



North Hinksey Parish Council



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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING FOR NORTH HINKSEY RESIDENTS, HELD ON THURSDAY 21st MARCH 2019, AT 7.30 PM, IN THE SEACOURT HALL, BOTLEY

Present:

Parish Councillors: Councillor D Kay (Chairman), Berrett, Bolder, Carr, Church, Dykes, Kunzemann, Mayne, MacKeith, Potter and Rankin.

Others present: C A Ryde, Clerk to NHPC, County Cllr Judy Robert, two representatives of SDC, 2 PCSOs, 4 Scout Group representatives and 29 members of the public.

1). Welcome – Cllr. David Kay (Chairman) Councillor Kay welcomed attendees to the meeting on behalf of NHPC.

2). Minutes of Last Year's Meeting

Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 22nd March 2018 - approved

3). Matters Arising from the Minutes: None.

4). Botley Centre redevelopment

Councillor David Kay introduced Tom Harbottle and Craig Miller from the development construction company SDC, who then gave a presentation about the developments progress and then answered questions in an open question session.

Contractor Parking: This was expressed as a major concern by Parishioners and SDC were able to provide reassurance about the system they had in place to prevent contractors parking in local roads and what they were doing if contractors were abusing this or if there were complaints.

5). Oxford to Cambridge Expressway

Councillor David Kay provided an update saying that this was likely to have a major impact on the Parish but that at the time of the meeting, Highways England were not consulting on the proposals. However, NHPC were against the Expressway and he outlined the reasons why; Councillor Church emphasised the negative environmental impact of such a scheme and outlined why there was instead support for the re connection of the Oxford to Cambridge railway.

6). Replacement Pavilion planning application

Councillor Caroline Potter, Chairman of the Recreation and Amenities Committee, updated the meeting saying that after extensive independently led public consultation with the parishioners and stakeholders, a planning application for a single storey building to replace the existing buildings on the site had been approved at a Special Parish Council meeting and submitted to the Vale of White Horse Planning Authority for approval.

Councillor Potter urged Parishioners and stakeholders to fully engage with the planning process and reiterated NHPC'S firm intention that all existing users be part of the new development.

7). Policing Issues

PCSO A Wright of Thames Valley Police outlined recent crime issues in the area including a number of shed and general burglaries of cash and jewellery. He spoke about crime prevention measures including the use of smart water and the need to place keyless car entry fobs in signal blocking pouches to prevent vehicle thefts from driveways via signal cloning.

The issue of policing parking violations was raised. It was understood that unless the offending vehicle was causing a dangerous obstruction (reported via the 101-telephone facility), enforcement was a non-police issue, devolved to local authorities and or their appointed contractors.
Comments about the need to make Police newsletters more localised were noted.

8). Report of the Chairman of the Parish Council

Councillor Kay summarised the main points of his report, urging parishioners to engage with the neighbourhood plan consultation process and make comments via the Vale of White Hoarse website.

9). Other Reports (Circulated at the meeting) The following reports were received and noted:

- a). Allotments, North Hinksey Nature Reserve and Community Orchard (Councillor Ms. A MacKeith). Paper 3.
- b). Planning Committee (Councillor A. Pritchard). Paper 4.
- c). Recreation and Amenities Committee (Councillor C. Potter). Paper 5.
- d). Remembrance Day Committee (Councillor Carr). Paper 6.
- e). Louie Memorial Pavilion (E. Casley – Chairman of the LM Pavilion Management Committee). Paper 7.
- f). Seacourt Hall Management Committee (Councillor L. Berrett, Chairman of the SHMC). Paper 8.
- g) Communications Committee (Councillor L. Berrett). Paper 9.

10). Question and Answer Session with County, District and Parish Councillors Paper 10.

Any question tabled by the specified deadline of noon on Tuesday 19th March will receive a reply at the meeting. If new questions are tabled on the night, they may only receive a reply after the meeting. (*Maximum of 20 minutes*).

Flood Alleviation Scheme

The meeting was informed about the proposed scheme and why there was to be a public enquiry because of public objections to the proposals and alternatives that had been suggested.

11). Financial matters Paper 11.

There were no questions relating to the NHPC 2017/18 NHPC accounts.