MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL OF CLIFTON HAMPDEN, HELD IN THE Village Hall, CLIFTON HAMPDEN ON 17th DECEMBER 2014 AT 7.30 PM

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|  | Present: Chris Neill (Chairman), Carolyn Read, Jaqi Mason, and Anthony Clark **Apologies**: James Walker, Bob Matthews.  **Also Present**: John Cotton (SODC), Lorraine Lindsay Gale (OCC) | Action | By date |
| 87 | Minutes The Minutes of the meeting of 19th November 2014 were agreed as drawn save for confirmation that road schemes are being prepared by OCC. | AD |  |
| 88 | Matters Arising It was reported that SODC’s local plan is now proceeding. Councillors confirmed that the issue of the gate over a public footpath had been resolved. | all |  |
| 89 | **Neighbourhood Plan**  Peter Canavan from SODC attended to explain the process for the Parish to proceed with its Neighbourhood plan. SODC have funding available – to obtain this support it is necessary to prepare a work programme and rough budget and make an application. The budget is guaranteed until the end of the year and provision may change in the new financial year.  SODC will be holding a meeting for parishes producing Neighbourhood Plans. Details have been submitted of a day time meeting, but Councillors made the point that an evening meeting would be more convenient.  Parishes were advised that the Neighbourhood Plan should indicates what they want to achieve, specifying the issues and suggesting solutions and should then be agreed by the residents of the Parish. If the Parish is interested in housing, it needs to undertake a strategic environmental assessment and consider the environmental/economic and social impacts of any proposals. Watlington are well advanced with this process and it was suggested that the Parish Council may wish to make contact with them for support/assistance. | all |  |
| 90 | **Gravel**  English Heritage have now accepted that there is a scheduled ancient monument in the area of land proposed for gravel extraction. The implications of this are awaited. | All/JM |  |
| 91 | **SODC Local Plan**  The consultation on the SODC local plan will end in February 2015, preferred options are likely to be considered in the Autumn 2015 with an Examination in Public likely to take place in 2016 for the plan to be adopted in the Summer of 2017. |  |  |
| 92 | **Councillors’ Reports**  **County Council**  Lorraine Lindsay Gail advised that OCC will be writing to residents indicating the availability of flooding grants. The Parish Council was invited to advise her if gully flooding is an issue in the Parish.  High Speed Broad band is being rolled out, and the work to improve broadband speeds in the Parish should be completed by June 2015.  OCC have issued their gritting map for winter 2014/15.  OCC will be holding a special meeting on 27th January 2015 to approve the Minerals and Waste Core Strategy.  OCC are looking at building new infrastructure to link the “innovation Spine ( Harwell, Culham and Oxford) and will be looking at planning a new road to link Oxford to Didcot, and a possible new road bridge.  IN 2015 Ms Lindsay Gale is planning to introduce a new cultural strategy for Oxfordshire.  **District Council**  John Cotton reported that SODC had made significant savings by sharing services with the Vale of While Horse DC.  SODC are now budget setting and considering a proportionate Council tax benefit scheme. |  |  |
| 93 | Correspondence The Clerk reported correspondence with a new resident, who informed the Council of an intention for some trees to be removed. | **AD** |  |
| 94  95 | Traffic Ongoing.  **Recreation ground**  Ongoing. | **BM**  CR |  |
| 96 | Planning Applications. Canoe Shed – No objections  Mesopotamia Cottage – residential accommodation – no objections  Brooke Garden – conservatory – no objection | AD |  |
| **97** | **Finance**  ST Grounds Maintenance £275.00  Bounce Design £1876.80  Suzi Coyne (planning) £378.00  Anthony Stiff Associates £ 1668.88  Village Hall ( rent) £180.00 | **AD** |  |
| **98** | Planning decisions None.. |  |  |
| 99 | Vale Plan Jaqi Mason reported that the proposals in the Vale Plan show proposed development at Sutton Courtney and Harwell. On behalf of the Parish Council she agreed to raise with the Vale of White Horse the Council’s concern that the plan contained no challenge for the proposed definition of housing numbers to meet perceived housing need, and also the need for increased infrastructure to ensure that the development objectives could be met. | Jm |  |
| 100 | Website Anthony Clarke reported that the website is now up and running. It is probable that it will devolve into a Village web site. | CN/AC |  |
| 101 | Culham Ongoing. | BM/CN |  |
| 102 | Any Other Business SODC are supporting a proposal for a cycle path from Long Wittenham to the Science Centre. | all |  |
| 103 | DATE OF NEXT MEETING Wednesday 21st January 2015 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. |  |  |