

Minutes of the meeting of Nuneham Courtenay Parish Council held remotely on 5th January 2021 via Zoom

The Vice-Chair opened the meeting at 7.05pm.

19/203. Present/Apologies

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

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

Apologies for absence received from: James Fallon.

19/204. Declarations of interest

Mandy Rigault and Madhvi Saini declared an interest in relation to the Village Hall.

19/205. Parishioners' issues

None.

19/206. Minutes of the last ordinary Council Meeting

The minutes of the Council Meeting held on 3rd November 2020 were **approved**, then signed on each page by the Vice-Chair.

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

19/207. 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.

19/208. District Councillor's report

Cllr Sam Casey-Rerhaye introduced a written report that she had submitted a couple of hours before the meeting. **Action: Clerk to publish report on website**

She explained to the Council why she had abstained in the vote at the SODC meeting that adopted the previous administration's Local Plan.

19/209. Planning applications and consultations

- a) Land to South West of Cowley Substation: Installation of renewable led energy generating station comprising ground-mounted photovoltaic solar arrays and battery-based electricity storage containers together with substation, inverter/transformer stations, site

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accesses, internal access tracks, security measures, access gates, other ancillary infrastructure, landscaping and biodiversity enhancements [P20/S4360/FUL] [Consultation deadline: Sunday 10th January 2021]

The Council **agreed** to inform SODC that it opposed the application.

Action: Vice-Chair

19/210. Finance

a) Bank reconciliation to end November 2020

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

b) Budget monitoring report to end November 2020

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

The Council **approved** a recommendation from the Clerk to increase the figure for Communications to £400.

c) Confirmation of payments

The Council **approved** the following payment made by the Vice-Chair and Mandy Rigault since the last Council Meeting:

- £218, Came & Company, Insurance renewal.

d) Payments

The Council **approved** the following payments:

- £300, Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils, training courses
- £508.18, Geoffrey Ferres, Q3 Clerk net pay and expenses
- £116, HMRC, PAYE tax deducted Q3
- £288.07, SSE, Village Hall electricity bill Q3.

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

Action: Clerk to make arrangements with signatories to sign payments

e) Receipts

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

- £0.23, Barclays Bank, deposit account interest.

f) Budget 2021-22

The Council **agreed** to the following amendments to the budget for 2021-22 presented by the Clerk as Responsible Financial Officer:

- to add £500 for Traffic calming to cover the possible costs of peacock warning signs
- to increase the Contribution from reserves from £1,482 to £1,982.

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The Council then **approved** the amended budget.

g) Precept 2021-22

The Council **agreed** to demand a precept of £6.408 from South Oxfordshire District Council for 2021-22, which represents no change in the parish council element of parishioners' Council Tax.

19/211. Correspondence

None.

19/212. Proposed gravel extraction site

Mandy Rigault had circulated a written update. She and the Vice-Chair had attended the meeting with Cllr Yvonne Constance on 24th November which had been arranged by Cllr Lorraine Lindsay-Gale.

Cllr Constance had brought with her three members of the Minerals and Waste team and would be presenting a report to OxonCC's Cabinet on either 19th January or 23rd February.

Although the meeting overran by half an hour, none of the other matters the Council had hoped to raise with Cllr Constance had been discussed. There was to be a meeting on 15th January specifically to discuss issues with the figures OxonCC is using to calculate the amount of gravel Oxfordshire requires.

The Council **thanked** Mandy Rigault for her work.

19/213. Playing field

The Council **unanimously approved** the four recommendations, namely to:

- a) Express its thanks to Steven Appleby for his efforts to create a solution to the obstacles that have prevented the Association and the Council reaching an agreement up to now
- b) Express its thanks to the Association for engaging with Steven and being prepared to allow him to see the actual deed to the Playing Field
- c) Agree that the Chair can take part in a meeting with the Chair of the Association to start the process exactly as Steven Appleby has described
- d) Waive its Financial Regulations so that the cost of an independent solicitor chosen by Steven examining the deed will be met by the Council.

The Council discussed a proposal Steven Appleby had made for a face-to-face meeting with Ron Benson, former Chairman of the Playing Field

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Association, and noted that due to the national lockdown such a meeting was currently impossible.

19/214. Speeding and other highways issues

The Vice-Chair said the priority should be to get an average speed check carried out.

19/215. Conservation issues

Cllr Sam Casey-Rerhaye said that when she wrote to Margaret Reed, Head of Legal and Democratic, about enforcement of the Legal Agreement her letter was simply passed to Adrian Duffield, head of Planning.

She asked the Vice-Chair to send her the Planning Application References for the recent issues relating to 7 and 12 Nuneham Courtenay. **Action: Vice-Chair**

The Clerk said his letter to Milton Abbas Parish Council was raised at its November 2020 Council meeting.

19/216. Neighbourhood Plan

The Council **agreed** in principle to initiate the development of a neighbourhood Plan and to create a Steering Group to oversee the work.

Cllr Sam Casey-Rerhaye recommended that the Council arrange a meeting with SODC's Ricardo Rios and said she would forward information about the Oxfordshire Neighbourhood Plans Alliance.

19/217. Automated external defibrillator

The Vice-Chair offered to investigate possible locations for external signs to make it easier for people to find the location of the defibrillator.

Action: Vice-Chair

19/218. Website

Akshay Morye said he would be willing to help investigate the accessibility of the Council's current website and establish what the cost might be of an accessible website with a gov.uk domain name. **Action: Akshay Morye.**

19/219. Transport

Mandy Rigault said the only issue of which she was aware is that the markings for one of the bus stops have faded and need to be repainted.

Action: Mandy Rigault

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19/220. Wildlife

Akshay Morye said he had not yet contacted Simon Gray about having a note about assisting injured peacocks and other wildlife added to the Council's website and would offer the item to the Editor of The Baldons and Nuneham Courtenay Newsletter. **Action: Akshay Morye**

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

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