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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ASTON TIRROLD AND ASTON UPTHORPE PARISH
COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 18th OCTOBER AT THE VILLAGE HALL**

12/728 Apologies for absence

Jane Murphy (OCC), Anne-Marie Simpson SODC (AMS)

12/729 Present

Jane Imbush Chair (JI), Simon Young Vice-Chair (SY), Nicole West (NW), Peter Butcher (PB), Nigel Hawkey (NH), Jane Knight (JBK), Neil Carter (NC), Henry Weeks (HW), Sarah Brown Clerk- Via Zoom(SB)
13 members of the public

12/730 Declaration of any relevant interests

JBK for the planning application at 9 Thorpe Street

12/731 Minutes

Minutes from the meetings held on 20th September 2021 were agreed by all and signed by the Chair.

12/732 Public questions, comments, or representations

None

12/733 SODC and OCC Reports to the Parish Council

Garden waste collections

Thankfully, the suspension of garden waste collections has come to an end, With collections starting again at the beginning of October in South Oxfordshire. SODC are sorry for the distress and inconvenience the suspension caused to residents and would like to thank them for their patience.

Live Consultations and Council Responses to Consultations on Planning

A reminder that consultations can be found at www.southoxon.gov.uk/consultations and then by clicking on the “live consultations” link. You can also read the council’s response to the Oxfordshire 2050 plan Reg 18 pt2

Biodiversity in South and Vale

South and vale councils are supporting the Habitat Banking Pilot Scheme run in a partnership including four Wildlife Trusts- Berks Bucks and Oxon, Warwickshire, Cheshire and Surrey Wildlife Trusts- and the environmental impact investment advisors Finance Earth. Habitat Banking is designed to address developers’ need to deliver biodiversity net gain



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(BNG), which will soon be made law through the Environment Bill. The scheme enables habitats to be created or restored before any biodiversity loss is caused by developments. This month Defra released new Biodiversity Metric 3.0. The latest version of the metric will be used as the standard tool for assessing if development proposals can meet the council's requirements for biodiversity net gain. In addition, Defra has also released a new metric designed for use on small sites.

Recently they were involved in the first of a series of workshops run by the Healthy Ecosystem Restoration in Oxfordshire (HERO) programme. HERO is a three year programme supported by the Oxford Martin School. It will explore how Oxford University can play a role in efforts to restore healthy ecosystems in Oxfordshire, by bringing the university's strengths in academic knowledge, research capacity and convening power to support ongoing and planned nature recovery activities by a range of local partners and stakeholders.

You can find out more about HERO on the following website

<https://www.biodiversity.ox.ac.uk/hero/>

12/734 Planning

- **P21/S4101/FUL** - for development work at the following location: 9 Thorpe Street Aston Upton. The PC strongly **OBJECT** this application and will respond formally to SODC. The applicant, Mr Houseman spoke about his plans for the site. Representation from members of the public were heard, all of whom were strongly against the application. They will respond to SODC with their reasonings but some of the raised concerns were as follows:
 - Poorly researched and inaccurate information contained within the design and access statement
 - Concerns expressed over the character, street scene and change to the wall were considerable given that the development plot is contained within the AONB and Conservation Area.
 - Concerns regarding the wall and its orientation.
 - The obvious need to remove a lot of soil necessitating the need for heavy plant and lorries and the risks this poses to nearby listed buildings and to road safety in general. One adjacent house in particular (a listed building) could be at risk of collapse due to no foundations. The application had no mention about how so much soil would be removed.
 - No perceived need for an additional four bedroom house within the village, given the existing development happening at Lower Ham Yard.
 - Evidence of an established badgers sett at the site. A Biodiversity assessment is needed and cannot be done Dec- June during their breeding season.
 - A full and formal response will be submitted by the PC for viewing on the planning portal
- **P21/S3878/LB** - For development work at the following location: Croft House, Fullers Road Aston Tirrold. Replacement of 18 existing windows and 3 doors. The PC **supports this application** but notes the commentary contained with the report from Oxfordshire Architectural and Historical Society (Listed Buildings Sub-Committee) which states '*that the heritage impact assessment is insufficiently detailed to allow confident decisions to be made about the historic fabric of the building, and we are opposed to the unwarranted and gratuitous destruction of the almost two-centuries-old windows and doors in this house*'.



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- **P21/S3936/HH** - for development work at the following location: 10 Spring Lane Aston Upton. An outbuilding to be used as an artist studio, to replace existing shed. The PC **SUPPORT** this application.
- **P21/S3563/FUL** - for development work at the following location: Chequers Inn Fullers Road Aston Tirrold. The PC continues to strongly **SUPPORT** this application. Mike Wigg was able to update the meeting with the concerns expressed by Conservation and Highways, both of which he is sure can be mitigated against. It's been noted that the pub has never caused any traffic problems previously and they are confident that there wouldn't be any with these proposed changes. A letter of support will be forward to the planning portal.

b) Lower Ham Yard - Henry Venners of JPPC provided hard copy drawings for the proposed development of five houses on the remaining land and barns at Lower Ham Yard. A formal application will be submitted to SODC within the next 2 weeks. The PC expressed their collective disappointment at the proposals given the refusal of planning for 10 houses on the same site in January 2019 and subsequent rejection at appeal in October 2019. The PC can see no change in the stated position after the appeal, including that the village CLP recommendations on future housing have already been met and that the reason for dismissal remain the same. In addition, by applying for five houses, none of which were recognised as being affordable, if approved the principle for development would be established enabling the applicant to reapply for more houses, leading to the situation the PC found itself in in 2019. Moreover, the PC contends that this remains part of the same planning application as phases 1-3 and as such this phase should include the appropriate quota of smaller affordable homes. A formal response will be provided by the PC once plans have been received and an formal application made.

SB left due to technical issues via zoom. The Chair took over as minute taker for the remainder of the meeting.

12/735 ARC

- a) The minutes had not been circulated for comment
- b) Bonfire Night risk assessment is near completion and will be submitted for consideration in advance.

12/736 Finance

- a. Payments below Approved

Sarah Brown Clerk fees	£235.20
Simplicity Payroll Service	£26.40
Covid Phone Top-Up	£30
J.Imbush- Reimburse for Zoom subscription	£143.88



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Moore Stevens Audit	£360
ICO Data protection yearly subscription	£35

- b. Septembers Financial Statement Approved
- c. Members of the PC and the internal auditor had reviewed the Moore Steven audit including its analysis and recommendations.

12/737 CLP Groups

a) Roads and Traffic - Temporary Traffic Regulation Notice - S14 Road Traffic Regulation Regulation ACT 1984. Temporary Road Closure and “No waiting” restriction at- Cholsey (Wallingford) A4130 Bosley Way (Level Crossing). A temporary Notice is being made to implement the temporary closure and will operate from 09/11/2021 (at 19:00hrs). The anticipated completion date is 11/11/2021. JI to re-write to Jane Murphy expressing her concern.

b) Housing & Development - will meet after JPPC submit the planning application for Lower Ham Yard

c) Environment Group

- Village verges and management was discussed. NC and PB reported the outcome of visiting Brightwell-cum-Sotwell and will contact the clerk for further information on verge ownership
- Lollingdon track has been cut back and further work is being undertaken by the OCC agent between November 15-18, 2021. The surface will be considered as part of a wider upgrade to rights of way by OCC. There is an internal grant application in process. PB to enquire how the village can access funds.

12/738 Fibre broadband

The pledge required to secure fibre broadband has far exceeded what is needed. NC will update the PC when work to install will commence. The PC would like to express their sincere thanks to Bruno Brusnskill, Tracy Briggs, Henry Weeks, Neil Carter, Kathryn Hawkey Laura Cubiss and Peter le Conte for their commitment to this project and without whom we would not have succeeded.

12/739 Councillor Community Grant Scheme

ARC has submitted a grant application for the boiler. JI will ask Jane Murphy for a progress report

12/740 Community response to Coronavirus (Covid 19)

Webpage updated. Zoom account renewed for a further 12 months and the C19 phone is still available for requests of support.

12/741 Sid Marlow bequest of £10,000.00

NW to resend details of the financial requirement for the VH environment project to JI.



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12/742 Review Monthly Calendar tasks

A reminder that grant applications from village groups should be submitted by October 30th 2021

12/743 Items for next agenda

None

Date of the next meeting is at 7.30pm on Monday 15th November 2021 which will be held in the Village hall.