

Minutes
Berrick Salome Parish Council
1st Sep, 2016

The Meeting of the Berrick Salome Parish Council was held in the Village Hall, Berrick Salome, on Thursday 1st Sep, 2016. Present:

Ian Glyn [IG] (Chair)
Hannah Bradley [HB] (Vice-chair)
Craig Tribe [CT] (Treasurer)
Steve Harrod [SH] (County Councillor)
David Bridgland [DB] (Councillor)
David Turner [DT] (District Councillor)
Chris Cussens [CC] (Clerk)

1. Apologies for absence
Steve Rhodes [SR] Councillor, Chris & Anne Kilduff, Rob Marsh, Douglas Taylor
2. Declarations of interest as regards items on the Agenda
None
3. To approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting of 7th Jul 2016
The minutes were approved.
4. Matters arising from the Minutes
From the meeting of 12 May 2016
Ref 5.2.9 Mobile phone coverage: DT has agreed to draft the wording to the four suppliers to come from those who use their services in response to the questionnaire. ACTION DT
Ref 10.2 Our parish path warden, Caroline Tribe, has provided the annual report on parish paths, which can be read [here](#).
From the meeting of 7 Jul 2016
Ref 4.1 The parish council provided a full response to the Local Plan 2032 Preferred Options Consultation, with invaluable help from Douglas Taylor. SODC are hoping by Feb 2017 to be able to present to the councillors what the final choices are, to go to a public enquiry before a planning inspector in summer 2017. IG emphasised the need to take this very seriously.
Ref 4.9 The grant application for Village Hall improvements is due to be heard in a week or so's time by SODC and is looking positive. IG hopes to have good news on that for the next meeting. ACTION IG
Ref 5.7 IG registered a complaint to OCC regarding the new verge cutting programme. The response was that we'll now only get one cut a year. SH suggested that we might be able to agree joint activities with neighbouring parishes, under the Oxfordshire Together banner (next para).
Ref 8 On Oxfordshire Together, CC reported that he'd written to six neighbouring parishes and received responses from four of them, all encouraging. This is with a view to getting together to undergo activities which OCC are no longer supporting, such as verge cutting. This needs to be taken forward as the holiday season ends. ACTION CC
Ref 10 On tennis courts, CC canvassed seven people who had expressed interest, with a view to identifying a champion to take the project forward. No responses have been received. The decision was to take this no further, though it could always be taken up at a later date if anyone offered.
Ref 13.1 IG urged us to take Neighbourhood Plans seriously because the parish could suffer adverse effects we couldn't control in the absence of a plan. Derek Shaw is arranging a meeting for Sep 29th when an expert from SODC will talk to us about how to produce a plan and its advantages and disadvantages. IG encouraged everyone to come to that meeting, for which details will be circulated shortly. ACTION DS
5. County and District Councillors' reports:-
 - 5.1. DT summarised the District Councillor's plan which can be read in Appendix 3.
On behalf of Chalgrove, he particularly expressed his thanks to the Parish Council for their response to

the Local Plan 2032.

DT also advised the meeting of the [Go Active Gold exercise](#) programme for the over 60s.

5.2. SH's report will come through in due course; he highlighted the key issues:-

5.2.1. Unitary council discussions between County and District councils are ongoing.

5.2.2. OCC is putting in a scathing review of the Chalgrove airfield proposals and is pushing very hard for Culham or Grenoble Road as the areas to be developed. A fairly strong submission is being made by the Haseley Brook Council, who have employed the services of a solicitor and are saying that the whole thing is flawed. So we may have to go back to square one at district level.

6. Treasurer's Report (See Appendix 1 for full report)

The schedule of payments and transfer was ratified by the Council.

CT advised that he had received the report from the external auditors (BDO) on the 2015-16 annual return and that it was unqualified.

7. Review of planning applications (see Appendix 2 for details)

7.1. The Old Farm Cottage, Roke application was not supported by the parish council (PC), though permission was granted by SODC. The applicants cannot appeal; only a judicial review or the ombudsman might reverse the decision.

7.2. Holly Tree Cottage: the PC supported this application.

7.3. Cases Court: the PC supported this application. The PC would like to acknowledge and thank the applicants for the effort made to satisfy the concerns of the neighbours.

7.4. Rose Bank Roke: the PC supported this amendment to the agreed application but expressed concern that there was an element of creep with this application.

7.5. Home Sweet Home: the PC supported this application.

8. Village Hall Car Park

John Bird [presented a proposed improvement](#) to help maintain use of the village car park in wet weather. He emphasised that this would be fully funded by the Bridge Club. It was agreed that our existing planning permission should cover this development. It was also agreed that the oak trees should be safeguarded as it was a condition of the planning permission (P09/E0245).

The PC supported the proposal, but also requested that consideration be given to John King's variant of the scheme which would be to enter from the left rather than the right from the existing car park.

9. Thames Water (TW)

Denise Kinsella of TW has apologised for inactivity on the questionnaire, which was originally scheduled to go out in April. DB agreed to go back to TW and advise them how very disappointed we are with their inaction.

ACTION
DB

10. South Oxfordshire Local Plan 2032

No points were raised further to those covered in section 4 of this agenda and DT's report (App 3).

11. Trees across 'paths' in the allotments

Trees are overhanging unofficial paths which need ducking under for access. CT agreed to get a quote from Broomfield Tree surgeons to tidy up and make the area safe. HB to provide CT with contact details for Greg Broomfield

ACTION
CT

12. Playground Maintenance

The playground swings are currently decommissioned due to unsafe crossmembers. Colin Crump has kindly undertaken to replace the one for the children's swing next Monday and if possible soon thereafter, also the one for the tots' swing. It was also mentioned that the pigeon-repellent spikes were pretty ineffective, especially above the tots' swings, which collected droppings. IG will ask Colin to put up better spikes.

ACTION
IG

13. Location of Second Defibrillator

The Quarry Charity has agreed to fund a second defibrillator for the village. Of the two possibilities, The Chequers and The HSH, the latter was favoured. Permission will be required from the landlord and probably Wadworth and CT agreed to speak to the landlord about this.

ACTION
CT

14. OALC training courses

It was agreed to fund the following courses:-

14.1. Planning Course for CT and HB (subject to being available from work)

14.2. Minutes and Meetings Course for CC

15. Footpath and bridleway maintenance

IG has suggested that the PC should provide some funding for some of the sensitive areas. No proposal or request for money has yet been made and some people have been doing some maintenance themselves. No decisions have yet been taken.

16. Ultrafast Broadband

HB advised us of the current state of broadband in the parish. Roke and Rokemarsh have their 'Better Broadband' available, whereas Berrick now have a confirmed delivery date of Dec 2017. However the benefits people in Roke/Rokemarsh have experienced are variable. Alternatives have been sought and one such alternative is Gigaclear, who have provided a representative, Gary, to introduce what this company could provide.

For Gigaclear to commit to providing fibre cable to our villages (which they're seeking to do) they will need to be satisfied as to demand and typically look for 30% or more of the properties to commit to sign up once the cable is in place. Those concerned about broadband speeds are therefore strongly encouraged to attend on 21/9 with a view to committing thereafter.

Gary gave an overview of Gigaclear, which attracted much technical discussion. An understanding of the offer can be obtained

16.1. From the [Gigaclear website](#).

16.2. From comprehensive information packs, provided at the meeting and also held by HB

16.3. By attending an in-depth Q&A session to be held on Sep 21st at The Chequers.

All parishioners will be notified of the Sep 21st session very shortly, as it will provide those interested in the scheme with an opportunity to sign up for Gigaclear if they decide to go ahead.

ACTION
HB

17. PAGE

Report from Rob Marsh: As far as PAGE is concerned we have now submitted all our written documentation to the Government Inspector outlining our main arguments and we have been invited to attend the Examination in Public (EIP) and present our case fully over the 5 days of the Enquiry. Following the EIP, the Government Inspector will consider all the arguments from the various interested parties and we expect a decision in 3 months.

18. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday Nov 3rd

Signed Chairman

Date

Appendix 1

Responsible Financial Officer's Report

1. Bank balances as at 31 August 2016 totalled £9,715. There was one unrepresented cheque for £53. The total reserves of the Parish were therefore £9,662.
2. At 31 August 2016 the accounts show a surplus of income over expenditure of £1,649.

3. Schedule of payments

The following cheques have been issued since the last meeting:

Date	Chq. no.	Payee	Amount (£)	Purpose
04/08/2016	100674	SODC	62.80	Dog bin emptying
04/08/2016	100675	PAGE	500.00	Donation
01/09/2016	100676	OALC	42.00	Planning system course
01/09/2016	100677	OALC	42.00	Minutes and meetings course

There have been the following bank transfers since the last meeting.

Date	Transfer from	Transfer to	Amount (£)
05/08/2016	Savings account	Community account	1054.30

4. A VAT refund of £102.78 has been received.

Appendix 2: Planning Application Summary as at 02.09.16

Click on link in Planning ID Column for SODC document

Cllr Abbreviations: DB – David Bridgland; SR – Steve Rhodes; HB – Hannah Bradley; CT – Craig Tribe

Date Abbreviations: PC – PC notification; EC – End of consultation; TD – Target Decision

Planning ID	Cllr	Location	Description	Dates	Status
P15/S4144/HH	SR	Old Farm Cottage Roke	Conversion of existing three car barn garage into single bedroom guest accommodation.	PC: 28 Jan EC: 15 Aug TD: 31 Aug	PC did not support (12 Aug) Permission granted by SODC (30 Aug)
P16/S2093/HH	SR	Roke Farm Roke	Retention & alterations existing building	PC: 10 Jun EC: 10 Jul TD: 12 Aug	PC fully supports (14 Jul) SODC decision expected on website by Sep 8
P16/S2091/FUL	SR	Roke Farm Road Running Through Roke	Erection stables & pole barn	PC: 15 Jun EC: 14 Jul TD: 10 Aug	PC fully supports (14 Jul) SODC decision expected on website by Sep 8
P16/S2597/HH	CT	Hollytree Cottage Rokemarsh	Conversion and small extension to existing garage to an annex with toilet and shower.	PC: 02 Aug EC: 24 Aug TD: 22 Sep	PC agenda item 01 Sep PC fully supports (01 Sep)
P16/S2681/HH	DB	Cases Court	Construction of single storey extensions and internal alterations. Erection of garden office Construction of new vehicular access crossover	PC: 08 Aug EC: 08 Sep TD: 30 Sep	PC agenda item 01 Sep PC fully supports (01 Sep)
P16/S2318/FUL	HB	Rose Bank Roke	Amendment to the previously approved application P15/S3823/FUL to amend the design of the garage building	PC: 16 Aug EC: 08 Sep TD: 02 Sep (sic)	PC agenda item 01 Sep PC supports (01 Sep) though has some concerns about planning creep
P16/S2748/FUL	HB	Home Sweet Home	Installation of roof mounted revent system to serve commercial kitchen	PC: 17 Aug EC: 15 Sep TD: 10 Oct	PC agenda item 01 Sep PC fully supports (01 Sep)

SODC Local Plan

The consultation date for responses is now closed. The council has received approximately 1500 responses from individuals and organisations which will be examined and a report produced with comments about objections and suggestions made by the general public, Parish Councils the County Council and other organisations. Following this report the members of the council will have the opportunity to discuss and create a final recommendation document which will go to an Examination in Public which will be conducted by a government inspector. The inspector will have the power to make amendments following the public enquiry. It is expected that the public enquiry will be in the summer of 2017 with the inspector's response late 2017/early 2018. There has been a huge negative reaction with 815 responses to the proposal (Question 5) of developing 3500 homes on Chalgrove Airfield which would have huge negative implications to our area.

Low emissions strategy

Residents in our main air quality hot spots will get another chance to say what they think about actions that could cut vehicle emissions. We had an encouraging response to the consultation on our proposed Low Emissions Strategy and there was broad support for the suggested actions in Watlington and Wallingford. We now want to get a better understanding of how people's day to day lives are affected. In the coming months our researchers will carry out doorstep interviews and residents in Wallingford and Watlington will also be able to have a look at the ideas at stands in the two towns. We'll let you know more details on this as soon as everything's been confirmed. Air quality experts couldn't come up with any easy-to-implement actions that would significantly reduce vehicle emissions in Henley, so we'll also ask residents there to see if they can come up with any viable ideas.

Grant awards and applications

SODC has just awarded more than £340,000 in capital grants to 18 community projects across the district. Highlights include £191,000 for an extension and improvements at Eye & Dunsden Village Hall, £30,194 for play equipment at Kidmore End, and £27,676 for road resurfacing and grounds maintenance equipment at Henley Cricket Club. We've also received ten applications for the next round of awards, which we will consider in October

CIL in action

Since introducing the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) on 1 April we have: issued 66 notices confirming developments are liable for CIL - that's an average of four per week, meaning we'll receive more than £2m for infrastructure improvements granted. There have been 26 claims for self-build exemptions and two notices to say work on CIL developments has started. Our building control and enforcement teams are also helping to identify any unauthorised development that should be paying the levy, or where applicants have failed to confirm that they've started building work. Remember that developments in Towns and villages with a Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) will receive 25% of the CIL money with those without an NDP will get 15%.

5 Council's update. (include SODC, VoWH (together), Havant, Hart, East Hampshire & Mendip)

Capita and Vinci have now taken over the day-to-day running of some of our services, and a few fairly minor teething problems aside, the handover has been pretty successful. The only difference members of the public might notice is that our car parks inspectors have 'Indigo' logos on their uniforms, as well as both council logos. If you do experience problems with any of the handover services over the next few

weeks, please report them to SODC. The outsourced services now include revenues & benefits, HR, IT, Land Charges, licensing, procurement, car parks, facilities management & property services. The five councils between them will save £40M over the next 9 years.

Devolution / unitary update

Since SODC's update on the website on 22 July confirming that the districts and the county council had agreed to not publish their respective devolution reports - we've now had a very clear message from central government that devolution proposals should have broad support across all tiers of local government in the area they would cover. We don't currently have this in Oxfordshire so we've collectively agreed to again explore whether we can reach a set of proposals we can all sign up to. This is likely to take a little while so don't expect anything to happen publicly for a couple of months.

Flying the flag

Wallingford Castle Meadows have again been awarded Green Flags, the national award given to parks and green spaces by Keep Britain Tidy. This is now the ninth time that this site has received the award. Wallingford Castle Meadows, which is managed by the Earth Trust, has also received Green Heritage Site Accreditation for the third consecutive year.

£1.6million up for grabs for South Oxfordshire community groups

Community groups across South Oxfordshire can benefit from a share of £1.6million in grants that's been made available by the district council, but they only have until 15 September to apply. Non-profit organisations can apply for anything from £10,000 to £100,000 to go towards things like salary costs, rent and rates, marketing and publicity, and transport and utility costs to provide new activities or services for residents. Groups can apply if they are a non-profit organisation & have a revenue project in mind that's going to benefit our residents and are planning to complete the project over the next four years. The funding, provided by South Oxfordshire District Council, is available to help benefit local communities and allow groups to invest in their local area by helping them to meet revenue costs over the next four years.

Takeaway's food storage area closed by environmental health officers

A takeaway in Didcot has been banned from using its food storage buildings after health inspectors found an infestation of rats. Environmental Health Officers from South Oxfordshire District Council visited Delight 2, on Broadway, Didcot, on Tuesday 16 August following a complaint earlier that afternoon from a member of the public. During the inspection officers found live and dead rats, rat faeces and gnawed packaging. As a result, they immediately served a Hygiene Emergency Prohibition Notice to prevent the takeaway from using the food storage buildings. On 19 August the District Council applied to Oxford Magistrates' Court for a Hygiene Emergency Order against Delight 2. Magistrates agreed that using the buildings would constitute an imminent risk to health and so issued the order, thus confirming the ban on using the food storage area. They also ordered Delight 2 to pay £1,280 in costs to the council for making the application. Delight 2 will only be able to use the building again when the district council is satisfied that it has met the requirements outlined in the Order, including work to eliminate all pests and ensuring the building can't be accessed by pests in the future. It will then no longer be classed as a risk to the public.

FREE Exercise Classes and new courses on offer for women this August and September

Women across South Oxfordshire and the Vale of White Horse can sign up to take part in free exercise sessions this August and September. Vouchers, being provided by Active Women, are now available and offer the chance to take part in up to six free exercise sessions at The Park Club in Milton or Willowbrook

Leisure Centre in Didcot. Active Women encourages more women in Oxfordshire to take part in sport by providing social, fun, local and affordable sessions at various venues across the county. All sessions are suitable for beginners or people returning to physical activity or sport and are run by qualified coaches and instructors. Sessions available are The Park Club - Pilates, Body Vive, Studio Cycling, Yoga, F.I.T Zone Circuits, Body Pump, Core Blast, Body Attack, Body Balance, The Power Hour, Aqua Zumba, Super Circuits, Insanity, Fitness & Yoga.

David Turner
1st September 2016