



**Minutes of the meeting of Wootton (Abingdon) Parish Council
Online using Zoom on Tuesday 4th August 2020 at 7.30pm**

Councillors Present:

Councillors Ludlow (Chair), Bristow, Brockliss, Clifton, Morgan, Morris, Werrell.

Also in attendance:

Cllr Bob Johnston

Councillors Absent:

Councillors Hawxwell, Manning and Shaw.

1. To receive apologies for absence

- a. Cllrs Hawxwell, Manning

2. To receive any Declarations of Interest from Councillors relating to items on the Agenda

- a. Cllr Brockliss in relation to 10c as a member of Wootton Players Group.

3. Reports from District and County Councillors

- a. Cllr Bob Johnston (County Councillor for Kennington and Radley Ward)
 - i. The County currently has been totally consumed in putting together a bid for £3 million pounds to facilitate walking and cycling to the DFT by the 7th of August. They do not seem to have the bandwidth to do anything else whatsoever, which does not help my casework as I cannot get hold of Officers.
 - ii. We recently had a Full Council. Not much came out of it, certainly not much of interest to the PC. There were two exceptions to this. Firstly the remaining libraries will not be opening anytime soon. The Cabinet member involved completely stonewalled on the issue and gave no information at all. The other was that the Council has decided that it is in favour of low traffic neighbourhoods. This is something which originated in Europe and adopted in Walthamstow. The idea is quite simple. Built up areas grouped and roads blocked off so that there is only one way in and out of a particular area, and they then cannot be used for through traffic. I have seen it in action (my son and his family live there) and it works. Children can now play in the streets and neighbours talk to one another. The central part of the borough now has a very pleasant village feel and local shops and cafes are thriving. Much the most interesting fact is that there has been no congestion caused by displaced traffic, and 15% of it has just disappeared because more people are walking and cycling.

4. To facilitate public participation with regard to items on the agenda

None

5. The Minutes of the previous meeting of 7th July 2020 were approved.

6. The following updates were received:

- a. Covid-19 Update – Cllr Morris
 - i. The support group is being terminated with immediate effect and those still requiring assistance are being referred to the Vale of White Horse DC.
 - ii. Bulletin, the final issue, issue 6 is ready to go to print.
 - iii. The ExCo of the Community Centre have declined the Parish Council offer of working in partnership on the newsletter. They have accepted the help of a local resident and will be requesting volunteers and support in their September issue to improve the newsletter going forward.

- iv. It was agreed to hold an event at The Bystander to thank the volunteer group.
 - b.** Expressway Public Meeting – Cllrs Hawxwell /Shaw
 - i. No update.
 - c.** Road Safety and Speeding – Cllr Morris
 - i. The bin stickers requested have been distributed.
 - ii. Cllr Morris has requested that the Cycle Path is included the plans for improving walking and cycling but it seems that the current funding is only available for new schemes which have arisen since Covid-19.
 - iii. Cllr Morris has also requested to the head of the Cycling/Walking plan to include the Wootton Cycle Path in the Abingdon Plan.
 - d.** Footpaths and Bridleways - Cllrs Hawxwell/Shaw/Manning
 - i. None.
 - e.** Community Centre – Cllrs Brockliss/Bristow
 - i. Cllr Brockliss, the delivery company is due to be out by mid-august. None of the regular users have been back in as yet. The Chair of the ExCo does not think that any events in the Community Centre will be possible before the Spring of 2021.
 - ii. Abingdon Eagles Basketball Club have offered to revitalise the MUGA.
 - iii. It was noted that there are lots of complaints about the litter and glass on the field which have been passed to the Community Centre ExCo.
 - f.** Playgrounds – Cllr Ludlow
 - i. The drainage is still an issue.
 - ii. More permanent covid-19 signs required for the gate. Clerk to action.
 - iii. Cllr Clifton obtained two quotes for the fence (£3900 and £4300). Cllr Clifton will obtain an additional quote for next meeting.
 - g.** Future Projects – Cllrs Morris/Bristow
 - i. It was suggested to create an Improvements Lifecycle Group to oversee projects. This is to be an advisory group only. This will ensure the Parish Council to be more proactive.
- 7.** Finance and administration/governance
- a.** It was RESOLVED to approve the list of payments.

Pmt Ref	Details	Payment Total
OLP-138	Simply Waste (Credit)	-(£ 102.00)
OLP-152	Community Heartbeat	£ 45.60
OLP-153	ST Grounds Maintenance	£ 125.00
OLP-154	Staff Salaries	£ 1,026.00
OLP-155	Clerk's Expenses	£ 111.22
OLP-156	TLC - Bulletin Printing	£ 366.00
OLP-157	WGM - Park & Village Green Maintenance	£ 330.00
OLP-158	Simply Waste	£ 25.90
OLP-159	Zoom- Online Meeting Facility	£ 14.39
OLP-160	O2 Telephone	£ 13.68
OLP-161	Nest	£ 40.36
OLP-162	Go Daddy	£ 8.39
OLP-163	Go Daddy	£ 9.58
OLP-164	ROSPA Playsafety Ltd	£ 474.00
OLP-165	Vale of White Horse -Dog Bin	£ 107.64

b. To note any receipts

Receipt Date	Details	Amount
05/08/2020	OCC Grant	£ 1,325.00

8. To review and note communications received

a. No decision was made whether a Councillor should attend one of more of the webinars from the BBOWT regarding wildlife in the Parish.

b. Correspondence regarding Dogs at the cricket pitch.

A complaint was received about dogs on the Cricket Pitch, especially off the lead. There are existing “No DOGS” signs, which have been in place for many years. It was decided that in the interests of children playing cricket, the current signage should remain to avoid issues with dog fouling and a reminder would be included in the next bulletin.

c. Councillors were urged to respond to current consultation on future plans for VWHDC.

9. Planning Applications

a. The comments of the Planning Committee to all recent applications received from Vale of White Horse District Council on the attached schedule were noted:

Reference	Location	Description	Comments
P20/V0545/FUL	8 Sandleigh Road Wootton Abingdon Oxfordshire OX13 6DP	Erection of 1.8m high V mesh fence, 1.8m high close boarded and 1.2m high close boarded fence. Change of use of highway waste land to garden.	Concerns were raised about the adoption of the highways land.
P20/V1543/PDH	181 Whitecross Wootton Abingdon Oxfordshire OX13 6BW	Single storey rear extension to form kitchen day room, study & utility. Depth 6m Height 4m Height to eaves 2.75m	No objections

b. PHBS will be in touch in due course with their updated proposals for the development of Foxcombe Hall.

c. The decisions of the Local Planning Authority were noted
None

10. Items for information or next Agenda only – all items for the next agenda to be submitted to the Clerk by Tuesday 25th August 2020.

11. Date of next meeting. To confirm that the next meeting of the Council will be on 1st September 2020 at 7:30pm at the Wootton and Dry Sandford Community Centre or via Zoom subject to Government Guidelines.

Chairman... Date.....