

BIX AND ASSENDON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
7TH MARCH 2022

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Minutes of the Bix & Assendon Parish Council meeting held on 7^h March 2022, 7.30pm at Bix Village Hall. NOTE: attendance made the meeting non quorate so decisions were unable to be made.

Attendees:

Mrs. Ina Chantry (Chair), Mr William Murdoch (Vice Chair), OCC Councillor David Bartholomew, Jackie Walker – Chair of Village Hall, Karen Wheeler (Clerk), SODC councillor Lorraine Hillier. 3 x member of the public.

Key: BAG – Bix & Assendon Grapevine alert email service to residents
CIL – Community Infrastructure Levy
OALC – Oxfordshire Association of Local Council
FMS – Fix My Street – website to report highway problems

1. Apologies for absence

Parish Councillor Mr. Fredrick van Mierlo, Parish Councillor Ms Sophie Roper, SODC councillor Jo Robb.

2. Member's declarations of personal and prejudicial interests

None

3. Confirmation of the minutes on 24th January 2022

These minutes were declared a true and accurate account of the meeting, then signed by the chair, Ina Chantry.

4. Matters arising from the minutes

Armistice tree – Donor supplying tree for delivery 12th March. 6ft Field Maple. Location and to be agreed with Common holders by Chair.

5. OCC Report – Cllr David Bartholomew

See separate document (specific items noted below)

Councillor priority grant - (approved for spend against the Marquee) Clerk to follow up and chase for money.

Speed monitor on dual carriageway - Cllr Bartholomew has commissioned a speed monitor on the dual carriageway – paid for by his Councillor Priority fund.

Road closure near Greenmarsh farm - 17th April 2022 work commencing to provide soakaway.

Cycling connectivity - resources have now been diverted to the 20mph project. Markings on the road will be being added.

6. SODC Report – Cllr Jo Robb

See separate document.

Food waste action week – 11th March, Wallingford Market advice.

Parking charges increasing as well as eligible charging times.

Electric charging point - Expansion work almost complete with Henley now in progress.

7. Queen's Platinum Jubilee – 2-5th June 2022.

Date: Saturday 4th June, approximately 1pm – 6pm

Event: An afternoon comprising drinks reception, lunch followed by tea, children's games and dancing. The location on the Bix Common Field; a suitable marquee has been reserved at Lulu Marquees.

Meeting: Regular more detailed meetings to organise the event are being held at Bix Manor. Those wishing to volunteer to help organise and assist on the day, welcome. **Next meeting** – Thursday 7pm, Bix Manor

Beacon – being explored for the Thursday night.

8. Public comments/questions

None

9. Chairs Report

Chairman's Report March 2022

The last two months have been quiet. However, Sophie Roper is having to step back for a month or two due to circumstances beyond her control.

On the 8th February I attended a planning meeting for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. A number of events are being organized for the afternoon of Saturday 4th June based around the marquee. A significant number of people attended the meeting and a lot was achieved in terms of organization and development of ideas in a short space of time. A BAG has been sent out to remind people to save the date.

On 22nd February I attended the village hall Annual Meeting and Committee Meeting. The village hall committee approved a new constitution which will be endorsed by the parish council at our Electors Meeting in May.

I have completed an on-line CIL consultation. The questions were predominantly based on large developments both residential and commercial however, issues still remain that a property can be developed and if rented for two years CIL is just £150.00 per sq meter, a higher rate of £325.00 is charged if a development is 10 properties or more, or £360.00 for one to nine properties. This reduction in CIL for properties that are rented for two years will encourage developers to build and rent. As a parish with no Neighbourhood Plan we receive 15% CIL monies if we had a Neighbourhood Plan it would rise to 25%. An interesting point, if a charity develops a building and sells it within seven years the council can claw back CIL money.

I also completed another on-line consultation for Green Lanes Environmental Action Movement (GLEAM) about the use of green lanes by vehicles. Out of that emerged two interesting pieces of information, there is a proposal to amalgamate the National Parks with AONB and call them National Landscapes. Plus, AONB authorities would be consulted in planning applications.

Our next meeting is the double header, the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Electors Meeting. This will be on 9th of May due to the Bank Holiday.

10. Planning

Cllr, William Murdoch

Applications Awaiting decisions

[P21/S3233/FUL](#)

The Fox Wallingford Road Bix RG9 6DB

Change of use from ancillary accommodation to the house - to holiday let/AirBnB accommodation Minor amendment to existing approved annex (REF: P17/S2257/FUL): with additional window and door on the ground floor.

Decision due 25th January 2022

P21/S3201/HH

Bix Underwood, Bix
Erection of two single storey ancillary workshop buildings
Decision was due 8th Sept 2021

SODC Decisions

P21/S5115/HH

Gibwen House, Old Bix Road Bix RG9 6BY
Replacement single storey rear extension, two storey extension on site of existing garage and outbuildings, general alterations to existing building and new vehicular access from Old Bix Road
SODC GRANTED

11. Approve, the appointment of a traffic consultancy to identify possible solutions to the speeding problems within the parish. This would be paid for using CIL funds.

Not quorate so unable to make a decision at the meeting. Moving decision to July 2022 meeting.

12. Approval of parish roads to be included in application for 20mph zone

No quorate so unable to make a decision at the meeting. Moving decision to July 2022 meeting.

- Clerk to contact other parishes regarding any results.
- VAS sign in Assendon – Jon Beale to be contacted regarding servicing the sign.
- Chair to consider residents meeting to discuss topic

13. Village Hall report

AGM held. £10k remains committed to the church project. No issues relating to the building work at the church. Hires are increasing. Cleaner to be appointed. Armistice tree funding of planting and protection to be provided by the Village Hall - estate grade protection quoted @ £282.

14. HTC liaison report

Nothing to report.

15. Allotment report

Invoices are to be issued for next year's allotment holders. SODC are pursuing the trespass issue and will also confirm access rights related to Henley Cottage. Update to be requested from SODC by Chair. SODC agreement to be provided to the Parish relating to its use Chair also to request update.

16. Footpath report

Nothing to report. Hedge by church no response from common holders.

17. Correspondence

- a. **Flooding** – Landowner has been consulted and jointly investigated with OCC possible solutions. Work to start 17th April 2022.
- b. **Lighting** – FMS ticket ongoing.
- c. **By Pass** – FMS ticket ongoing. Feedback sent to OCC, SODC and Biffa directly.
- d. **White Lane/Rectory Lane** – flooding reported.
- e. **White lines at junction above** – reported.
- f. **Tree down on triangle** – Assendon Lodge sorting

18. Finance

- a. **Payments** – OALC renewal £150. Donations to CAB and Cleanslate as agreed at last meeting. Clerk salary £243.75 per month.
- b. **CIL to spend** – the parish has CIL money to spend - suggested request SODC to hold funds against developing traffic calming measure to include repair/replacement of village entry White gates
- c. **Income received** - None
- d. **Bank balance:** £9498.60 as at 01/03/22

19. Any other business

- a. **Councillor vacancy** – Formal notice of vacancy re-issued.
- b. **Litter team** – suggested to have a team to help clean road signs around the parish Saturday 30th April. Then KW order equipment and do BAG and booking form with waste team...anything for washing signs.
- c. **Notice boards** – One with Chris Chantry, one with Paul Wyatt for repair and re-instatement.
- d. **Dr Tomlin, Henley Municipal** – the nominative Trustee representing Bix & Assendon Parish Council with the Henley Municipal Charities (retrospectively needs to be re-elected April 21) not quorate but the 2 councillors present were more than happy for Dr Tomlin to continue.
- e. **Additional signs for deer** – residents to provide detail to clerk on deer crossing points for further investigation by OCC relating to signage. Also, to involve Jon Beale.
- f. **Air band** – Clerk to explore and provide update on progress.

Next Meeting – 9th May 2022. Annual Parish meeting and Elector's meeting

The meeting ended at 9.06pm