



THE CAUSEWAY

STEVENTON PARISH COUNCIL

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**Steventon Parish Council Meeting was held on Tuesday 3rd October 2023 at 7pm
in the Millennium room of the Village Hall.**

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Mrs S Broadbent

2. PRESENT

Dr C Wilding, Chair, Mr J Bennett, Ms L Cann, Mr J Clark, Ms L Perkins, Mr J Rice, Mr M Stimpson-Tame and Mr R Wilkinson. Mrs A Einon (Parish Clerk) and Cllr S Povolotsky (VWHDC & OCC) were in attendance. The meeting was joined by twelve members of the public.

3. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND OTHER DECLARATIONS

To receive any declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests, and other declarations, in respect of items on the agenda for this meeting.

Cllr J Clark and Cllr J Rice expressed an interest in the planning application for 57 The Causeway.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

4.1. PLANNING APPLICATION FOR 57 THE CAUSEWAY

Several members of the public spoke about the above application for "Replacement of existing broken driveway. Changes to the approved garage block, part retrospective". There were strong feelings that the application was a back door route to approval for something that had already been installed. Particularly the installation of a septic tank, additional window and a mezzanine floor. Concerns were expressed on the installation of the septic tank, its future maintenance and possible pollution to nearby gardens. Speculation of commercial use of the garage requiring the bathroom installation and possible future conversion to residential requiring a mezzanine floor. The additional window was stated to overlook and create a safeguarding risk to neighbours. The application contained no measurements or drawings to justify the application. Cllr Sally Povolotsky said she would support the application going to the planning committee at the Vale. The Parish Council would discuss later in the meeting as the agenda.

4.2. RELIEF OF ROWSTOCK

Carole Hooper from the Association relief of Rowstock attended to request support and dissemination of information relating to the proposals by Oxfordshire County Council for major changes to the road at the top of Steventon Hill, though phase 1 of the relief of Rowstock it will have a major impact on Steventon residents. The proposal is to install a dedicated bus lane from Featherbed Lane to the Milton interchange, to widen the road to accommodate, install traffic lights at Trenchard Avenue and increase the number of traffic lanes in both directions. Although this is termed phase 1 there is no information on what the next move may involve. The associations consultant has indicated that the proposed changes will increase the traffic congestion and cause jams for a greater part of the day. Cllr Povolotsky said the changes had applied for funding nine years ago, as one stage of a multiple level application for funds which may well be lost if not actioned. There cannot continue to be thousands of cars on the roads with a single occupant.

4.3. GARD

Mr Stork updated the Council on a meeting attended. The current concept for the reservoir is the same as refused by public enquiry in 2005, no changes have been made and no new data has been generated. No on the ground research into flood plain and conditions met on excavation. It is not proposed to do these in depth investigations until the reservoir has been agreed.

5. REPORT FROM ANY COUNTY OR DISTRICT COUNCILLOR IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr Sally Povolotsky reported that she had spent a great deal of time concerning the reservoir consulting with the Chief Executive of OCC and meeting with Thames Water. Decisions have now been referred to government.

The bridge strengthening proposals have been further developed, but not finalised, particularly in relation to what finished road layout can be accommodated above, i.e. it might be possible to accommodate two narrow traffic lanes rather than making the priority system permanent. There are aspirations to improve cyclist provision across the bridge, which may only be able to be achieved with a priority system. There are some concerns with the current temporary priority system and consideration is being given to reversing the priority, such that traffic moving up hill has priority. The earliest start now is likely to be April 2024, subject to rail possession availability, for which Network Rail have not yet provided a full response. Bat surveys carried out so far indicate that none are present.

Consultation ongoing on the changes to the Hanney end of Hanney Road.

Building inspectors and fire and rescue have still to resolve when the Causeway can reopen at least one lane.

6. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 5th September were accepted as a true record with the following modifications.

Cllr Lucy Perkins was not present

5.1 Insert Thames Water before preferred plan. Seven replace with Severn.

5.2 change reduced to 20% to reduced by 20%.

8.3 Spelling dispensing not depending.

Proposed: Mr Bennett Seconded: Mr Rice

8. USE OF THE VILLAGE GREEN

A draft policy had been circulated to the Councillors prior to the meeting. It was agreed that the green should be available for recreation use and non-commercial purposes. Dr Wilding would edit the policy document and circulate. It should then be put on the website and sent to anyone asking to use the green.

Action 1/10/23: Dr Wilding

9. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING – REPORTS ON ACTIONS

9.1. VILLAGE INFRASTRUCTURE

Outstanding item of allocation areas to councillors. The map of local footpaths to be circulated.

Action 2/10/23: Mr Clark/Clerk

9.2. S106 ART

Clerk is investigating a suitable material and supplier for a clear cover for the map.

Action 3/10/23: Clerk

9.3. DOG POO

The Clerk had purchased a dog bag dispensing unit and a stock of bags. Cllr Wilkinson agreed to install near the village hall.

Action 4/10/23: Mr Wilkinson

10. PLANNING MATTERS

10.1. Applications

10.1.1. P23/V2120/HH & P23/V2121/LB 57 The Causeway Steventon Abingdon OX13 6SE

Replacement of existing broken driveway. Changes to the approved garage block, part retrospective.

Mr Clark and Mr Rice left the room for this item.

Extensive discussions were voiced but overall, it was felt that there was insufficient information in the application for a decision to be made. The driveway had information and there was no objection to that part of the application. Speculation on future use was not a planning objection. It was decided to request an extension to the submission date and for further information from the planning officer at the Vale. A Planning Committee meeting would be arranged to discuss the new information. No request was made that this item be sent to Committee on the basis of the information available.

10.1.2. P23/V1747/RM Land behind 31-33 The Causeway Steventon Abingdon OX13 6SE

Reserved Matters application following Outline Approval P19/V2459/O for scale, appearance and on plot landscaping for plots 1, 3, 4, 5 and 7 (as corrected by updated block plan showing site boundary and correction of footprint on plot 3 received 11 October 2023). Outline application for provision of Self-Build and/or Custom Housebuilding plots for 7 detached dwellings, with all matters reserved except for access and layout.

The Parish Council has serious concerns about the safety of 31 The Causeway particularly since the recent collapse of number 15, when the area around the building was disrupted. The access to this development is alongside 31 which also has no foundations. P19/V2459/O at the appeal it was said by Albright Dene representative that a strip had been purchased from 33 to give a wider access. This has not been reflected in the application at the time or since.

11. ITEMS FROM RISK ASSESSMENT ACTION SCHEDULE

- 11.1. Bi-annual inspection by Council Specialist Tree Working Group
Arbor Tree specialist are in the process of doing the survey of the trees on the greens.
- 11.2. Bi-annual inspection by the Council. Unadopted roads, footpaths and waterways
Councillors were requested to walk their local footpaths, including those like the Hanney Road, and report any problems.
- 11.3. Check made quarterly to ensure no personal details of the general public are held on computer.
Personal details are not kept on the computer.
- 11.4. Ditch clearance working group arrange.
Mr Stimpson-Tame planned to organise a ditch clearance meeting in November.

12. WORKING GROUP, SUB-COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATIVES ACTIVITIES

12.1. Finance and General Purposes Committee JB, SB, JC, JR, CW, Clerk

Not met.

12.2. Planning Committee – Parish Council members.

Not met.

12.3. Burial Ground JC, MST, RW, Clerk

Not met

12.4. Human Resources CW,SB, JR, RW

Not met

12.5. Recreation and Open Spaces – Trees, Greens, Waterways, Footpaths, Playground, Sports Hall. SB, JC, JR, LP, MST, CW

Not met. A woodland pack of 50 trees had been organized by Cllr Perkins and they were due to arrive on 29th January. The Forest School were keen to be involved in planting.

Mr Rice had been in contact with OPFA who had suggested Oxford Direct Services and a person in Carterton for playground maintenance.

Action 6/10/23: Mr Rice

It was agreed to purchase two new bins. A replacement for Milton Lane and a new location near the village hall.

Action 7/10/23: Clerk

12.6. Village Infrastructure & Resilience – Railway, Roads, Drains JB, JR, CW.

Not met

12.7. Information dissemination

A new working group to investigate routes for spreading information to the village. Cllr Laurie-Jane Cann agreed to canvas interest for membership in the Parish Council and put forward suggestions to the next meeting.

Action 8/10/23: L-J Cann

12.8. Sarinc

A new tenant had been found for St Michael's house.

12.9. Neighbourhood Plan. JC, LP, CW, Clerk, and volunteers: Caroline Miller, Nick Thompson

Response from Vale officer suggesting some changes and display methods. Submit as soon as completed.

12.10. S106 Art working group CW, JC, SB, Clerk, Abi Brown (Vale), volunteer Lin Dewsnap

Not met. Dr Wilding had written to Peter Greenfield to check on progress of the benches but had no reply to date. The first to be the bench on the big green which would be in the form of a spiral with a history timeline. The History Society has provided input on relevant periods. A meeting to be arranged.

Action 9/10/23: Dr Wilding

12.11. Other representative reports

12.11.1. Milton Park Forum. CW, JR

Had met on 25th September but neither representative had been available to attend.

12.11.2. Causeway Trust

Not met.

13. FINANCE

13.1. Financial report 2023-24

The financial report was discussed and approved.

Proposed: Mr Clark Seconded: Ms Cann

13.2. Cheques for Signature

CORRESPONDENCE

14.1. Received

06/09/23	E	edcarterfd	T/L Geoffrey Colin Bell	9	
06/09/23	E	Becky Crockett	Oxford Green Belt Way Appeal		
06/09/23	E	Christopher Wilding	Thames Water SESRO+ various	14	
06/09/23	E	Communications	Press Didcot transport infrastructure is		
06/09/23	E	Derek Stork	Thames and WRSE revised plans Reservoir	3	
06/09/23	E	Liz Folley	SLCC BRANCH MEETING 07.09.23 10am		
06/09/23	E	NALC	NALC NEWSLETTER	17	
06/09/23	E	Oxfordshire Neighbourhood Plans Alliance	ONPA September 2023 News		
06/09/23	E	Sheenagh Broadbent	Fwd: Thames Water Planning Application		
06/09/23	E	Wongani Mwanza	Re: Milton Heights - Climate Positive Housing Ex		
07/09/23	E	Darch, Tim- OCC	Community transport grant applications: DEADLIN		
07/09/23	E	Steere-Smith, Sarah- OCC	FW: Understanding the building of a bunded rese		
08/09/23	E	Fras, Ewa- OCC	UE weekly update week ending Friday 08.09.23	4	
11/09/23	E	Dix, Sian- OCC	Highway maintenance open day invitation		
11/09/23	E	AJ Gallager	Renewal Confirmation		
11/09/23	E	Emergency Planning	Updated Amber heat health alert Oxfordshire		
12/09/23	E	Communications	Press Free facility hire launched for We		
12/09/23	E	Gemma Tindsley	DBS Checks and Referrals Webinars - FREE	2	
12/09/23	E	Society of Local Council Cl	Annual event for local council employees	3	
13/09/23	E	Franklin, Rosie-Mae- OCC	"T12491 The Causeway, Steventon"		
13/09/23	E	Franklin, Rosie-Mae- OCC	"T12490 Stocks Lane, Steventon"		
13/09/23	E	Laurie_Jane Cann	Re: Enquiry + various	3	
13/09/23	E	lucy perkins	Re: Football + various	5	
13/09/23	E	Martin Stimpeon-Tame	Re: Football + various	11	
13/09/23	E	michael jarvis	Footpaths again.		

13/09/23	E	OALC	Invoice - Reminder: Your payment to OALC		
13/09/23	E	Sheenagh Broadbent	Football + various	15	
14/09/23	E	Kerry Tuson	A message from the new CEO for Age UK Oxford		
15/09/23	E	Planning Business Enquiries	Invitation to VWHDC Town and Parish Training	2	
16/09/23	E	Oxfordshire Playing Fields Association	OPFA AGM - Monday 16th October 2023		
17/09/23	E	Christopher Wilding	Note for the Record Meeting County Hall 15 Sept		
18/09/23	E	Cookson, David	Re: Art projects funded by S106		
18/09/23	E	Corrigan, Steven	Updated Casual Vacancy Guidance		
18/09/23	E	Arts-Hub Wantage	Arts-Hub Wantage - Newsletter September / Octo		
18/09/23	E	Communications	Press-release - New Oxfordshire wide air quality		
18/09/23	E	VWHDC	Vale News: September 2023 - Parishes		
19/09/23	E	Graham2, Robert- OCC	"FW: TTRO (T12424) Temporary Road Closure,		
19/09/23	E	Kocan-Payne, Stuart- OCC	Introduction: Technical Lead - Bus Infrastructure		
19/09/23	E	Communications	Botley Road closure VWHDC leader		
19/09/23	E	Martin Stimpson-Tame	Eco Park		
19/09/23	E	Office of the PCC	September update from the PCC		
19/09/23	E	Slow Ways	Councils - Connect your community to the Slow		
19/09/23	E	tim oconnor	Re: trees	3	
20/09/23	E	Policy Team	Invitation to OCC's Town and Parish Council Chart		
20/09/23	E	Steve - The Shield Group	FW: Dog Refuse collection		*
21/09/23	E	Adam Bows	Ock Catchment Partnership update		
21/09/23	E	harwell.ssg (MAG)	SAVE THE DATE !!!! Harwell SSG - Thursday 2nd	2	
21/09/23	E	Tonks bros	The late Dennis Lorenz	3	
21/09/23	E	registration southandvale	Planning Consultation - P23/V2121/LB		
21/09/23	E	registration southandvale	Planning Consultation - P23/V2120/HH		
21/09/23	E	Thames ERC	Bookings Now Open! Autumn Recorders' Conf		
22/09/23	E	Anthony Owen	Re: Information Requests - SESRO Trial Emban		
22/09/23	E	GARDchair	Re: Information Requests - SESRO Trial Embankm		
22/09/23	E	Julie Morton	Thames Water and Affinity Water joint Water		
24/09/23	E	Sandra Jaeger	Re: Copse Ash		
24/09/23	E	John Clark	Re: Copse Ash + various	11	
24/09/23	E	Richard Bosley	grove station	2	
25/09/23	E	John Rice	Re: Play Ground+ various	9	
25/09/23	E	Martin Trower	Re: Football academy village green		
25/09/23	E	Mike Wilkins	Memorial		
25/09/23	E	Sarah Purdie	Oxfordshire South & Vale Citizens Advice - AGM		
26/09/23	E	Adam Bows	EA Â£25 million NFM Programme - EOI by 10 Nov		
26/09/23	E	Joe Bennett	Re: Fwd: Memorial + various	3	
26/09/23	E	steventonvillagehall	Re: Using the Village Green	2	
27/09/23	E	alex	Re: Angela Einon Re Village Green		
27/09/23	E	Andy Meader	"Appl P22/V1425/FUL - 2,2a,6 and 6a High Street,		
27/09/23	E	Jane Bevan	The Little Green bollards	3	*
27/09/23	E	Tracey Cheshire	Invoice 74965 from Playsafety Limited for Stevent	3	
28/09/23	E	Communications	Press Plans for reservoir continue despi		
28/09/23	E	Communications	recycling reminder		
28/09/23	E	Elections	Automatic reply: new parish councillor		
28/09/23	E	lucy perkins	Fly tipping		

28/09/23	E	Vanessa Clipstone	Informal Project Meet		
29/09/23	E	OALC	OALC September update for member councils	2	
29/09/23	E	registration southandvale	Planning Consultation - P23/V1747/RM		
29/09/23	E	Robin Wilkinson	Re: a post	2	
29/09/23	E	The Circuit	It's time to update your defibrillator record	2	
30/09/23	E	CPRE Oxfordshire	September Newsletter: Abingdon Reservoir back		
01/10/23	E	Cllr Sally Povolotsky	Re: grove station + various	4	
02/10/23	E	Collodel, Angel- OCC	TTRO (T12795) Temporary Road Closure - East He	2	
02/10/23	E	Gareth Keymer	Re: rights and bench		*
03/10/23	E	Andy Meader	"Re: Appl P22/V1425/FUL - 2,2a,6 and 6a High St		*
03/10/23	E	Christopher Wilding	Cricket club s106 application letter of approval		
03/10/23	E	Cllr Sally Povolotsky	Apologies Councillors		
03/10/23	E	Cllr Sally Povolotsky	Railway bridge update		

14.1.1 Communication from Turtons

The offer of £300 had been much appreciated but £250 was acceptable.

14.2. Sent

28/09/23	E	Vanessa Clipstone	Re: 2-6 High Street, Steventon - Informally Project		
03/10/23	E	Andy Meader	Re: Appl P22/V1425/FUL - 2,2a,6 and 6a High Street,		
29/09/23	E	Cllr Robin Wilkinson	a post		
03/10/23	E	Council	Addition to tonights planning		
01/10/23	E	Trevor Newman	L Smith		
27/09/23	E	Council	Meeting 3rd October		
01/10/23	E	shirley b	Memorial		
28/09/23	E	Elections	new parish councillor		
27/09/23	E	Council	Parish telephone		
06/09/23	E	Council	planning return		
26/09/23	E	alex	Re: Attn: Angela Einon Re Village Green		
14/09/23	E	michael jarvis	Re: Footpaths again.		
01/10/23	E	Cllr Sally Povolotsky	Re: FW: CONSULTATION Steventon Road (East Hanne		
27/09/23	E	Jane Bevan	Re: FW: The Little Green bollards		
06/09/23	E	Sheenagh Broadbent	Re: Fwd: Thames Water Planning Application for clay		
26/09/23	E	Mike Wilkins	Re: Memorial	2	
12/09/23	E	Christopher Wilding	Re: Projector		
02/10/23	E	Gareth Keymer	Re: rights and bench		
27/09/23	E	Tracey Cheshire	Re: RoSPA Play Safety Inspection Reports		
12/09/23	E	edcarterfd	Re: T/L Geoffrey Colin Bell	5	
26/09/23	E	tonksbrothers	Re: The late Dennis Lorenz		
14/09/23	E	Tim O'Connor	Re: trees	3	
28/09/23	E	John Clark	Re: Trees and hedge		
26/09/23	E	steventonvillagehall	Re: Using the Village Green		
02/10/23	E	Christopher Wilding	Re: Village Green's policy		
26/09/23	E	John Rice	Re: Village Hall contact details - Agne		
03/10/23	E	Cllr Chris Wilding	S106 Cricket - Sports		

MATTERS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION

Invite Martin Trower to tell the Parish Council about the football academy he is running.

The Cricket Club has asked for support to apply for S106 maintenance funds.
The Parish Council agreed to support the application.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Parish Council meeting to be held 7th November 2023 in the Millennium room of the Village Hall.
The meeting closed at 9.25 pm.

APPROVAL Signed as a true record of the Meeting:

Name: Dr C Wilding

Position: Chair of the Parish Council

Signature:

Date: 7th November 2023