

MINUTES OF THE SOULDERN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD IN THE VILAGE HALL

ON 24TH April 2025

Present:

Nick Oakhill (NO) CHAIR
John Hoodless (JH)
Heidi Dennison (HD)
Kate Green (KG)
Rob Large (RL)
Cathy Fleet (CF) CLERK

Members of the Public:

Members of the public : There were no members of the public present

04.25.01 Apologies

No apologies had been received

04.25.02 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest

04.25.03 To receive the minutes of the last parish council meeting

The minutes of the parish council meeting held on 27th March 2025 were checked for accuracy and content, agreed as a true record of the meeting and signed by the chair.

04.25.04 Public participation

There were no members of the public present

04.25.05 Clerks Report and Actions from previous meeting

| No | Action | Owner | Update |
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| Feb25.07 | JH to ask Deddington Depot if they will reinstate the disabled parking markings in the car park | JH | Completed – advised to purchase disabled logo from internet and go ahead as no regulations exist as private land. NO to action. |
| Feb25.08 | NO to ask Nigel Prickett if he will also cut The Pound | NO | Completed. Inside and outside of the Pound will be cut by Nigel Prickett |
| Mar25.01 | Clerk to inform CDC of co-option of Rob Large and Kate Green | CF | completed |
| Mar25.02 | NO to respond to WhatsApp message received regarding pollarding of trees. | NO | NO has sent a letter regarding the trees. and an unofficial response has been |

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| | | | received. |
| Mar25.03 | Clerk to contact Sanctuary Housing regarding the contained at 4 Bovewell | CF | Completed. Awaiting update from Sanctuary |
| Mar25.04 | Clerk to respond to SUC regarding appointment of Trustee | CF | Completed |

04.25.06 Correspondence

NO had received:

- Email from OCC regarding the registering of land indicating that SPC cannot and will never be able to register common land in the village of Souldern unless there is a very good reason to register a village green which would cost in the region of £5K.

04.25.07 Co-option of councillor

NO has spoken with someone who is willing to stand as councillor. No will speak to her.

The RFO will be standing down and a new one is required, This will be discussed outside of the meeting once the Clerk has left.

04.25.08 Reports from County/District Councillors

Cllr Rogers mentioned the email received from a developer regarding an eco-village on land north of Enstone Airfield. There is a meeting at Hook Norton in the near future to raise awareness. He had provided a written report ahead of the meeting which had been circulated to all councillors. He summarised :

- Local Plan
- 5 year housing supply
- Neighbourhood Plans
- CDC move to Castle Quay
- The future of local government
- Flooding & potholes
- Farming protests
- Health Care contributions

Cllr Fatemian informed the meeting that this may be his last meeting depending on what happens at the forthcoming election.

04.25.09 Highways

JH had spoken with the owner of Stonecroft who will repair the grass verges directly affected by vehicles accessing his site, but will not be reinstating or resurfacing any part of the road.

04.25.10 Planning –The following planning documents had been received:

[25/00901/TCA](#)

Magpie Cottage The Hill Souldern
OX27 7JD

T1 Ash - Proposal to section fell to ground level. The tree is in close proximity to the building, and leaning towards the house.

03/04/2025

Comment: Agree to felling of the tree but ensure a new tree is planted in its place. Clerk to respond

25/00869/TEL

Mast 630M From Medkyre House
23M From M40 Street From
Baynards Green To Souldern Ardley
OX27 7SQ

The repositioning of the existing 22.5m monopole on a new extended base within the compound and removal of the existing headframe with a replacement headframe. Removal of the existing 3 antennas and replacing with 6 antennas. Ancillary development including removal and replacement of the 3 Remote Radio Units (RRU's) with 18 RRU's

No comment or objection

25/00847/DISC

Stonehaven High Street Souldern
Oxfordshire OX27 7JL

Discharge of Conditions 3 (stone sample panel), 4 (doors and windows), 5 (rooflights), 6 (slate sample), 7 (eaves and verge details), 8 (rainwater goods) and 9 (biodiversity method statement) of 24/03325/F

No comment or objection

25/00766/F

Leycroft Barn Somerton Road
Souldern Bicester OX27 7JX

Agricultural building to create a covered spray area

No comment or objection

25/00765/F

Leycroft Barn Somerton Road
Souldern Bicester OX27 7JX

Agricultural building to cover a muck storage area

No comment or objection

04.25.11 Finance

The following accounts were approved for payment:

Paid by standing order

| Payee | Detail | Total £s | VAT | Comments |
|-------------|--------------|----------|-----|----------|
| Cathy Fleet | Clerk Salary | 136.66 | 0.0 | |
| HMRC | (re above) | 27.66 | 0.0 | |

Invoices to be approved

| Payee | Detail | Total £s | VAT | Comments |
|---------------------|-----------|----------|-------|----------|
| OALC | 2025 Subs | 216.00 | 36.00 | |
| CDC | Dog Bins | 334.62 | 55.77 | |
| Bank Service Charge | | 6.00 | 0.00 | |

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| Nigel Prickett | April grass cut | 463.20 | 77.20 | |
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Date of next meetings : last Thursday of the month 7.30pm:

20th May (AMP & AMPC), 26th June, 31st July, 28th August, 25th September, 30th October, 27th November

Signed

Chair, Souldern Parish Council

Date

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