



You are summoned to attend Cassington Parish Council Meeting at 7.30pm on Thursday 2nd March 2023 in the Village Hall, The Green.

Minutes

1. **Apologies – Cllr Mills & Cllr Rylett**
2. **Chair – Cllr Thompson**
3. **Declarations of interest**
(Any pecuniary interests should be declared also a review of current declarations of interests circulated)
4. **Minutes of the previous meeting held on 2nd February 2023 – Passed by the Council**
5. **Report from Clerk**
 - **Dog Waste Bins** – The Clerk has emailed Ubico to ask that the bin on the on the green by Little Lane be moved to front so that it is in better view for the public.
 - **Yew Tree in the Closed Burial Ground** – The Clerk still has not been able to get anymore quotes for the pruning of the Yew Tree. So, she suggests that she gets an up-to-date quote from Climbing High and go from there.
 - **Kings Coronation** – Sports and Social met with interested villagers and they have put together a plan.
6. **Planning**
 - a) Previous Planning Application Decisions

APPLICATION NO:	LOCATION:	PROPOSAL:	APPLICANT:	DECISION:
20/01734/OUT	Land North of A40 Section from Barnard Gate To Eynsham Roundabout Eynsham		Grosvenor Developments Ltd	UNDER CONSIDERATION
22/02137/HHD	The Granary Jericho Farm	Worton Proposed basement extension, replace existing timber framed windows and doors with new double-glazed metal framed windows and doors, change one of the south facing ground floor windows to a door set and raise adjoining windows. The west facing old diary wing elevation, to have timber cladding finish in-between French doors replaced with a natural Cotswold stone finish (previously approved (21/03845/HHD)	Mr And Mrs Ivanovic	APPROVED – with conditions
22/03223/HHD	20The Green Cassington	Installation of Solar Panel for domestic power generation	Mr H Thomas	APPROVED

b) **New Planning Applications**

APPLICATION NO:	PROPOSAL:	LOCATION:	APPLICANT:	COMMENT DATE:

- c) **Botley Solar Farm** – A visit was well attended. Statements were given by residents, District Councillors and the Local MP

The Action Group reports that they have 17 people. Everyone should have had received a leaflet which advises them to sign up to the website. Another one is due out shortly which should advise how to write to their letters.

Today they had Cassington Café and were able to sign more people on to the website. At film night in the Village Hall, they will be giving a talk and there will also be able to encourage people to sign up.

The website Stop Botley West has now been updated with a link to the new petition. To sign the petition, you will need a valid email address, and we need to find away that anyone who doesn't have gets a voice as well. The petition that the Action Group have done to go to Downing Street.

A member of the public has questioned if there is someone that who is in charge of the campaign and what they are going to do about it. Cllr Thompson and Cllr Rogers advised that Bladon are leading the campaign and they are filtering out to the surrounding Parish Councils.

7. **Correspondence** – Email received from Marilyn Davis who is the new Community Lead for Blenheim as asking if she could come to the Parish Council to see if she can get things for the community and to make your voice heard.

8. Reports from County and District & Parish Councillors

- a) County Councillor – Budget was passed by OCC. Highways – No news on the A40 they were expecting officers to come up with proposals to restart the A40, but it didn't happen. Network Rail has advised that the Botley bridge will close from 11th April – End of October, The Closed from March 2024 for another 6 months. The Station from Hanborough will still be open.
- b) District Councillors – Cllr Goodwin and The Chair of Eynsham Parish Council attend the Stop Botley West attended a meeting. They have a structured plan.
- c) Parish Councillors – The Wall on Bell Lane has now been rebuilt. The collapsed fence in Orchard Close has been repaired. Cllr Rogers has thanked Cllr Thompson for clearing the hedges round the school. New fruit trees have been planted in St Peters School. Cllr Thompson has advised that many people in the village with regards to the 20mph don't think that it has changed the speed that maybe it should go back to 30mph. Also, the School has put out a questionnaire to ask people about reinstating a new swimming pool.

9. Ditches, Drainage and Flooding

10. Maintenance/ Grants

11. Traffic

- **Speed Watch** – The speed watch group have been as active as ever. They are looking for more volunteers.

- 12. **Play Area & Recreation Ground** – Tracey met with Ben from Proludic to discuss a maintenance contract. Ben advised that it would be better to advise of the day rates as we don't have the type of equipment that would require a fully maintenance contract.

Single Approved Proludic Installer - Day Rate

£675 (exc. VAT)

Single Approved Proludic Installer – ½ Day Rate

£375 (exc. VAT)

Proludic Inspect (Bronze) – 12-15 Week Leadtime

£200 (exc. VAT)

13. Finance

a) Payments to be approved:

Individual/Company	Reason	Amount
Tracey Cameron	Clerk Pay	S/O paid £768.15 Extra to be £112.85
Community First Oxfordshire	Membership	£70.00
Stacey & Mason	Professional Fees for Recreation Filed and Pavilion Lease	£983.00
HMRC	Tax & National Insurance	£49.11
OALC	Membership 2023/24	£160.93
Village Hall	Parish Council Meeting Jan-Mar	£48.00

b) Income:

Individual/Company	Reason	Amount

- c) **Balance of Unity Bank as of Sunday 29th January 2023 - £10,792.74**

- d) **Move Reserves from Nationwide to Unity Bank** – Parish Council have agreed to move the money to Unity.

14. Any other business:

- Parish Council Objectives
- Tender for Grass Cutting 2023-2026 – **Tender has been sent out to 3 contractors. One has come in and the clerk is now waiting on 2 more.**
- EV Charging Point at Village Hall – The Village Hall are in considerable debate with getting solar panels on the roof. The discussion is if they can charge cars using the electricity that they get from the solar panels.
- Kings Coronation – The Clerk would like to propose looking into wild seed bags for every household. Parish Council decided it would be to expensive but have asked the clerk to find out about prices for re-usable water bottles for St Peters School

15. Questions from the Public –

Thames Water has put out a plan that goes to Public Consultation a member of the village has written to them. Draft plan states that they want to help the public reduce their usage from 142ltrs per person per day to 123ltrs per person per day.

- 16. **Date of next meeting:** Thursday 6th April 2023 @ 7.30pm in The Village Hall

Parish Council Objectives 2022 – 2025

The purpose of this document is to provide a list of objectives for Cassington Parish Council to lead in implementation over the period 2022 – 2025. It is suggested that this initial list of priorities is discussed and refined prior to presentation to the village.

1. ~~Completion of the Neighbourhood Plan and adoption by the Parish Council and village of Cassington.~~
2. ~~To look at sustainable energy supplies for the village of Cassington that can be provided at matched or lower costs than conventional power supplies. Adoption of additional strategies to reduce use of hydrocarbon-based fuels and reduction of energy waste.~~
3. ~~To address increasing problems of rising levels of traffic and speeding in the village of Cassington and roads within the Parish.~~
4. To maintain a watching brief on flood prevention and drainage issues in Cassington and Worton villages.
5. To implement policies outlined in the Neighbourhood Plan and Green Infrastructure Plan with respect to nature conservation.
6. To work with St Peter's School to rectify the current funding and management issues with respect to the school swimming pool. To identify further priorities for fund raising for the school.
7. To develop a community food program through working with the allotment and other landowners around Cassington. This includes distribution of excess produce and the planting of a community orchard.
8. To work with West Oxfordshire District Council and local landowners to address sustainable transport for the village and to maintain and build upon the local network of footpaths and cycleways for both commuting and leisure, as outlined in the Green Infrastructure Plan and Neighbourhood Plan.
9. To examine provisions for young people and senior / vulnerable residents of Cassington. Can Cassington do more for these members of our village?
10. To look at what other measures can be taken to improve the quality of life of our villagers.
11. ~~Current and future provisions of the Almshouse~~
12. A more accessible village car park
13. Maybe moving the gate to playing fields and introducing a fence to the perimeter to allow the car park to be use 24 hours?
14. Community glass house - I've heard of other villages who have provided facilities to allow produce to be grown all year round.
15. Finally, introduction of green initiatives we've discussed in the past - EV charging points at the VH and pavilion, plus cycles racks etc.