

OAKSEY PARISH COUNCIL

Oaksey, Wiltshire

MINUTES of the meeting of Oaksey Parish Council held on Thursday, 9 June 2022 commencing 7:00pm.

PRESENT: Cllr R Moody (Chairman); Cllr R Squance; Cllr E Cameron; Cllr S Adams; Cllr P Gage.

Also present: Veronica Hourihane (Clerk); one member of the public, name noted

Public Question Time

There were no questions from the public

Report from Wiltshire Councillor Berry

Cllr Berry did not attend the meeting

063/22 Apologies for absence accepted by the Council

There were apologies for absence, accepted by the Council, from Cllrs Vickery and Berry.

064/22 Parish Council vacancy

It was noted that the Parish Council continues to operate with one vacant seat.

065/22 Declaration(s) of Interest

Cllr Gage declared an interest in planning application PL/2022/03792 as a neighbour to the site and a consultee of the application

066/22 Minutes from the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held 12 May 2022, circulated previously, were agreed as a true record of the meeting and were signed.

067/22 Matters arising not included on the agenda

There were no matters arising not included on the agenda

068/22 Planning

a. Applications forwarded for observation

i. Application: PL/2022/03567 *Trees in a conservation area*

Proposal: G1 Remove one single lime stem nearest the house(s) and re=pollard remaining stems in group reducing overall height of main stems by two metres. T1 Re-pollard willow stem adjacent to front footpath (inside hedge line)

Address: 15 Rooks Rest, The Street

Decision: No objection

ii. Application: PL/2022/03795 *Trees in a conservation area*

Proposal: As per photos we are seeking permission to remove the dead conifer portion of our side hedge and replace with beech hedging. It is our intention to initially remove the dead portion from the dead face and front plant new beech hedging. Once this has established sufficiently to provide privacy in our rear garden, the internal face and trunks of the old conifers will be removed. This has successfully been done elsewhere on our property.

Address: Gable House, The Street

Decision: No objection

Cllr Gage retired from the meeting

iii. Application: PL/2022/03792 *Full planning permission*

Proposal: Creation of new wetland area within Wiltshire Wildlife Trust's Lower Moor Farm Nature Reserve consisting of a mosaic of permanent and seasonal open water habitats, including ponds, shallow scrapes and carriers along with sections of reedbed. It is also proposed to create some in-lake features at one of WWTs lakes – Cottage Lake. This will be done by making use of the arising material from the wetland excavation works.

Address: Lower Moor Farm, Oaksey

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Decision: No objection

Cllr Gage returned to the meeting

iv. **Application: PL/2022/03549 Removal or variation of a condition**

Proposal: Variation of condition 7 of N/11/02036/573A to enable holiday home to be changed to residential use.

Address: 2 Oaksey Cottages, Wick Road, Oaksey

Decision: To object on the grounds of consistency to similar applications. The full report can be found on the Wiltshire Council website.

v. **Application: PL/2022/03356 Removal or variation of a condition**

Proposal: Removal of conditions 9,11 & 12 on N/10/01773/S73 & replace with a condition restricting permanent occupancy to over 55s only.

Address: Oaksey Park Golf & Leisure, Wick Road, Oaksey

Decision: to defer the decision until there was a full council attendance and further information

b) Determinations – no objections

Application: PL/2022/03098

Proposal: 3 Leylandii trees to be felled due to blockage of light to fruit trees and potential damage to dry stone wall if left. The dry-stone wall is historic and is currently overgrown with leylandii foliage as seen in the attached image and the roots/trunk will cause structural damage to the wall if left. The fruit trees are apple and cherry and are currently being suffocated by an Italian Alder (soon to be removed following approved consent) and the leylandii and will thrive with the extra light and room.

Address: Autumn Cottage, Wheatsheaf Lane

c) Determinations – approved with conditions

None received

d) Undetermined applications

i. Application: PL/2022/01825 *Decision date 6 May 2022*

Proposal: External alterations to facilitate amalgamation of Nos. 1 and 2 Cargill Place into a single dwelling.

Address: 1 Cargill Place, Oaksey

It was noted a parishioner had contacted Cllr Moody with a request to ask the parish council to reverse its decision, it was explained to the parishioner that the parish council did not have the final say on applications, Wiltshire Council forwarded these for local observations only.

ii. Application: PL/2022/01966 *Decision date 26 May 2022*

Proposal: Open up the loft space and create a spectator viewing area and a balcony within the existing roof. Addition of a new external (oak or oak equivalent) stairway on the south facing wall of the pavilion.

Address: The Village Hall, The Street, Oaksey

iii. Application: PL/2022/02839 *Decision date 1 June 2022*

Proposal: Erection of storage building

Address: Oaksey Park & Leisure, Wick Road, Oaksey

iv. Application: PL/2022/02925 *Decision date 6 June 2022*

Proposal: Proposed outdoor swimming pool

Address: Church Farm, Wheatsheaf Lane

Other planning issues: there were no other planning issues

069/22 Report from the Chairman

The Chairman reported that He and Cllr Gage are looking to review/update the Neighbourhood Plan, it is expected that this review will only be to refresh the current Plan to include energy strategies and update the housing demands in the village. Applications for grants to assist in the review are being sourced.

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070/22 Finance and Administration

a) Schedule of payments as set out below was agreed:

		Scottish Widows	Unity Trust
Opening balance		£86.22	£62,005.39
Receipts			
Precept			
Payments			
Wickes - play bark	BACS		£189.00
Clerk's salary (May) net	BACS		£90.15
Idverde Ground main (May)	BACS		£495.87
Idverde Waste coll (May)	BACS		£36.00
Litchfield (Well Garden)	BACS		£152.91
HMRC (May)	BACS		£22.60
L Jones geraniums	BACS		£75.00
Screwfix - Well Garden	BACS		£29.97
Wickes - Well Garden	BACS		£80.00
Closing balance		£86.22	£60,833.89

071/22 Office reports/ Parish matters

- a) Roads, traffic & footpaths to include working with the Parish Steward and traffic calming – the data received from the speed watch devices is not being uploaded to the portal and is not being forwarded to the police. The lack of support from the police has disillusioned several Community Speed Watch groups around the county, despite assurances from the police that more personnel have been recruited to deal with speeding issues. It was noted that the recent repairs to Flintham Hill had resulted in the removal of the ramp approaching the junction by the shop. Wiltshire Council are aware of this, and assurances have been received to rectify the situation.
- b) Village Hall – there was a successful Jubilee celebration on 5 June held at the hall, the Parish Council thanked the organisers for such a successful event.
- c) Playing Fields – struggling to get the fencer to requote. Cllr Squance plans to re-camera the drain in the autumn when it will be filling up in order to ascertain precisely where the damage is situated.
- d) Playground equipment and benches – play bark replenishment has commenced; graffiti is to be removed. Cllr Cameron had obtained quotes for various styles of benches; the options were discussed and option 4 was selected at a cost of £2,352.03 for three. As there is a 15 week lead in time, which gives time to find suitable sites. Cllr Cameron will place the order.
- e) Bendy Bow – it was noted that there were still some issues, however things appear to have quietened down recently. Any anti-social behaviour should be reported to 101.
- f) Use of Community Infrastructure Levy – it is expected that the CIL will be utilised later this summer on road signage improvements, fencing, village gates and other traffic calming projects.
- g) Well Garden - a local group had spent three hours dismantling part of the current path, by removing the pathway and allowing to grass over, will make the Well Garden easier to maintain. It's estimated there is a further five hours work to complete the removal of the pathway.
- h) Playing Fields Pavilion – no report
- i) Listing of Neighbourhood Plan non-designated heritage assets – no report

072/22 Councillors reports from outside bodies

- a) Cotswold Lakes Trust – no report
- b) Cotswold Airport – no report

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073/22 Matters for the next meeting

Councillors were reminded to let the clerk know of any items they wanted included on the next agenda by 7 July 2022.

074/22 Date of next meeting

The next meeting of Oaksey Parish Council will be held on Thursday 14 July 2022, 7:00pm at the Rest, Oaksey Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8:27 pm

Signed.....

Chairman Oaksey Parish Council