

Minutes of Monthly meeting held on Wednesday 4th December 2024 at 7pm

Present: Cllr Bob Sheldon, Chair (RS), Cllr Richard Bartle (RB), Cllr Lucy Brown (LB), Cllr Stu Coffey (SC), Cllr Julia Jones (JJ), Cllr Gerard Pearson (GP), Cllr Bjorn Watson (BW), Cllr Elaine Ware (EW), Cllr Claire Winfield (CW)

County Councillor: Cllr Yvonne Constance

Public: 2 Members of the public

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24/334	<p>PUBLIC REPRESENTATION The following matters were raised:</p> <p>a) Request for donation of hall hire costs. Richard Fisher outlined a campaign that was being promoted by Angela Rippon to get people dancing. He requested that the Council donate the costs of the hall hire for this event. He required the large hall and Vic Day hall for 6 hours on Sunday 2nd March. Concerns were raised about the building works which would still be in operation at that time. It was also noted that the main toilets may be out of action. It was proposed that the Parish Council agreed to pay the costs. Proposed Cllr Watson, Seconded Cllr Winfield. RESOLVED but not unanimously.</p>	Clerk
24/335	<p>COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT Cllr Constance reported:</p> <p>a) The reply received from Thames Water about flooding on the A417 near Mellors was unsatisfactory. She has suggested that the issue is dealt with by OCC and charged back to Thames Water,</p> <p>b) She is asking all villages to submit lists of their flood sites.</p> <p>c) School transport was a problem in certain areas as children were unable to attend the schools of their choice due to the lack of transport. She was trying to obtain a government grant to provide the transport.</p> <p>d) She had CPF funding available. It needed to be claimed as soon as possible.</p> <p>e) She was catching up on the situation regarding new housing targets.</p> <p>f) The government were considering imposing Unitary authorities. While she supported this, she was concerned that it would have a negative impact on rural communities as members of the new body would not have the time to become involved in local areas.</p> <p>Cllr Constance asked whether the 20 mph scheme was working. Cllr Pearson confirmed that it was. She also asked about the new school and was informed of the current parking issues.</p> <p>Cllr Constance was thanked for attending.</p>	
24/336	<p>DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT A written report had been circulated.</p>	
24/337	<p>SUSTAINABLE SHRIVENHAM UPDATE Christmas shopping at The Hub was in full swing.</p>	BW
24/338	<p>CLIMATE EMERGENCY ACTIONS There was a plastic free initiative in the village but it was not making much headway. There was an attempt to minimise the use of single use plastics over Christmas.</p>	BW
24/339	<p>CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.</p> <p>a) Grant for the school. A grant had been requested to purchase parking buddies to help prevent parking on the pavements by the school. It was pointed out that a drop off area had been requested at the planning stage and had been refused. It was</p>	

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	<p>felt that stopping parking for drop-off would cause other problems. Debate followed on whether the Parish Council should pay for this as it was felt it was an OCC responsibility. It was agreed that this would be a good project for the CPF grant. Proposed Cllr Coffey, Seconded Cllr Jones. RESOLVED. Clerk to apply for the grant.</p>	Clerk
24/340	<p>TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER REPORTS AND MINUTES OF COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS</p> <p>a) O&F Committee – The minutes of the O&F Committee meeting held on 26th November had been circulated and were noted.</p>	
24/341	<p>TO RECEIVE SUCH COMMUNICATIONS AS THE PERSON PRESIDING MAY WISH TO LAY BEFORE THE COUNCIL</p> <p>a) Consultation on local policing budget from PCC. Members were encouraged to respond.</p>	
24/342	<p>TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS ATTENDING MEETINGS ON BEHALF OF THE COUNCIL</p> <p>a) ARAP meeting. Cllr Ware reported that</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Watchfield village hall had been booked for an event on 7th February, plans for which were evolving. She was working with Mears, school governors and the Vale. She had made contact with the relevant officer at the Vale and she hoped communication would improve in future. She would be meeting with the football club in the New Year to discuss how they could get involved. She was also meeting with David Brooke to discuss an integration programme for cricket. She had attended a Christmas light show event on Monday, which was excellent. Santa visited with gifts for the children who were all delighted. The bookings situation for 2025 was to be reported at the next HMG. 	EW
24/343	<p>POLICY REVIEWS</p> <p>The following policies had been circulated:</p> <p>a) Allotment tenancy agreement. Cllr Brown declared an interest. It was pointed out that the only change was a signing box asking for permission to share contact information with SAGA.</p> <p>b) Document Management Policy. No comments.</p> <p>Both items were approved. Proposed Cllr Jones, Seconded Cllr Ware. RESOLVED.</p>	
24/344	<p>PLANNING MATTERS - NEW APPLICATIONS</p> <p>a) P24/V1518/S73 – Land at Townsend Road. Variation of condition 2 (Materials), condition 7 (Landscaping Scheme), condition 10 (Surface water drainage), condition 11 (Foul water drainage) and condition 15 (Wastewater network upgrades) on application</p>	

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	<p>P22/V2618/S73 (as amended by the inclusion of drainage details, drainage strategy and landscaping scheme received 14 November 2024, and as amplified by material plans and schedule, plan showing ditch outfalls and EA permit and drainage details received 25 November 2024). S73 application to vary condition 2 (approved plans) and remove condition 9 (obscured glazing) on application P20/V1279/FUL. Redevelopment of the site to provide 10 new dwellings (a net gain of 9 units) and associated parking, gardens, access improvements and landscaping, following the demolition of the existing workshops and bungalow. Response due by 29th November. This was covered in minute reference 24/333(a) above. The Council continues to object.</p> <p>b) P24/V2382/HH – The Coach House, Station Road. Erection of single storey rear extension, conversion of garage to habitable accommodation and installation of solar panels. Response due by 20th December. No comments.</p> <p>c) P24/V2476/LB – School Masters House, 26 High Street. To provide insulation and plasterboard to ceilings. Response due by 19th December. No comments.</p> <p>Both responses were approved. Proposed Cllr Sheldon, Seconded Cllr Bartle. RESOLVED.</p>	
24/345	<p>PLANNING MATTERS - APPLICATIONS RECEIVED SINCE THE PUBLICATION OF THE AGENDA</p> <p>None.</p>	
24/346	<p>PLANNING MATTERS – DECISIONS</p> <p>a) P24/V1912/HH – 31 Vicarage Lane. Single storey rear extension to provide a hydrotherapy pool. Awaiting determination.</p> <p>b) P24/V1770/FUL – Friar’s Farm. Retrospective application to convert a barn into a dwelling. Granted.</p> <p>c) P247/V2328/HH – 4 Constantine Close. Single storey rear extension and garage conversion. Awaiting determination.</p> <p>d) P24/V1867/FUL – Land to the west of Northford Close. New access to golf course for grounds maintenance vehicles. Awaiting determination.</p> <p>e) P24/V2160/FUL & P24/V2161/LB – Elm Tree House, 24 High Street. Erection of single storey dwelling in the garden of Elm Tree House including partial demolition of boundary wall to allow access - custom and self-build. Awaiting determination,</p>	
24/347	<p>PLANNING MATTERS – MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS</p> <p>a) Cala Development, Highworth Road. No update.</p>	
24/348	<p>PARKING ON THE HIGH STREET</p> <p>Cllr Bartle noted that a problem had arisen with respect to the Doctor’s surgery; they were concerned about the lack of parking for their staff. Discussions were under way with the local pubs to establish whether parking arrangements for surgery staff could be agreed.</p>	SH
24/349	PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE	

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	No update. It was pointed out that all Councils needed to transition to a gov.uk domain by 2027.	SH
24/350	COMMUNITY TRANSPORT People were now being taken to medical appointments, although take up was quite slow. It was pointed out that the scheme was not just for wheelchair users; anyone could use it. Bookings were being taken in The Hub on Wednesday afternoons. A further training session was scheduled for 5 th December. It was suggested that the vehicle be parked elsewhere from time to time as a form of advertising. Cllr Constance asked whether the scheme had received funding from the Community Transport fund. Cllr Coffey explained the funding received. She suggested looking into the bus pass system. Cllr Coffey agreed to investigate.	SC
24/351	SCHOOL LIAISON Nothing to report.	JJ
24/352	COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH A written report had been circulated. There had been a high level of activity from the team. 12 sessions had been run on 7 sites in the 20mph zone. The highest recorded speed was 40mph. 396 vehicles had been reported. Since the scheme started over 10,000 had been reported. It was felt that the situation was better than it had been and the speed in the centre of the village had decreased, but there were still issues on the roads leading out of the village. Cllr Constance agreed to find out how many people had been prosecuted. Cllr Coffey had agreed to join the team. Cllr Pearson to send the training details. More members were required.	GP
24/353	S106/CIL FUNDING a) Community Art. i. A meeting had been held with the artist for the Barrington Park seating. Ideas to improve the installation had been put forward. It was noted that adding the jesmonite would create a drainage problem. The proposals put forward by the artist were approved. Proposed Cllr Coffey, Seconded Cllr Winfield. RESOLVED. ii. Still awaiting formal approval from Blue Cedar for the art on the recreation ground.	JJ
24/354	ALLOTMENTS REPORT There had been a couple of terminations since the last inspection. There were 7 free plots but there had been a lot of interest and Cllr Sheldon felt that they would be allocated by the New Year.	RS
24/355	REPORT ON ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS	BW

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	<p>a) Tuckmill Meadows SSSI. The working party was continuing every Monday. The perimeter and the pathways had been cleared. Waiting for fencing work to be carried out. Funds had still not materialised; the matter had been ongoing for 5 years. The Earth Trust had been appointed and they had been out to visit the site.</p> <p>b) Canal Group. No update.</p>	
24/356	<p>REPORT ON SOCIAL MEDIA</p> <p>There had not been a lot of activity. Information had been put out about allotments and roadworks on the A420. There was a lot of anger over the latter but these had now been completed.</p>	LB
24/357	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO BE ADDED TO NEXT MONTH'S AGENDA.</p> <p>Nothing.</p>	
24/358	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>Tuesday 7th January 2025 at 7pm.</p>	

The meeting closed at 20.47