



CROWMARSH PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held at Crowmarsh Gifford Village Hall on Thursday 3rd August 2023
starting at 7.30pm**

Present:

Mr John Griffin (Chair)	Mr Stephen Sherbourne
Prof Andrew Johnson	Ms Julia Streete
Mr Julian Park	

Attending: District Cllr Andrea Powell. Four members of the public attended part of the meeting.

Apologies: Received from Mr David Rowley, Mrs Liz Ryall, Mrs Fleur Stevenson, Dr Yvonne Peet and Mrs Sue Rance.

Declarations of interest: None

The meeting was quorate.

NO.		ACTION
5478	<p>PUBLIC SPEAKING</p> <p>A resident noted that closure of the village shop has caused issues in the community and proposed that a community larder be started, using food sourced by the SOFEA organization in Didcot. They provide a 'weekly shop' from surplus food (in date) that supermarkets cannot use. There is a similar scheme in Cholsey. A meeting has taken place involving former councillor Jay Anderson and seven others. The view was expressed that if the SODC office site is developed, perhaps a food shop could be part of the development. The Parish Council would be supportive of such a larder but noted that a number of volunteers would be needed. A parish councillor will be asked to join the group to work up a detailed proposal for consideration. The scheme would be eligible for SODC councillor grant funding.</p> <p>A resident asked for her letter of objection to the development proposal at 6 The Limes to be noted.</p>	

5479	<p>MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 8TH JUNE 2023</p> <p><u>Corrections to previous minutes</u></p> <p>Item 5474: Hire of new facilities. It was agreed to change ‘local residents’ to ‘parishioners’ in both lines. Subject to these amendments, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.</p>	
5480	<p>RESIGNATION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR</p> <p>The resignation of Cllr Andrew Nesbitt was noted.</p> <p>The register of interests form for David Topliss is still awaited.</p>	
5481	<p>MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES</p> <p><u>Item 5467:</u> The RFO has in hand the transfer of funds to the deposit account.</p> <p><u>Item 5467:</u> A reply from Bloor Homes re. the dog bin at French Gardens is awaited.</p> <p><u>Item 5467:</u> Stakes for Trees: Cllr Park has this in hand.</p> <p><u>Item 5467::</u> Cllr Bloomfield was asked for a contribution from his County Councillor Priority Fund towards the resurfacing of The Street that was being done alongside the new crossing. The Chairman has contacted him again.</p> <p><u>Item 5471 (d):</u> The revaluation of the pavilion is in progress.</p> <p><u>Item 5472 Youth Provision:</u> No news from Wallingford Town Council regarding this initiative.</p> <p><u>Item 5475:</u> OCC Highways are investigating the removal of the misleading 30mph signs on the A4074 that were erected because of the construction access to the French Gardens development.</p>	<p>RFO</p> <p>JP</p> <p>RFO</p>
5482	<p>REPORT OF THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR</p> <p>No report had been received.</p>	
5483	<p>REPORT OF THE DISTRICT COUNCILLORS</p> <p>The District Councillors’ report had been circulated and this was discussed.</p>	

	<p>£4 million had been received from the government to help house refugees and this is now being actioned.</p> <p>The council had written to the Environment Agency and the government to protest that the closure of the Benson lock footbridge, part of the Thames Path national trail, was expected to last until 2026.</p> <p>Parish councillors were encouraged to respond to the OCC Strategic Active Travel Network consultation for cycle and pedestrian routes/infrastructure by 6th August.</p> <p>Consultation on transport hubs in Oxfordshire was noted.</p> <p>The district councillors' fund is open for applications with an online form.</p> <p>There is still no update on the former SODC office site. It was suggested that the council should put forward again their desired outcome for the site as comments on the joint district local plan.</p> <p>The application for new council offices in Didcot has now been made.</p>	
5484	<p>PLANNING</p> <p>Decisions by SODC</p> <p>P23/S1960/DIS 6 Wallingford Road North Stoke OX10 6BD Discharge of condition 4 (Tree Protection) under application reference number P22/S4382/HH (Proposed cart shed). Discharge of conditions: Details Agreed</p> <p>P22/S4164/FUL Land east of Reading Road Wallingford OX10 9HG (Cholsey parish) Change of use of land to informal private leisure use; to include an area allocated to the open storage of non-motorised boats and the siting of a trailer storage shed (Retrospective). Refusal of Planning Permission</p> <p>P23/S1668/N4C Blackburn Farm Church Lane near Ipsden OX10 6AE Re-use of 340sqm of farm buildings for Class E purposes. Prior Approval Agreed</p> <p>Consultations</p> <p>P23/S2464/HH 6 Elizabeth Road, Mongewell OX10 8FQ. Single-storey rear extension. No objection but recommend SODC to consider the impact on the immediate neighbours at 4 and 8</p>	

	<p>Elizabeth Road and potential loss of outside space as the rear garden narrows away from the house.</p> <p>P23/S2439/FUL Jasmin, Horbury, Dunworth, Marys & Guys Mews, The Street Crowmarsh OX10 8EJ. Installation of five Air Source Heat Pumps, each serving one dwelling. There was some question about noise from units as properties are very close together. No objection – this is in line with the council’s climate policy.</p> <p>P23/S2179/HH 6 The Limes, Crowmarsh Gifford. The consultation has been extended. A letter of objection to the front extension has been received from a former occupier of this property referring to the street scene and the history of the Limes. After discussion, it was agreed to add to our earlier comments by urging the planning authority to consider these points seriously when coming to their decision.</p>																																																	
5485	<p>FINANCE</p> <p>a) <u>Payments to be approved since last meeting.</u> The Finance Officer had circulated a list of payments to be authorized. In addition to salaries and PAYE these were as follows:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="298 996 1251 1653"> <tr> <td>Shield Maintenance Ltd</td> <td>monthly dog bin emptying July</td> <td>£166.39</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Julia Streete</td> <td>crockery and supplies for Pavilion</td> <td>£357.55</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Stephen Sherbourne</td> <td>high viz vests</td> <td>£82.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Chiltern Society</td> <td>annual membership</td> <td>£30.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bowak Ltd</td> <td>hand towels and toilet rolls</td> <td>£112.30</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bowak Ltd</td> <td>toilet door sign</td> <td>£3.72</td> </tr> <tr> <td>David Rowley</td> <td>picture hanging strips</td> <td>£83.94</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Southern Electric</td> <td>Pav electricity June</td> <td>£129.38</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Grundon Waste Management Ltd</td> <td>waste wheelers June</td> <td>£149.60</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Albry Printing Co Ltd</td> <td>reprint of invoice pads</td> <td>£130.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Crowmarsh Gifford Village Hall</td> <td>VH hire for PC mtg 8/6/23</td> <td>£20.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cathedral Leasing Ltd</td> <td>supply of hygiene services Pavilion</td> <td>£561.60</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lawncare Garden Machinery Ltd</td> <td>repair of Atco cylinder mower</td> <td>£542.71</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lawncare Garden Machinery Ltd</td> <td>service of Atco cylinder mower</td> <td>£179.95</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Defib Store Ltd</td> <td>new pads for defib</td> <td>£369.60</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ashburton Ltd</td> <td>grass cutting June & July</td> <td>£864.00</td> </tr> </table> <p>It was noted that the cost of mower repairs seemed high as well as the cost of defibrillator pads, although all essential.</p> <p>After consideration, it was proposed by Cllr Johnson and seconded by Cllr Griffin that the payments be approved and</p>	Shield Maintenance Ltd	monthly dog bin emptying July	£166.39	Julia Streete	crockery and supplies for Pavilion	£357.55	Stephen Sherbourne	high viz vests	£82.00	Chiltern Society	annual membership	£30.00	Bowak Ltd	hand towels and toilet rolls	£112.30	Bowak Ltd	toilet door sign	£3.72	David Rowley	picture hanging strips	£83.94	Southern Electric	Pav electricity June	£129.38	Grundon Waste Management Ltd	waste wheelers June	£149.60	Albry Printing Co Ltd	reprint of invoice pads	£130.00	Crowmarsh Gifford Village Hall	VH hire for PC mtg 8/6/23	£20.00	Cathedral Leasing Ltd	supply of hygiene services Pavilion	£561.60	Lawncare Garden Machinery Ltd	repair of Atco cylinder mower	£542.71	Lawncare Garden Machinery Ltd	service of Atco cylinder mower	£179.95	Defib Store Ltd	new pads for defib	£369.60	Ashburton Ltd	grass cutting June & July	£864.00	
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	<p>this was agreed.</p> <p>b) <u>Review of accounts status for year to date</u></p> <p>This was deferred to the next meeting.</p> <p>c) <u>Requests for Grants and Donations</u></p> <p>A request from an individual resident for funding for a washing machine had been passed to the Emery Owen Trust.</p>	
5486	<p>CHAIRMAN'S REPORT</p> <p>The Chairman had attended the OALC chairs meeting on 2nd August and had circulated some notes.</p>	
5487	<p>REVIEW OF STRATEGIC PRIORITIES</p> <p><u>Update on The Bell Pedestrian Crossing</u></p> <p>Construction of the new pedestrian crossing in The Street started on 24th July and is progressing well, due to be completed in August.</p> <p><u>Interpretation Boards</u></p> <p>Cllr Park has this in hand.</p> <p><u>Watery Lane</u></p> <p>This is in progress.</p> <p>The council agreed to consult parishioners again in the autumn about our next set of strategic priorities.</p>	JP
5488	<p>REPORTS OF COMMITTEES</p> <p><u>Environment and Recreation Ground</u></p> <p>Update on Pavilion Improvements: The last items need to be finished before we can ask for the last tranche of SODC grant funding. There are minor issues with the servery, sound-proofing of the servery door being one. The architect is in contact with SCM about the snagging issues. It is hoped to complete all these in the near future so the payment can be received and the project finalized.</p>	

	<p>Tree Planting: The area for tree planting on the recreation ground needs to be decided. It was agreed to consult Matt Gulliford, the tree officer at SODC about protection for the saplings.</p> <p>Noticeboard at Cala Homes estate: It was agreed to obtain a parish noticeboard for the Cala Homes estate (CABI) and it is hoped to purchase a similar one to the other noticeboards in the parish. The location will be agreed with Cala Homes.</p> <p><u>Traffic and Transport Committee</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feedback on the meeting with Superintendent Lewis Prescott-Mayling of Thames Valley Police on 17th July was received. PC Smallbone reported that overt and covert operations are underway. Cllr Sherbourne will act as contact for communications. Neighbouring parish councils and other interested parties attended and a number of follow-up actions were agreed. A new SID may be needed for The Street. This will be considered at a future meeting. • Community Speedwatch. The trial run on 1st August went well. It is hoped to repeat this each Monday. A team of three is needed each time. Initial indications are positive. Cllr Sherbourne will write an article for Crowmarsh News about the scheme and will ask for volunteers. • It was noted that the Rights of Way officer is pursuing the request for tarmac to be laid by OCC Highways on the lower end of footpath No. 2 between Benson Lane and the French Gardens estate. 	<p>JP</p> <p>SSh</p>
5489	<p>CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>The following correspondence was noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email from a local resident about traffic dangers emerging from the CABI estate. This has been passed on to SODC as relevant to the EV charging station application. • Information about a van parked outside the school for over two weeks. • Information about free electric blanket testing by OCC this autumn • Notice of River Raft Race on 27th August 2023 • Chilterns AONB Update • SODC updates • NALC newsletter • Rural Services Network bulletins • Healthwatch Update 	

5490	The main meeting concluded and it was resolved to exclude the public during consideration of a confidential item.	
5491	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next meeting will be held on Thursday 7th September 2023 at Crowmarsh Gifford Village Hall, starting at 7.30pm.</p>	
5492	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was agreed to set up a Google site for sharing documents to minimize emails. • It was agreed that councillors are only expected to work on council business at hours they choose. 	