

Nuffield Parish Council

The minutes of a meeting of Nuffield Parish Council held on 7th September 2021 held at The Crown, Nuffield. 8pm

Present

Mrs G. Austin (Chair)
Mr. D. Passmore (Councillor)
Mrs M. Anderson (Councillor)
Mrs K Wheeler (Clerk)
OCC Councillor Felix Bloomfield
Cllr. Jo Robb (SODC)
Members of the public – 4
Representative for the Huntercombe residents' association

1. Apologies

Cllr. Lorraine Hillier (SODC)
Mr. D Wood

2. Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial interests

None

3. Confirmation of the minutes of 5th May 2021

These minutes were agreed and signed by the Chair.

4. Matters arising from those minutes

a. Speed Limit Review and Speed Monitoring

Letter from combined parishes has been sent to the Police and Crime Commissioner 5th July 2021 relating to Motorbike speed and noise. Continued, UK wide issue. Speed is also an issue between the stretch between Nuffield and Nettlebed. The parish asked for these issues to be raised by Councillor Bloomfield and for the speed monitoring to be put in place.

b. Dog Bin

Dog bins were finally emptied and now being emptied by SODC on a regular basis. Location map to be supplied to SODC to ensure the collections continue.

c. 30MPH stickers for refuge bins.

Mr. Wood has purchased and distributed the stickers and letter to relevant households.

d. Report on sale of land on Timbers Lane (for "residential" use)

Issues raised by residents over the misleading adverts run in Henley standard relating to the land and advertised sale of multiple small plots of land. Request made to withdraw reference to the land being used for residential purposes and

SODC also spoke with trading standards. The issue of this sort of land sale has also been raised by residents to MP John Howell.

Jo Robb to look at the possibility of having an Article 4 direction made which would prevent permitted development.

In addition to the AONB status, SODC has put forward to Natural England to have the Chilterns registered as a National Park which could potentially help these sort of planning issues.

5. Holy Trinity Nuffield

Project has slowed due to COVID and now that there are some local facilities at the Crown it somewhat changes the project aims. Main ongoing concern is the use of the church and any risk of closure due to declining number of parishioners.

6. Report OCC Cllr

Newly appointed County Councillor attended the meeting.

- COVID update available and to be sent to Parish.
- Oakley Wood recycling centre review.
- 20MPH zones – 5 trial sites in the county. One in Cuxham. Parishes able to apply for 20MPH zones as required
- Libraries now re-opened
- Motorbikes – all local parishes in the area on board with approach to Police and Crime commissioner both for speed, and noise.
- Verge cutting – issues can be reported on Fixmystreet. Highways are responsible for 1st metre of the verge.

7. Report from Cllr. Jo Robb

Garden Waste Suspension

Regrettably, the Council was given no alternative but to agree to Biffa temporarily suspending the garden waste (brown bin) collection service at the start of August. This was to preserve the core waste collections of rubbish, recycling and food.

Like many waste contractors, Biffa has suffered from the national (100,000 driver) shortage of HGV drivers, caused by Brexit and exacerbated by Covid.

Biffa has provided SODC with options and, following external legal advice, SODC has written to Biffa reminding them of their obligations under the waste management contract. Regrettably this means that the garden waste service is still suspended and will remain so for a while longer. Customers who do not receive their contracted collections will be provided with appropriate remedy. This is still under discussion.

Please see SODC's waste website with further information and again, our sincere apologies for this. <https://www.southoxon.gov.uk/south-oxfordshire-district-council/recycling-rubbish-and-waste/garden-waste/>

Councillor Community Grants

Applications are open for this year's Councillor Community Grants. Lorraine and Jo each have £5000 to spend in our wards so please get in touch if you have any ideas for projects you'd like financial support for. [Councillor community grants - South Oxfordshire District Council \(southoxon.gov.uk\)](https://www.southoxon.gov.uk/south-oxfordshire-district-council/councillor-community-grants/)

A Hospice for South Oxfordshire

Cllr Stefan Gawysiak is leading a campaign to bring residential palliative and end-of-life care back to South Oxfordshire following the closure of Sue Ryder in Nettlebed. A meeting last week was attended by the Mayors of Henley and Didcot, by Cllr Gawysiak and SODC Chair Jo Robb as well as by Cllr David Turner, SODC representative on the Health Scrutiny Overview Committee, Cllr Ian Reissman and a number of dedicated residents and volunteers including Tony Hardy, whose son died at Sue Ryder in Nettlebed. The Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group has indicated they will provide two beds with non-specialist staff in Wallingford. According to the campaigners, this is inadequate for the needs of our District. Do contact Jo Robb if you would like to know more about this campaign.

Important Consultations: Oxfordshire Plan 2050 and the Oxford-Cambridge Arc

Consultation on the Oxfordshire 2050 Plan is open and closes on Friday 8 October. We warmly encourage Parish Councils, residents, businesses and community groups to give their views on the proposed options. The Oxfordshire Open Thought website contains details of the draft policies including those related to tackling climate change, improving environmental quality, and housing need. It would be particularly helpful to hear views on the proposed spatial options, which consider where best to locate new developments for example focussing on sustainable transport corridors (rail routes, bus routes etc) or on business locations (eg Culham Science Centre, Milton Park etc) or on rural communities. <https://www.oxfordshireopenthought.org/>

Big Green Week

As part of Big Green Week, SODC is inviting residents and community groups to organise and take part in a River Clean-up on World Rivers Day, Sunday 26 September. World Rivers Day. The event aims to bring communities together to celebrate our river, clean up the river and towpath and raise awareness of the climate and ecological emergencies.

As well as carrying out a clean up, groups are also encouraged to have information stalls and talks to raise awareness about water quality and sewage discharge, create community cohesion around caring for the river Thames, and enhance the wellbeing of the community.

If you'd like to organise a local event there are a number of organisations that can offer advice and support:

- [Surfers Against Sewage](#)
- [Clean Access Clear Waters](#)
- [World Rivers Day](#)
- [Wandle Trust](#)
- [Thames 21](#)

Please let us know if you are planning to organise your own river clean up, whether it is on World Rivers Day or a different date and we can put you in touch with officers who can provide support and advice.

Move Together

Earlier this year a new county-wide programme "Move Together" launched to support hundreds of Oxfordshire residents most affected by Covid-19 to move more and protect their health and wellbeing. Move Together is co-ordinated by Active Oxfordshire with city and district councils working with them. The support provided is personalised to each individual based on their specific needs and is provided by physical activity specialists.

You can find out more about Move Together via this website. Please do share with residents to promote this important service. www.getoxfordshireactive.org/move-together

Planning

Following a unanimous decision by Full Council, we are returning to the old system of planning call-ins, whereby Parish Council objection triggers automatic call-in to Planning Committee for minor (9 houses or fewer) applications. Planning training will be provided to Parish Councils to update

councillors on current planning policy and material planning considerations should you be interested. More updates to come.

Vaccines

Better Leisure has joined Public Health England's drive to boost the uptake of Covid vaccination among young people. Young people between the ages of 16 and 30 will receive a £10 voucher to spend at a Better leisure facility and a three-day pass to any of its leisure centres and gyms.

<https://www.better.org.uk/healthy-communities>

Health on the Move Van

To help continue the take up of the Covid-19 vaccine we're working with the Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCG) to find potential locations for a NHS "Health on the Move" mobile vaccination van. The van will be available to visit businesses based in South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse during September and October to offer first and second doses to employees. To find out more, interested businesses should email communityconnectors@southandvale.gov.uk

The Government's National Bus Strategy

The Government's National Bus Strategy sets out a vision for dramatically improving buses. Local transport authorities (including Oxfordshire County Council) and local bus operators are asked to work with local communities to plan and deliver fully integrated services including simple multi-modal tickets, more bus priority measures, high quality information in more places, and better turn up and go frequencies. In response Oxfordshire County Council are preparing a bus service improvement plan (BSIP) and with input from stakeholders are putting together a list of positive bus priority measures which could go into the BSIP and subsequent enhanced partnership. This will be submitted to Government at the end of October. If you wish to learn more or contribute to the BSIP then please contact planning policy; planning.policy@southandvale.gov.uk

8. Planning

Received and still awaiting decision:

P21/S3299/HH

Harcourt Hill Shaw near Nuffield OX10 6QE

Proposed rear extension

Target decision 16th September 2021

P21/S3082/LB

Huntercombe Manor Huntercombe Nuffield RG9 5RY

Internal alterations and alteration to windows and doors.

Target decision 16th September 2021

P21/S3239/HH

17 Bradley Road Nuffield RG9 5SG

Erection of two storey side extension with pitched roof.

Target decision 13th September 2021

P21/S2767/LB

Howberry wood Farm Newnham Hill RG9 5TU

Demolition of existing C20th extensions to historic farmhouse and construction of new brick and flint and timber boarded addition. Construction of new brick and flint walls and timber boarded guest barn to reinstate lost historic barn and farmyard enclosure. Alterations to existing surviving historic barn.

Target decision 31st August 2021

P21/S2764/HH

Howberry wood Farm Newnham Hill RG9 5TU

Demolition of existing C20th extensions to historic farmhouse and construction of new brick and flint and timber boarded addition. Construction of new brick and flint walls and timber boarded guest barn to reinstate lost historic barn and farmyard enclosure. Alterations to existing surviving historic barn.

Target decision 31st August 2021

P20/S3044/FUL

Warren Lodge Nuffield Lane Benson OX10 6QN

Retention of Warren Lodge as a private dwelling with no restrictions on occupation

Decision overdue (13th August 2021)

P21/S2033/FUL

Phoenix Cottage Whitcalls Lane Nuffield RG9 5TE

Partial demolition and extension to existing barn/outbuilding to form new residential annex ancillary to Phoenix Cottage for the accommodation of a family member/carer. Temporary permission for a static caravan on site for the duration of construction (additional arboricultural information received 23rd June 2021 and reduction in ridge height and windows as shown on amended plans received 9th July 2021).

Decision overdue (July 2021)

P21/S2106/FUL

HMP Huntercombe Huntercombe Place Nuffield RG9 5SB

Construction of a replacement Kitchen building with associated external works and part demolition of an existing building

Decision overdue (4th August 2021)

P19/S0066/DIS

Blenheim Farm Ewelme OX10 6QE

Discharge of conditions 4 - schedule of materials and 6 - external lighting to application ref P18/S1619/FUL. Demolition of existing bungalow and construction of replacement dwelling.

Decision overdue (July 2019)

Decisions made:

P21/S1880/LDP

Harcourt Hill Shaw Ewelme OX10 6QE

Certificate of Lawfulness for a proposed rear extension

WITHDRAWN

P21/S1794/FUL

Timbers Cottage Timbers Lane Nuffield RG9 5SY

Variation of condition 2 (Approved plans) for minor changes to the design of the house on planning application P17/S3680/FUL (Replace existing two- storey 5

bedroom house with new two- storey 5 bedroom house in a similar position, new traditional barn to serve as garage and ancillary accommodation).

SODC GRANTED

P21/S1870/HH

Timbers Cottage Timbers Lane Nuffield Oxfordshire RG9 5SY

Extension to an existing garden shed

SODC GRANTED

P21/S1590/MPO

Warren Cottage Nuffield Lane near Nuffield OX10 6QN

Proposed removal of Agricultural Occupancy Condition contained within Paragraph 1 of Section 52 Agreement associated with planning permission P78/S0673 relating to Warren Cottage. (As amended by revised application forms and as clarified in Agents email dated 18 June 2021).

SODC GRANTED

P21/S0538/FUL

Comus Nuffield RG9 5SU

Erection of a detached dwelling with associated access and detached garage. (footprint of dwelling reduced as shown on revised and additional documents received 14th April 2021 and revised tree protection plan and structural engineer drawing received 18th May 2021).

SODC GRANTED

P21/S0559/FUL

Swan Wood Highmoor Nettlebed RG9 5DH

Variation of conditions: 2 (Approved plans), 4 (Tree protection), 5 (Landscaping implementation), 6 (Surface water drainage works), 7 (Foul drainage works), 9 (Wildlife Protection), 10 (Landscape Management Plan) & 15 (Archaeology) in application P20/S1918/FUL. - Additional drainage information (SuDS Strategy) received 26th March 2021. - Revised plans submitted 23rd April, returning to the access courtyard design approved under application P20/S1918/FUL, reducing the western extent of the cobbled garden area and removing areas of hardstanding.

SODC GRANTED

9. Playground

Reports received – some minor works required.

Local resident has been cutting the grass and is to be approached to make the repairs.

Investigation to be made into new equipment via clerks at Crowmarsh/Benson who have both recently refurbished play areas.

10. Huntercombe Residents Assoc.

Sports equipment box that was purchased by the Parish has been stolen. Resident has donated replacement.

Notice board has been damaged, but now repaired.

HMP funded and repaired street lighting and resurfaced the road.
Continued issues with phone signal and broadband. Latest SODC updates on this subject sent to Association for information.
Additional planning approvals are causing some further issues on parking.

11. Footpaths

Observational visits and hand tool maintenance has been continued. Recent maintenance carried out on path between Hayden Farm and Golf course to clear the gates. Paths on the Henley side to be worked on over coming weeks.

Footpath board discussed. The concept is a good one but it was felt there are other items needing funding that would benefit more members of the parish at this time.

12. Correspondence

SODC – Tree Preservation Order – property Comus

Platinum Jubilee – 2-5th June 2022. Parishes are encouraged to celebrate to include Beacon/bonfire lighting Thursday 2nd June and a Big Jubilee Lunch Sunday 5th June. Information to be circulated.

13. Finance

a. Donations

- To be discussed at November meeting

b. Cheques for payment

- Clerks salary to 1st Sept £625.00
- Clerks expenses incl. postage for account audit £92.62
- Grass mow at children playground - £80
- C&M payroll - £60
- Playground inspection - £164

c. Payments received

- VAT reclaim £1280.05

14. Chairman's Business

Elite landscaping – a new schedule of work needs to be established.
HGV ban in Henley – Chair to follow up on any update

15. Public comment

None

16. AOB

a. Website/email communication – to be discussed at November meeting

Meeting closed at 10.35pm

17. Next Meeting

16th November 2021, 8pm, venue The Crown