

ADDERBURY PARISH COUNCIL – ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON ZOOM ON TUESDAY 23 MARCH 2021 AT 7.30PM

PRESENT: Chairman, Councillor Martin Rye and Councillor Rod Head.
Jonathan White and Steven Cox (non-voting co-opted members of the Committee).

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Theresa Goss (Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer), Chairman of the Parish Council Diane Bratt, Mike Wasley (Oxfordshire County Council), Chris Wardley (Project Manager for the Milton Road Community Building Project) and four members of the public.

APOLOGIES: Parish Councillor Jamie Cox submitted his apologies because he was at work, the apologies were accepted and the absence authorised.

Parish Councillor Ann Lyons submitted her apologies because she was unwell, the apologies were accepted and the absence authorised.

Parish Councillor Andy Millard submitted his apologies because he was unwell, the apologies were accepted and the absence authorised.

Parish Councillor Laura Walker submitted her apologies because she was at work, the apologies were accepted and the absence authorised.

Parish Councillor Ian Bailey was not present.

38/20 Declarations of Interest – There were no declarations of interest.

39/20 Minutes – Prior to the meeting, the minutes of the meeting held 26 January 2021 had been circulated to the Committee.

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting be deferred to the next meeting. **Action TG**

40/20 Matters Arising – There were no matters arising.

41/20 Open Forum – A resident addressed the meeting with regard to the Community Speedwatch Scheme and queried whether it was useful to continue if the data could not be processed by Thames Valley Police. It was generally felt that if the volunteers wished to continue, then they could do as a presence at the road side, always slowed traffic down, even if the follow up letter could not yet be sent.

The resident also asked the Committee about traffic calming measures for Aynho Road as speed and traffic volume were both continuing to be an issue. The Chairman advised that the two constraining factors for measures on Aynho Road were funding and the types of measures which the County Council would permit and consider suitable for a main road into the village.

JW highlighted that consideration had been given to measures for Aynho Road in the original project, which was available on the Parish Council web site. The resident asked whether a permanent speed camera could be located there, but JW advised that Thames Valley Police (TVP) were not in support of such measures and it was not their policy to introduce new cameras.

It was also highlighted that Aynho Road already had in place, some traffic calming measures, such as two VAS', which other main roads into the village didn't have. In addition, the TVP speed monitoring van was regularly located on Aynho Road.

The resident advised that he would be contacting TVP directly about a permanent speed camera and also Oxfordshire County Council with regard to funding.

The Chairman advised that Community Speedwatch was being relaunched by Thames Valley Police and he would forward the details to the Clerk for circulation. However it was noted that the TVP Scheme was different to the Parish Council scheme, in that the Parish Council had its own camera for monitoring the traffic, volunteers did not use TVP's Speed Indication Device (SID). It was noted that as mentioned earlier in the meeting, processing the data was not possible at the moment due to the Covid-19 restrictions.

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JW requested that if residents saw any trade vehicles speeding in the village, that they recorded those details and then the companies could be contacted directly by the Parish Council.

A member of the public asked when the chicanes would be installed on Milton Road and Berry Hill Road and the Chairman advised that this would be discussed later in the meeting.

A member of the public reported that the VAS' on Milton Road and Berry Hill Road were not working had both been reported to the County Council's Fix My Street web site in November 2020.

She also reported that her observations were that traffic volumes in the village were caused by new housing developments and the village was also used as a 'rat run'. She had been monitoring vehicle numbers through the village and she felt that they were very high. She also raised concerns there would be standing traffic on Berry Hill Road when the chicanes were installed. The Chairman advised that Cherwell District Council was the Local Planning Authority and made the decisions regarding new housing developments. This was not within the control of the Parish Council.

A resident raised issues regarding the Milton Road project. These would be addressed by the Parish Council.

A resident raised a further issue with regard to noticeable increase in speeding vehicles through the village. He felt that the village was being used as a rat run, as well as there being lots of parked cars.

The Chairman thanked all the residents for their comments.

42/20 Traffic Calming – The Chairman invited MW to provide an update on the installation of the chicanes on Berry Hill Road and Milton Road and proposed road closure of the western arm of the Horn Hill Road/Milton Road junction.

MW reported that the access to the Milton Road development was tied into a planning application and it had been located 45m from the Milton Road chicane, so the chicane was now being moved backwards slightly. Once the design had been completed, there would be another consultation process. In addition, the contractor had now advised that a road closure was required for the works, therefore construction would now be completed in June 2021.

Members of the Committee raised concerns about the delay and disappointment was expressed at the sudden announcement of a 3 month delay. However, it was acknowledged that the delay was to ensure that the works to the access and the chicanes happened at the same time as this would be a cost saving on public funds.

There was a discussion about the reasons for the delay and it was mainly due to the Local Planning Authority requesting a new planning application for the changes to the location of the access due to the positioning of the chicanes, plus the need for a road closure during the works.

There was a discussion about the new road markings for the village (roundels etc) and MW confirmed that these were being progressed.

With regard to the proposed development on Horn Hill Road which had gone to appeal, if changes were required to the chicanes due to the development, the Community Benefits List which accompanied the Parish Council's objection, would include a request for additional street lighting and additional funds to cover the cost of these changes.

The Chairman thanked MW for attending the meeting and for all of his work on the project.

Recommended that the report be noted.

43/20 Drainage – Jonathan White reported that it was hoped the drainage works on Oxford Road would be commencing shortly.

The Clerk reported that she had been in touch with Cancer Research and as the riparian owner, they had agreed to clear the ditches on Banbury Road.

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Recommended that the report be noted.

44/20 Date of Next Meeting – TBC

(Meeting closed at 8.20pm)

Chairman

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