

MINUTES OF THE SOULDERN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD IN THE VILAGE HALL

ON 24TH April 2025

Present:

Nick Oakhill (NO) CHAIR
John Hoodless (JH)
Heidi Dennnison (HD)
Kate Green (KG)
Rob Large (RL)
Cathy Fleet (CF) CLERK

Members of the Public:

Members of the public : There were no members of the public present

04.25.01 Apologies

No apologies had been received

04.25.02 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest

04.25.03 To receive the minutes of the last parish council meeting

The minutes of the parish council meeting held on 27th March 2025 were checked for accuracy and content, agreed as a true record of the meeting and signed by the chair.

04.25.04 Public participation

There were no members of the public present

04.25.05 Clerks Report and Actions from previous meeting

No	Action	Owner	Update
Feb25.07	JH to ask Deddington Depot if they will reinstate the disabled parking markings in the car park	JH	Completed – advised to purchase disabled logo from internet and go ahead as no regulations exist as private land. NO to action.
Feb25.08	NO to ask Nigel Prickett if he will also cut The Pound	NO	Completed. Inside and outside of the Pound will be cut by Nigel Prickett
Mar25.01	Clerk to inform CDC of co-option of Rob Large and Kate Green	CF	completed
Mar25.02	NO to respond to WhatsApp message received regarding pollarding of trees.	NO	NO has sent a letter regarding the trees. and an unofficial response has been

			received.
Mar25.03	Clerk to contact Sanctuary Housing regarding the contained at 4 Bovewell	CF	Completed. Awaiting update from Sanctuary
Mar25.04	Clerk to respond to SUC regarding appointment of Trustee	CF	Completed

04.25.06 Correspondence

NO had received:

- Email from OCC regarding the registering of land indicating that SPC cannot and will never be able to register common land in the village of Souldern unless there is a very good reason to register a village green which would cost in the region of £5K.

04.25.07 Co-option of councillor

NO has spoken with someone who is willing to stand as councillor. No will speak to her.

The RFO will be standing down and a new one is required, This will be discussed outside of the meeting once the Clerk has left.

04.25.08 Reports from County/District Councillors

Cllr Rogers mentioned the email received from a developer regarding an eco-village on land north of Enstone Airfield. There is a meeting at Hook Norton in the near future to raise awareness. He had provided a written report ahead of the meeting which had been circulated to all councillors. He summarised :

- Local Plan
- 5 year housing supply
- Neighbourhood Plans
- CDC move to Castle Quay
- The future of local government
- Flooding & potholes
- Farming protests
- Health Care contributions

Cllr Fatemian informed the meeting that this may be his last meeting depending on what happens at the forthcoming election.

04.25.09 Highways

JH had spoken with the owner of Stonecroft who will repair the grass verges directly affected by vehicles accessing his site, but will not be reinstating or resurfacing any part of the road.

04.25.10 Planning –The following planning documents had been received:

[25/00901/TCA](#)

Magpie Cottage The Hill Souldern OX27 7JD

T1 Ash - Proposal to section fell to ground level. The tree is in close proximity to the building, and leaning towards the house.

Comment: Agree to felling of the tree but ensure a new tree is planted in its place. Clerk

03/04/2025

to respond

[25/00869/TEL](#)

Mast 630M From Medkyre House 23M
From M40 Street From Baynards Green
To Souldern Ardley OX27 7SQ

The repositioning of the existing 22.5m
monopole on a new extended base within the
compound and removal of the existing
headframe with a replacement headframe.
Removal of the existing 3 antennas and
replacing with 6 antennas. Ancillary
development including removal and
replacement of the 3 Remote Radio Units
(RRU's) with 18 RRU's

No comment or objection

[25/00847/DISC](#)

Stonehaven High Street Souldern
Oxfordshire OX27 7JL

Discharge of Conditions 3 (stone sample
panel), 4 (doors and windows), 5 (rooflights), 6
(slate sample), 7 (eaves and verge details), 8
(rainwater goods) and 9 (biodiversity method
statement) of 24/03325/F

No comment or objection

[25/00766/F](#)

Leycroft Barn Somerton Road Souldern
Bicester OX27 7JX

Agricultural building to create a covered spray
area

No comment or objection

[25/00765/F](#)

Leycroft Barn Somerton Road Souldern
Bicester OX27 7JX

Agricultural building to cover a muck storage
area

No comment or objection

04.25.11 Finance

The following accounts were approved for payment:

Paidby standing order

Payee	Detail	Total £s	VAT	Comments
Cathy Fleet	Clerk Salary	136.66	0.0	
HMRC	(re above)	27.66	0.0	

Invoices to be approved

Payee	Detail	Total £s	VAT	Comments
OALC	2025 Subs	216.00	36.00	
CDC	Dog Bins	334.62	55.77	
Bank Service Charge		6.00	0.00	
Nigel Prickett	April grass cut	463.20	77.20	

Date of next meetings : last Thursday of the month 7.30pm:

20th May (AMP & AMPC), 26th June, 31st July, 28th August, 25th September, 30th October, 27th November

Signed

Chair, Souldern Parish Council

Date

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