020

The Council **noted** a bank reconciliation to the end of September 2020 presented by the Clerk as Responsible Financial Officer.

- b) Budget monitoring report to end September 2020

The Council **noted** a report, presented by the Clerk as Responsible Financial Officer, monitoring payments against the budget up to the end of September.

- c) Confirmation of payments

The Council **approved** payments made by the Chair and Vice-Chair since the last Council Meeting:

- £703.53, Geoffrey Ferres, Clerk's net pay 2020-21 Q2 and Q1 pay rise arrears
- £136.80, HMRC, PAYE Income Tax deducted 2020-21 Q2
- £212.76, SSE, Village Hall quarterly electricity bill

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d) Payments

The Council **approved** the following payments:

- £220.88, Geoffrey Ferres, Clerk's expenses 2020-21 Q2 and 2019-20 final weeks, and Council's annual Zoom subscription
- £34, G J Peters, expenses

The Council waived Financial Regulation 6.6 so that signatories could sign the payments outside the meeting.

**Actions: Vice-Chair and Mandy Rigault to sign payment to Clerk; James Fallon and Clerk to sign payment to Vice-Chair**

e) Receipts

The Council **noted** the following receipts since the last ordinary meeting:

- £1.28, Barclays Bank, deposit account interest
- £3,036.00, SODC, 2020-21 precept – second half

**19/191. Correspondence**

The Clerk brought to the Council's attention a communication he had received just before the meeting from John Howell MP asking the Council's help in removing any copies that may be found of a poster depicting him as Scrooge and crudely comparing his expenses as an MP over the past ten years of just over £1.3m with his having voted against giving families entitled to free school meals £15 weekly vouchers for the forthcoming school holidays.

The Clerk said he trusted that if councillors encountered such posters, they would know what to do with them.

**19/192. Proposed gravel extraction site**

The Council **ratified** retrospectively the participation in the Steering Group fighting the proposed gravel extraction site of the Chair and Mandy Rigault as representatives of the Council.

It was noted that the Chair may not be available to attend the meeting mentioned earlier by Cllr Sam Casey-Rerhaye. Akshay Morye said he may be able to attend.

**19/193. Playing field**

There was nothing to report beyond the work of Steven Appleby mentioned earlier.

**19/194. Enso Energy solar farm**

There was nothing to report.

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**19/195. Speeding and other highways issues**

Mandy Rigault has contacted OxonCC's Jon Beale regarding peacock warning signs and will speak to Cllr Lorraine Lindsay-Gale about assistance with speeding issues.

**19/196. Conservation issues**

Cllr Sam Casey-Rerhaye said she had heard nothing regarding the list of infringements of the Legal Agreement that the Vice-Chair had provided her. She offered to speak to Margaret Reed, Head of Legal and Democratic about enforcement of the Legal Agreement.

The Clerk has written to the Clerk of Milton Abbas Parish Council which has a meeting next week.

**19/197. Neighbourhood Plan**

It was reported there are three parishioners interested in working on a Neighbourhood Plan.

It was recognised that it would be important to identify what skills there are among the parishioners.

Cllr Sam Casey-Rerhaye suggested the Council use the grant available to employ someone to work on the project.

Akshay Morye said he had looked at the Neighbourhood Plan materials on the Milton Abbas Parish Council website.

**19/198. Automated external defibrillator**

James Fallon had provided information on the likely cost of supplies for the new automated external defibrillator installed on the outside of the Village Hall including a spare set of defibrillator pads, a responder kit, a carry bag and a leaflet holder.

He had also recommended external signs but it was recognised the Council cannot affix signs to the outside of the Village Hall without the permission of the Village Hall Committee.

The Council **agreed** to amend the budget to include a sum of £500 for the supplies suggested by James Fallon and **instructed** the Clerk to make the purchases. **Action: Clerk**

**19/199. Website**

The Council **agreed** to defer this item to the next meeting in the Chair's absence.

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**19/200. Christmas tree collection**

The Council **agreed** to provide a collection point in the parish for Christmas trees again this Christmas in the Village Hall car park.

**Action: Clerk**

**19/201. Parish Transport**

Mandy Rigault reported that the meeting of Parish Transport Representatives due to have taken place on 20<sup>th</sup> October was cancelled due to Covid-19.

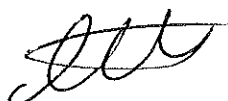
**19/202. Wildlife**

Akshay Morye had produced a note about assisting injured peacocks and other wildlife. It was **agreed** he should contact Simon Gray about having the item added to the Council's website and should offer the item to the Editor of The Baldons and Nuneham Courtenay Newsletter.

**Action: Akshay Morye**

The meeting closed at 9.03pm

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