

MINUTES OF THE SOULDERN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL

ON 31st October 2024

Present:

Nick Oakhill (NO) CHAIR
John Hoodless (JH)
Neal Ship (NS)
Cathy Fleet (CF) CLERK

Members of the Public:

D/Cllr Andrew McHugh

10.24.01 Apologies

Apologies had been received from Heidi Dennison

10.24.02 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest

10.24.03 To receive the minutes of the last parish council meeting

The minutes of the parish council meeting held on 26th September 2024 were checked for accuracy and content, agreed as a true record of the meeting and signed by the chair.

10.24.04 Public participation

There were no members of the public present

10.24.05 Clerks Report and Actions from previous meeting

No	Action	Owner	Update
Sept24.01	NO to draft response to letter from the Charity	NO	Completed
Sept24.02	Clerk to ask Cllr McHugh to chase up the road sweeper	CF	Cllr McHugh has asked Ed Potter (CDC) to action and will contact NO with dates

10.24.06 Correspondence

There was no correspondence not dealt with elsewhere

10.24.07 Co-option of Councillor

No progress

10.24.08 Reports from County/District Councillors

A written report had been submitted by Cllr McHugh and will be circulated to all councillors. Cllr McHugh continues to work on the drainage issues and had met with OCC engineers in Somerton. The engineer in question is leaving his role imminently but will continue to oversee the problems.

- 10.24.09 Playground**
Agreed to continue with the maintenance plan with Kompan. **Clerk to respond to Kompan**
- 10.24.10 Trees by NBW/Ownership of land**
Discussions were had but no decision made due to the absence of HD.
- 10.24.13 Drainage/Flooding/Sewage**
Covered under item 8.
- 10.24.14 Swing**
The date for works being carried out is now 8th November, but it is thought that it may have already been completed.
- 10.24.15 Highways**
No update
- 10.24.16 Village Upkeep**
NO has volunteers who are willing to do a 'village sweep' tidying up gutters/kerbs etc. which will be done after the road sweeper has attended.
The wall which fell down has not yet been repaired due to unavailability of the repairer and it is hoped it will be completed soon.

Treework in the village will be carried out in December, at the same time a quote will be requested for the crown topping on Ash tree outside the village hall. NO to instruct Fernwood
- 10.24.17 Planning –** The following planning documents had been received

24/02778/DISC

St Josephs High Street Souldern
Bicester OX27 7LA

Discharge of Condition 10 (rainwater goods) of 23/01280/FO – NO OBJECTION

24/02779/DISC

St Josephs High Street Souldern
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Discharge of Condition 8 (rainwater goods) of 23/01281/LB - NO OBJECTION

24/02772/NMA

The Mullions High Street Souldern
Bicester OX27 7JN

Non-material amendment to 21/02613/F - Alteration of single storey roof. It is suggested to lower the overall height of the roof and build it with a gable end – NO OBJECTION

24/02608/TCA

Timber Cottage High Street
Souldern OX27 7JP

T1 Apple formative prune, and crown lift to 1.8 meters over road. G1 Mixed species, fell. G2 Mixed species, fell. T2 Apple annual prune to contain by

thinning crown by 10%. NO OBJECTION

Decisions
24/01754/F
24/01761/F

Nutcracker Cottage
St Josephs, High Street

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10.24.18 Finance - The following accounts were approved for payment: **NO proposed JH seconded**
Paidby standing order

Payee	Detail	Total £s	VAT	Comments
Cathy Fleet	Clerk Salary	132.69	0.0	
HMRC	(re above)	26.67	0.0	

Invoices to be approved

Payee	Detail	Total £s	VAT	Comments
CDC	Dog Bins	334.62	55.77	
Nigel Prickett	Oct Grass cut	441.60	73.60	

Receipts

	Detail	Total £s	VAT	Comments
BTFC	24/25 Season Payment	550.00		
Interest	Playground account	64.06		

Notification had been received from OALC of a pay award for Clerks backdated to April. It was noted that this increase would take effect from November

Date of next meetings :
5th December

Proposed dates for 2025 – last Thursday of the month 7.30pm:

30th January, 27th February, 27th March, 24th April, 29th May, 26th June, 31st July, 28th August, 25th September, 30th October, 27th November

Signed

Chair, Souldern Parish Council

Date

Chair, Souldern Parish Council**ACTION LIST SUMMARY**

No	Action	Owner	Update
Oct24.01	Playground - Clerk to respond to Kompan agreeing to the maintenance contract	Clerk	
Oct24.02	NO to instruct Fernwood to carry out work on the tree outside the village hall	NO	

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