

BIX AND ASSENDON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
7TH NOV 2022

Parish Council Meeting - held on 7th Nov 2022 at Bix Village Hall.

Attendees:

Mrs. Ina Chantry (Chair), Mr William Murdoch (Vice Chair), Councillor Jeremy Montagu Williams, OCC Councillor David Bartholomew, Karen Wheeler (Clerk), 3 x members 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

SODC Councillor Jo Robb, SODC Councillor Lorraine Hillier

2. Member's declarations of personal and prejudicial interests

None

3. Confirmation of the minutes on 5th September 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

Councillor vacancy – Clerk notified democratic services of the vacancies and adverts were issued. No call for an election was requested. Karen Duthie has requested an interest and was co-opted at the meeting. A further resident from Bix has also expressed a potential interest in the second vacancy.

Autumn litter pick and foliage tidy – Diaries and weather didn't allow for an Autumn litter pick. Next year's spring litter pick will be earlier and scheduled at the January Parish meeting.

Notice boards – Bix notice board is also in need of attention – approved for clerk to apply to Jo /Lorraine for grant.

Noise cameras – No response received. Crowmarsh Gifford PC have invited a representative to their PC meeting on 8th Dec where Matthew Barber will be in attendance. Chair to attend.

Grass cutting survey – 38 responses received. Majority were in favour of one cut and increasing biodiversity whilst taking into consideration road safety. Councillors approved to move forward with the following cutting regime. One cut by OCC late summer, Parish Council to cut a narrow strip around the triangles. OCC to cut dual carriageway. HTC to continue the cutting of lower Assendon triangle by the Fairmile.

Clerk to seek clarification on ownership of land to be established in a number of areas. Rules around ownership if you maintain a piece of land to also be established.

20mph zone – application submitted ref: 2993 9834 0756 2431

Traffic calming across the parish – So far no residents have come forward or attended the PC meeting to discuss/progress so this item will be removed from the agenda until anything changes.

On the subject of speeding, Crowmarsh Parish Council have advised that the Police and Crime Commissioner, Matthew Barber, and members of the Thames Valley Roads Policing team, are planning to attend their Parish Council meeting on Thursday 8th December to discuss concerns about speeding traffic. An invitation has been extended to B&A PC to attend and our chair will be attending the meeting to share concerns of Bix and Assendon Parish.

5. OCC Report – Cllr David Bartholomew

See separate document.

Cllr David Bartholomew is chasing up all FMS tickets.

6. SODC Report – Cllr Lorraine Hillier

See separate document.

7. Public comments/questions

None.

8. Chairs Report

Nothing additional to report outside of that noted in the meeting minutes.

9. Planning

Cllr, William Murdoch

In addition to the applications below there was a pre planning meeting held at the old Orchard Dene nursery site earlier in the month. Planning application now expected for 2 large dwellings.

Received NEW

P22/S3231/S73

Mayflower Cottage Section Of B480 Through Lower Assendon Lower Assendon
Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) on application ref P21/S4769/HH (Two storey rear extension, single storey front extension with open porch) - to increase first floor space.

FYI only.

P22/S3230/HH

Little Pightle Old Bix Road Bix

Alteration of approved plans 21 October 2020 (P20/S2978/HH) for artist studio and pool room.

SODC GRANTED

P22/S3336/HH

Larks Acre Middle Assendon

Garden outbuilding

SODC GRANTED

P22/S3545/HH

Longacre Lower Assendon

Single storey extension to existing house and outdoor swimming pool.

Target decision – 1st December 2022

Decisions received

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.

SODC GRANTED

Applications Awaiting SODC decision

P22/S2194/HH

The Fables Bix

Proposed erection of a garage and car port with storage area, and erection of a front porch to the existing house. This application follows lapsed permission granted in 2018 (P18/S0480/HH).

Target decision 9th Sept

P22/S3033/FUL,

The Smith Centre Fairmile Henley-on-Thames

Demolition of the existing office floorspace and construction of an Extra care residential development (C2 Class Use) together with ancillary amenity spaces, landscaping, car and cycle parking and associated plant.

Comments by 23rd September 2022

Target decision 17th Nov 22

10. Village Hall report

No specific report for this meeting. However, it was noted that repair is needed to the doors at the rear due to water ingress.

11. HTC liaison report

No update

12. Allotment report

One allotment payment outstanding for the year. Resident chased 1st Nov 22. Clerk to check agreement relating to non-payment.

13. Footpath report

Nothing significant to report during winter period. The dual carriageway unofficial pathway has been cut back but this appears to have been done by volunteers/residents rather than the promised work by OCC.

14. Fix my street

We have a number of tickets opened and the clerk has been pushing the highways officer to consider resurfacing Rectory Lane and Old Bix Road. However, we need residents to support these submissions to show representation of shared opinion. BAG to be issued on how to log FMS tickets. Gullies etc

15. Correspondence

Graveyard vans/rubbish

Historic schools in Lower and Middle Assendon

Stonor Event

Burial stone engraving
Photography
Hedging on White Lane
Bin collections

16. Finance

- a. **Payments** – Clerk salary £352.63 per month. £36 CPRE annual subs, £28.21 online services, Ina constant contact £151.20, Henley TC grass cutting £420
- b. **Income received** – £3675 Precept 50%. Village hall donation towards village event £3500
- c. **Bank balance:** Parish Council £10,326.11 as at 04/11/22. Village Hall – £57k – reduced due to the Jubilee contribution and works to the hall (toilets, roof, painting).
- d. **Draft Budget 2023/24** – discussed and agreed that Precept needs review/increase. To confirm at Jan 23 meeting.
- e. **CIL** - £3850 within balance above, additional £10,464 being held by SODC. Clerk to investigate suggestions made at the meeting e.g. board showing Common history, walking paths, new noticeboard, community orchard.
- f. **Grant policy for Parish donations** – agreed in principle, clerk to distribute draft policy and application form for review and approval.

17. Any other business

Meeting dates for 2023

10th Jan
6th March
2nd May
10th July
4th September
6th November

The meeting ended at 9.05pm