

MINUTES OF THE SOULDERN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL

ON 28th September 2023

Present:

Alan Smith (AS) [Chair]

John Hoodless (JH)

Neal Ship (NS)

Heidi Dennison (HD)

Cathy Fleet (CF) CLERK

Members of the Public:

09.23.01 Apologies

Apologies had been received from Nick Oakhill and Cllr Eddie Reeves

09.23.02 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest

09.23.03 To receive the minutes of the last parish council meeting

The minutes of the parish council meeting held on 31st August 2023 were checked for accuracy and content, agreed as a true record of the meetings and signed by the chair.

09.23.04 Public participation

There were no members of the public present

09.23.05 Clerks Report and Actions from previous meeting

No	Action	Owner	Update
Feb23.03	AS to action 20mph limit	AS	AUGUST UPDATE – HD offered to send an email to OCC (Jeff Barrell – project manager) Sept 23 - Awaiting response. HD to chase
Feb 23.05	AS to order replacement signs	AS	In hand August update – AS questioned the need for replacement sign, but after discussion it was agreed it is needed. AS to progress
June23.02	Village upkeep –Workparty to clean Church Lane ditch	NO	NO to organise once foliage dies down. Agenda item
June23.04	Changing Room electrics – NO to obtain 1 further quotequote	NO	AS to chase. Despite all efforts no quotes have been forthcoming. AS to progress

			with Trevor's (TS Electrical) quote (approx £700)
July 23.06	Co-option of Councillor- AS to post on noticeboards and Whatsapp group	AS	No responses received. NO had spoken to someone who may be interested and will report back at the next meeting Sept 23 – no update
Aug23.01	Playground – AS to place order with Kompan	AS	Complete – Agenda item
Aug23.02	Village Upkeep - . HD to prioritise on the spreadsheet 10 tasks which should be completed before Christmas and circulate to all councillor and liaise with the Charity	HD	Complete - Agenda item
Aug23.03	EV charging points - . NO will attend the Webinar on 20 th September.	NO	No update

09.23.06 **Playground Update**

- The order for Phase 1 was submitted to Kompan on 1st September for £98,825 (exc VAT)
- An additional order for two further equipments was submitted to Kompan on 21st September for £8,070 (exc VAT)
- Total Order £106,895 (exc VAT)
- Fundraising total currently £94,678 (£12,217 short of target)
- Fundraising events in October/November include Winetasting, Brewery tour, Craft Fair, Table Top sale, Gigaclear Treasure Hunt
- Grants in pipeline
- Groundworks to prepare site - expected to start 28th/29th September
- Kompan site visit in October and project manager Daniel McAlwane assigned
- Maintenance plan with Kompan being discussed and waiting on costing

09.23.07 **Village Upkeep**

Prioritisation of actions with NO - update at next meeting.

Pollarding trees outside Magpie Cottage - email received. **AS to respond**

09.23.08 **Village Hall Trust Deed**

No progress had been made with the solicitor and the representative for the village hall committee is currently away,

09.23.09 **Tree Risk Assessment**

Report has been circulated. 3 trees in NBW have been removed to stump level. The other 2 trees will be removed after the leaves have fallen. Ash die back will be monitored regularly.

09.23.10 Planning – The planning applications below were discussed

23/02192/LB

Highland Cottage The Hill
Souldern Bicester OX27 7JE

Like-for-like replacement of two front facing downstairs windows. NO OBJECTION

23/02407/F

2 Cotswold Court Souldern
Bicester OX27 7LQ

Single storey rear extension, internal and external alterations to an existing residential dwelling and associated landscaping. NO OBJECTION

10 Finance - The following accounts were approved for payment

Paid by standing order

Payee	Detail	Total £s	VAT	Comments
Cathy Fleet	Clerk Salary	126.29	0.0	
HMRC	(re above)	25.07	0.0	

Invoices to be approved

Payee	Detail	Total £s	VAT	Comments
Nicholsons	NBW Assessment	600.00	100.00	
CDC	Dog Bins	439.56	73.26	

Receipts received

	Detail	Total £s	VAT	Comments
Playground	Donations & Fundraising	25436.62		
CDC	Precept	3197.50		

Date of next meetings – last Thursday of the month

26th October, 23rd November, 28th December

Proposed dates for 2024 - last Thursday of the month

25th January
 29th February
 28th March
 25th April
 20th May
 AMPC & APM TBC
 27th June
 25th July
 29th August
 26th September
 31st October
 28th November - to include precept meeting
 December ??

Signed
 Chair, Souldern Parish Council

Date

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