



CROWMARSH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held at Crowmarsh Gifford Village Hall on Thursday 4th April 2024
starting at 7.30pm

Present:

Mr John Griffin (Chair)	Mrs Fleur Stevenson
Mr Stephen Sherbourne	Ms Julia Streete

Attending: Mrs Sue Rance. District Cllr Sue Cooper attended part of the meeting as did three members of the public.

Apologies: Received from Mrs Anna Best, Professor Andrew Johnson, Mr Julian Park, Dr Yvonne Peet, Mr David Rowley, Mrs Liz Ryall and Mr David Topliss.

Declarations of interest: None.

The meeting was quorate.

Prior to the meeting Mr Nick Sumner spoke about the poor broadband speeds in the part of Crowmarsh Gifford east of the A4074. It was noted that an on-line meeting via Teams has been scheduled by Gigaclear concerning improvements to the broadband provision in the parish. The meeting will take place on Monday 15th April at 1.00pm. Councillors plan to attend as does Mr Sumner. The Clerk will contact Gigaclear to request a link to the meeting.

ACTION: Clerk

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5574	MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 7TH MARCH 2024 The Minutes of the meeting held on 7 th March 2024 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.	
5575	MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES <u>Item 5561:</u> The Clerk has circulated guidance received from Cllr Park on the use of Google Drive for Mac users and this is proving successful in resolving the problems which have been encountered.	

	<p><u>Item 5561</u>: Bus shelters at CABI: The Clerk will upload photos of the bus shelters to Google Drive when time permits.</p> <p><u>Item 5561</u>: Cllr Bloomfield has no information about the plans for the roads at French Gardens to be adopted but will make enquiries of OCC Highways. The Clerk will follow this up.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
5576	<p>REPORT FROM THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR</p> <p>No report had been received from County Councillor Bloomfield.</p>	
5577	<p>REPORT OF THE DISTRICT COUNCILLORS</p> <p>The District Councillors' report had been circulated and the following points were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work has started on repairs to Benson Weir • Photo ID will be needed to vote in the forthcoming police and crime commissioner election on Thursday 2nd May • A survey for town and parish councils on climate action is open until 18th April • SODC's work at the riverside to provide facilities for the Wallingford accessible boat club has been postponed until September due to the floods. Until then the club will continue to operate out of Benson. • From 14th April, the 136 bus to Cholsey will be re-routed with a break in Wallingford and journeys through Crowmarsh will be served by a 139 service, operating in a clockwise loop via RAF Benson and Clacks Lane. These changes will result in travel delays and no through bus from Crowmarsh to Cholsey. There has been no consultation with parishes before implementing these changes although Benson Parish Council was notified. • District Councillor Cooper has consulted the planning officer about the Newnham Manor development. A traffic survey was to be carried out regarding school journeys. • It was reported that the Rural Services Network are able to offer grants from time to time and SODC can offer advice on grant funding. 	

5578	<p>REVIEW OF STRATEGIC PRIORITIES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Sherbourne is researching defibrillator cabinets for solar powered defibrillators. • Road safety improvements in Benson Lane: A meeting is to be held on 17th April with Jon Beale of OCC Highways to discuss how improvements can be achieved. A pre-meeting will be arranged for interested parties. • The Clerk has completed the expression of interest in the SODC CIL Grant Scheme. This will be submitted on 5th April. 	<p>SSh Clerk</p>
5579	<p>PLANNING</p> <p>Decisions by SODC</p> <p>P24/S0892/AG Black Barn Farm, Church Lane, Ipsden OX10 6AE. Erection of livestock building. Agricultural Development – application not required.</p> <p>P23/S3986/LB 1 Church Cottages, Church Lane, North Stoke OX10 6BH Single storey rear extension and alterations (Amended plan to remove store received 29 January 2024). Listed Building Consent</p> <p>P23/S3985/HH 1 Church Cottages, Church Lane, North Stoke OX10 6BH Single storey rear extension and alterations (additional drainage details and plans to omit store received 29 January 2024). Planning Permission</p> <p>P24/S0187/LB Chaise House, 67 The Street, Crowmarsh Gifford OX10 8EF Replace both existing bay windows at the front of the property. (As amplified by additional information received 30 January 2024). Listed Building Consent</p> <p>Consultations</p> <p>P24/S0992/FUL Former Council Offices, Benson Lane, Crowmarsh Gifford OX10 8EE. Application to continue to occupy land on the car park at the former South Oxfordshire District Council offices and extend the current planning permission for a further three years. This is for the temporary location of a storage compound for machines, tools and equipment that provides council services for both councils. No objection in principle but</p>	

	<p>three years is too long given the length of time this site has been vacant.</p> <p>P24/S1032/FUL Red Kite House, Howbery Park, Benson Lane, Crowmarsh Gifford OX10 8BD. Installation of three commercial size Air Source Heat Pumps and 72 solar panels. Recommend approval.</p> <p>P24/S0908/HH 14 McCulloch Meadows, Crowmarsh Gifford OX10 8FX. Erection of a garden studio. Recommend approval.</p> <p>P24/S0831/HH 18 Hasthorpe Road, Mongewell OX10 8FR. Single storey rear infill extension and partial garage conversion. Recommend approval.</p> <p>Neighbourhood plan and SODC local plan</p> <p>Public consultation questionnaire and exhibitions on 6th and 13th April.</p> <p>Government consultation on permitted development rights closes on 9 April 2024 – see <u>www.gov.uk/government/consultations/changes-to-various-permitted-development-rights-consultation/changes-to-various-permitted-development-rights-consultation</u>.</p>	
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5580	<p>FINANCE</p> <p>a) <u>Consider and agree payments since last meeting</u></p> <p>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="363 1384 1217 1910"> <thead> <tr> <th>Date</th> <th>Company</th> <th>Details</th> <th>£ inc VAT</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>12.03.24</td> <td>Shield</td> <td>Dog bin</td> <td>558.58</td> </tr> <tr> <td>20.03.24</td> <td>Shield</td> <td>Emptying bins</td> <td>176.80</td> </tr> <tr> <td>29.02.24</td> <td>Grundon</td> <td>Refuse</td> <td>159.14</td> </tr> <tr> <td>01.03.24</td> <td>OPFA</td> <td>Membership</td> <td>47.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>18.03.24</td> <td>Ashburton</td> <td>Grass Church</td> <td>132.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>25.03.24</td> <td>Ashburton</td> <td>Grass N Stoke</td> <td>108.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>11.03.24</td> <td>Castle Water</td> <td>Allotment water</td> <td>1.46</td> </tr> <tr> <td>16.03.24</td> <td>SSE Energy</td> <td>Church light Feb</td> <td>168.79</td> </tr> <tr> <td>26.03.24</td> <td>AEH</td> <td>Compost</td> <td>120.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>02.04.24</td> <td>F Stevenson</td> <td>Online survey</td> <td>30.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Date	Company	Details	£ inc VAT	12.03.24	Shield	Dog bin	558.58	20.03.24	Shield	Emptying bins	176.80	29.02.24	Grundon	Refuse	159.14	01.03.24	OPFA	Membership	47.00	18.03.24	Ashburton	Grass Church	132.00	25.03.24	Ashburton	Grass N Stoke	108.00	11.03.24	Castle Water	Allotment water	1.46	16.03.24	SSE Energy	Church light Feb	168.79	26.03.24	AEH	Compost	120.00	02.04.24	F Stevenson	Online survey	30.00	
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5581	<p data-bbox="316 1227 667 1261">CHAIRMAN’S REPORT</p> <ul data-bbox="411 1305 1254 1816" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="411 1305 1254 1630">• The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Thursday 23rd May at the Pavilion, starting at 7.00pm. District and County Councillors will be invited to attend and give a short report on council activities over the past year. Cllr Sherbourne will invite Police Officer Janine Smallbone, who is the liaison officer for the Community Speedwatch group, and the headteacher of Crowmarsh Gifford Primary School will also be invited to come along and provide an update on school activities. <li data-bbox="411 1637 1254 1744">• The Clerk will ask OALC whether it would be permitted to invite parliamentary candidates to attend in view of the likelihood of a general election later in the year. <li data-bbox="411 1751 1254 1816">• The Clerk will organize the provision of tea and coffee on arrival. 	Clerk SSh Clerk Clerk Clerk																																								

5582	<p>REPORTS OF COMMITTEES</p> <p><u>Environment and Recreation Ground</u> Cllr Streete reported that the final grant payment of approx. £35,000 is expected to be received from SODC in the next week. Thanks to Councillor Rowley for his hard work on this.</p> <p>The accessible roundabout in the children’s play area is in need of repair. The bearings need attention. One quote of £3,500 has been received. Abingdon Town Council will be consulted as they have a similar roundabout and this matter will be discussed at the next meeting of the committee.</p> <p>Other items to be considered by the committee are:</p> <p>Tennis Courts – hiring via an app. VAT on hire of sports facilities no longer required Online booking systems.</p> <p>Air source heat pumps will be considered when the boiler needs replacing.</p> <p><u>Traffic and Transport</u></p> <p>Cllr Griffin has supplied OCC Highways with the information required for the replacement of the North Stoke speed indication device.</p>	<p>Env/Rec</p> <p>Env/Rec</p>
5583	<p>UPDATE ON WEBSITE</p> <p>Cllr Stevenson is investigating modifications needed to achieve accessibility. She will archive or delete some out-of-date items.</p> <p>The neighbourhood plan survey is on the website.</p>	<p>FS</p>
5584	<p>REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES</p> <p><u>Wallingford Bridge Estate Charity</u> Damage to Wallingford Bridge has been reported on Fix my Street and an interim response received.</p>	

5585	<p>CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>The following correspondence was noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rural Services Network updates • Rural Funding Digest • Letter from the Police and Crime Commissioner • NALC updates • OALC updates • SODC updates • Chilterns National Landscapes Update • Healthwatch Oxon update • Parish Online Newsletters 	
5586	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next meeting will be held on Thursday 9th May at North Stoke Village Hall, starting at 7.30pm.</p>	
5587	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agenda items for the May meeting include defibrillator cases for Mongewell and the east of Crowmarsh Gifford and quotes for improvements to the surface of Watery Lane. Work on Watery Lane has been deferred until September, after the bird-nesting season. 	<p>Clerk (Agenda)</p>

The meeting closed at 20.50.