

**Minutes of the Meeting of Oakington & Westwick Parish Council held at  
Oakington Sports Pavilion, Queens Way, Oakington  
Monday 10 February 2025 at 7.30pm**

<b>Agenda No:</b>		<b>Action</b>
	Present: Cllrs D Reeves, (Chair) J Bailey, R Pinter. In attendance: Cnty Cllr F Thompson, Dist Cllr N Warren-Green, Dist Cllr T Bygott (part meeting) Two members of the public.	
25/14	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b>  Cllr J Camilleri (work course). Cllr J Grove (personal). Cllr T Starling (personal). Cllr S Moore (personal). Clerk.	
25/15	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b>  None declared.	
25/16	<b>PUBLIC OPEN SESSION</b>  Two Oakington Baptist Chapel members attended to hear the debate on planning application 24/04310/FUL.	
25/17	<b>TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 13 JANUARY 2025</b>  Approval proposed by Cllr Pinter. Seconded by Cllr Bailey. RESOLVED unanimously. Minutes were signed by the Chair.	
25/18	<b>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING, NOT OTHERWISE ON THE AGENDA (INFORMATION ONLY)</b>  <u>Ref 24/139.3 – Rowan</u> – now planted. <u>Ref 25/6.4 – Village sign</u> – had been repaired. <u>Ref 25/8.1 – Bus service</u> – Stagecoach MD had responded to joint parishes letter and agreed to attend a meeting to discuss C5 and C6 services. Date to be arranged. <u>Ref 25/10.2– Rec perimeter path</u> – grounds contractor agreed to sweep path and remove excess stones from site. <u>Ref 25/11.1 - Emergency Plan</u> – no volunteers had come forward to offer to help with reviewing the 2021 plan.	
25/19	<b>TO RECEIVE REPORTS</b>  (Written reports circulated prior to the meeting and posted on website.) 19.1 <u>County Councillor's report</u> Cllr Thompspon reported that the Green Infrastructure officer is investigating a new type of material that could make the Stocks Green public footpath more even and stable. This work would be budget dependent. Cllr Thompson will provide an update when further information is available. She also stated that CAPALC might be able to provide help with the devolution plans and the possible impact on parish councils. 19.2 <u>District Councillors' reports</u> There was a general discussion of issues raised in the reports: Housing and Five-Year Land Supply and the lack of resources to support a plan of this	

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19.3	<p>nature. It was agreed to invite Ian Sollom MP and SCDC Lead Cabinet member for Planning to the next meeting.</p> <p><u>Parish Councillors' reports</u></p> <p>Chair reported on meetings attended; EAG, Northstowe quarterly, information boards with Cllr Moore and Mr Stearn, Pavilion Management committee, grounds contractor (with Clerk.)</p> <p>Cllr Bailey had attended a SOW meeting on recycling.</p> <p>Cllr Pinter noted the SOW 'repair café' was very successful. He had attended a Journal team meeting.</p>	
19.4	<p><u>Clerk's report</u></p> <p>Clerk had sent her apologies. No report.</p>	
19.5	<p><u>Community Orchard report</u></p> <p>Year end report circulated and noted.</p>	
25/20	<p><b>PLANNING MATTERS</b></p> <p>20.1 <u>New applications for consideration</u>  <u>25/00346/HFUL – Staithesyde, The Drift</u> - demolition of garage. Hip-to-gable roof extension incorporating raising of ridge height, rear dormer and front roof light. Single storey front extension and single storey rear extension with balcony. Erection of detached annex to front, ancillary to main dwelling. RESOLVED unanimously to make <u>no comments</u>.</p> <p><u>24/04310/FUL – Baptist Chapel, High Street</u> - create a car park utilising the existing land adjacent to the Chapel for the use of the congregation only. Additional information - the access to the car park across Stocks Green is a preexisting hard metalled track, now overgrown with grass. Lighting for the car park will be manually operated from within the chapel, to avoid superfluous use. RESOLVED unanimously to make <u>no comments</u>.</p> <p>20.2 <u>Applications to note only</u>  <u>24/04777/FUL – 56 High Street</u> - demolition of a barn and conversion of the land into garden.</p> <p><u>25/01141/TTCA – 72 High Street</u> - Walnut tree removal.</p> <p>20.3 <u>Applications decisions received</u>  <u>24/1490/TTCA – Stock Green</u> - remove row of Cupressus Leylandii. <u>No objections to 6 weeks' notice application</u>.</p>	
25/21	<p><b>RECREATION GROUND/OPEN SPACES MATTERS</b></p> <p>21.1 <u>To consider quote to inspect zipline cable trolley and replace cable guides</u>  Proposed by Cllr Bailey that Kettering Playsafe Ltd quote for <u>£295 + VAT</u> should be accepted. Seconded by Cllr Pinter. RESOLVED unanimously.</p> <p>21.2 <u>To consider increasing the budget for village information boards</u>  Proposed by Cllr Bailey that this should be agreed in principle but await further details on costs before agreeing a budget figure. Seconded by Cllr Pinter. RESOLVED unanimously.</p>	
25/22	<p><b>CONSULTATIONS</b></p> <p>22.1 <u>To consider and agree response to SCDC Four-day week consultation</u>  Agreed that parish councillors would submit their own personal response to the consultation and then a decision made at the next meeting whether a full council response should be submitted.</p> <p>22.2 <u>To consider supporting Electrical Safety First's 'Safety of Lithium-ion Batteries Campaign'</u>  RESOLVED unanimously to support this campaign.</p>	March agenda

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