

**Minutes of the Meeting of Oakington & Westwick Annual Parish Meeting held at
Oakington Sports Pavilion, Queens Way Oakington
Monday 24 April 2023 at 7.30pm**

Agenda No:	Present: Dr S Moore (Chair of the Parish Council) was in the chair supported by five Parish Councillors. In attendance: Mrs L Lawrence (Clerk), Cnty Cllr F Thompson, Dist Cllr N Warren-Green and thirty-three members of the public.	Appendix No.
1	WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION BY THE CHAIR OF THE PARISH COUNCIL Chair welcomed all to the meeting and introduced the other members of the Parish Council.	
2	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Elaine Bailey (Chair, Pavilion Management Committee), Tom Bygott (District Councillor), Julie Grove (Parish Councillor), Jenny Prince (OWN & SOW), Helen Williams (Oakington Singers)	
3	MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD 25 APRIL 2022 Copies of the minutes had been made available on notice boards and on the Parish Council website. Minutes were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chair.	
4	PRESENTATION ON 'WHAT GETS BUILT WHERE' BY ALAN JAMES, CHAIR CPRE (CAMBRIDGESHIRE & PETERBOROUGH) Alan James gave an informative presentation on the work of CPRE (rebranded 'Countryside Charity') which includes focus on current issues of climate change, Levelling Up, Ox-Cam Pan Regional Partnership, overdevelopment, water supply, sewage treatment, waste incinerators, farmland solar panels, East West Rail route and other public transport. He responded to questions from members of the public on; relationship with Homes England ref Northstowe, East West Rail and biodiversity.	
5	REPORTS FROM VILLAGE GROUPS/ORGANISATIONS	
i)	Oakington & Westwick Environmental Action Group (EAG) James Youd (Co-Chair) read out his report which included Open Spaces Project, Flood Mitigation Group, flooding hotspots, information boards, biodiversity and improvements to village appearance and safety.	Appendix 1
ii)	Oakington & Westwick Transport Action Group (TAG) Jim Bryant (Chair) read out his report which included speed unit (MVAS) data following the 20mph zone implementation, St Ives Greenway:Oakington to Cottenham Cycleway, East West Rail and HGV traffic.	Appendix 2
iii)	Oakington & Westwick Neighbours (OWN) Linda Fentiman read out the report which included the various ways OWN supports residents, the monthly minibus service to Tesco Bar Hill, a planned seaside trip on 17 th June, Coronation Big Lunch on 7 th May. The Hardship fund is still active and has a healthy balance.	Appendix 3
iv)	Sustainable Oakington & Westwick (SOW) Emma Jordan read out the report on behalf of Jenny Prince (Chair). All are welcome to the talks on the last Wednesday of the month, and subjects this year have included heat pumps, encouraging nature in your garden, trees, sustainable food and eco renovation.	Appendix 4

v)	<p>Oakington & Westwick Community Association (CA) Ranko Pinter (Chair) read out his report which included a reminder that CA acts as an umbrella organisation for village groups and clubs and organises village wide activities such as village day and bonfire events. It is also responsible for the village Journal. There had been some changes of personnel this year with Hady Aouad replacing Bernie Yates as CA Treasurer and Graham Tregonning replacing Irene Butlin as Journal Co-editor with Jenny Prince.</p>	Appendix 5
vi)	<p>Oakington & Westwick Pavilion Management Committee David Reeves read out the report on behalf of Elaine Bailey (Chair), which included the financial burden of increased energy costs and ways residents can help make the Pavilion and MUGA facilities sustainable.</p>	Appendix 6
vii)	<p>Oakington Retirement Community (ORC) Geoffrey Butlin read out the report on behalf of the Trustees which detailed their 4 key aims. A possible site in Westwick was discounted by their developers, Hyde Housing as being too small to warrant investment to achieve planning permission. Subsequently, land next to the business park owned by Homes England had been identified as suitable for ORC and for an already agreed flood attenuation lake. Homes England have invited ORC to consider using this field together with the Tomato Farm site for elderly housing and using attenuation lake spoil to raise it above flood risk. The report detailed the next steps.</p>	Appendix 7
6	REPORTS FROM OTHER LOCAL GROUPS	
i)	<p>Oakington & Westwick WI The report highlighted the wide range of activities undertaken during the past year. The group also welcomed four new members. As well as monthly meetings with a wide range of speakers, they continue to offer members additional outings, events, and workshops throughout the year.</p>	Appendix 8
ii)	<p>Oakington Singers Linda Fentiman read out the report on behalf of Helen Williams which included the concerts performed and monies raised a concert to mark the first anniversary of the Russian invasion of Ukraine. The group would very much welcome new members, no experience of singing necessary.</p>	Appendix 9
7	REPORTS FROM ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES (Written reports posted on Parish Council website)	
i)	<p>County Councillor Thompson Annual report Cllr Firouz Thompson expanded on items in her report including; CCC Code of Conduct and increased level of breaches, joint administration with Labour and Independents, lack of Highways investment, recruitment difficulties, Local Highways Officers job review, council tax increase and A14 National Highways trees failure. Locally, she was pleased to report that a new Early Years provision will open in the former Humpty Dumpty preschool building in September 2023. The A14 Legacy fund traffic calming measures had been completed and the three main flooding hotspot areas drains had been cleared. Unfortunately, there are current insufficient funds to extend the Oakington to Girton cycleway along Cambridge Road.</p>	
ii)	<p>District Councillor Warren-Green Annual report Cllr Natalie Warren-Green expanded on items in her report including: SCDC support of local business in the area, empty houses strategy, housing energy efficiency, 'Green to the Core' theme, air quality, fly-tipping, Homes for Ukraine, public transport (GPC) and new draft revised Local Plan which will come out this Autumn.</p>	

iii)	District Councillor Bygott Annual report Cllr Bygott had sent his apologies for this meeting. His report can be reviewed on the Parish Council website.	
8	PARISH COUNCIL CHAIR'S REPORT Stephen Moore (Chair) thanked all present for their interesting reports. On behalf of the PC, he spoke about; parish council property, flooding issues, Stocks Green, joint Local Highways Initiative bid with Girton PC for a 30mph limit between our villages, an application to reduce the speed limit in Westwick to 20mph and working with Oakington Vikings FC on a funding application to the Football Foundation for a new 3G surface to replace the current MUGA surface. The Northstowe Phase 3A detailed planning application is expected in the coming months. The Parish Council will scrutinise these and liaise with both our County and District Councillors on its response.	Appendix 10
9	POSSIBLE NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IN VILLAGE Mike Oakley (Manor Farm Close resident) detailed the background to the field at the bottom of Manor Farm Close which has been put forward for a development of 9 large self-build homes by developer Millen Homes. (Planning application ref 23/01207/OUT) Following a letter drop to residents on the SCDC 'Neighbours Notified' list he was pleased to report there had been 24 objections submitted by residents to date. These can be viewed on the Planning Portal. Statutory consultees Highways and Housing had also submitted objections based on lack of Highways safety (as no separation between pedestrians/cyclists and the entrance road) and no affordable housing (as the site is outside the village development framework it can only be brought forward as an exception site for 100% affordable housing) Mr Oakley then went on to detail his personal objections which included; unsuitable road for through-route traffic, too narrow one-way access road of 3.5 metres width via steep track, drainage issues, sewage issues, environmental impact, potential archaeology and absence of affordable housing in the plans. Another resident commented on the unsuitability of the proposed access and traffic issues in general. The Parish Council Chair thanked everyone for their input and stated the comments would help inform the Parish Council's response to the application which would be agreed at the Planning meeting directly after this meeting.	
10	PUBLIC OPEN FORUM No comments or questions from members of the public.	
	There being no further comments or questions the meeting was declared closed at 9.45pm.	