



# GREAT OLDBURY PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE GREAT OLDBURY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, HELD ON THURSDAY 5<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024, AT 7.00 PM IN STANDISH VILLAGE HALL

In attendance: Cllrs Sonia Brinkworth, Chris Coombs, Andrew Deighton, Edward Turnbull-Scott and Phillip Ward (Chairman).

Also Present: Mr Ed Argent, Representing Robert Hitchins Ltd and 3 Members of the Public.  
Clerk: Mrs Victoria Cox.

### **Public Time:**

The Chairman welcomed the members of the public and informed the Council that Ms Cox has submitted her notice of resignation from the position of Clerk. The process to seek a replacement will be initiated promptly. The Chairman extended best wishes to Ms Cox for success in her new role.

A member of the public expressed interest in contributing to community projects, including the new Community Centre and with the Swans. They currently assist with work related to the swans at the Ocean and are willing to extend their help to the swans at Great Oldbury, as well as participate in other initiatives, such as litter picking.

A resident of Eastington raised concerns about the Turning Circle, reporting that it is filled with rubbish and in need of preservation for the school buses. The resident also noted that there are limited amenities for the community and suggested exploring better ways to connect Great Oldbury and Stonehouse. Additionally, they expressed a desire for more exercise areas

### **53/24 To receive apologies for absence.**

Apologies were received from Cllr Martin Bowman.

### **54/24 To receive Declarations of Interest on items in the agenda.**

Cllr Andrew Deighton declared an interest in Agenda Item 62/24  
Cllr Sonia Brinkworth declared an interest in Agenda Item 59/24

### **55/24 To approve the minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2024.**

*The minutes of the meeting held on the 25<sup>th</sup> July 2024 were approved and were signed as a true record.*

<https://www.greatoldbury-pc.gov.uk/uploads/minutes-25th-july-2024.pdf?v=1724168186>

### **56/24 To receive reports from the County and District Councillors.**

District Cllr Robert Brown gave a verbal report.

**57/24 To receive a Clerks Report.**

The Clerk sent the report to the Members prior to the meeting.

<https://www.greatoldbury-pc.gov.uk/uploads/clerks-report-5th-september-public.pdf?v=1725355292>

**58/24 To receive an update on the transfer of assets from Robert Hitchens Ltd to the Council.**

Cllr Edward Turnbull-Scott provided an update on the transfer of assets:

- The draft documents have been circulated.
- Community Hall and Changing Rooms - The completion is scheduled for October 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Green Spaces – The Council are still waiting for the details of a proposed 25-year lease (to protect the developers).
- Once the full documents are received, a summary for review will be circulated.
- The intention is to have the contracts ready to be authorised at the next meeting.

**59/24 To consider a lease to Great Oldbury Football Club for part of the playing fields.**

Cllr Sonia Brinkworth has declared an interest in this Agenda Item but was asked to provide some background information on the football club, but did not take part in any decision making.

The Council have requested that Great Oldbury Football Club submit their proposals in writing to the Parish Clerk. These can then be considered once the lease has been agreed for the Green Spaces with Robert Hitchin Ltd.

**60/24 Agree to setup a working group for the management of the community hall.**

The Council agreed to establish a working group to discuss how the community hall is to be set up and managed.

It was also recommended to the Council to consider starting engaging other representatives who have set up similar community centres for the public.

**61/24 To agree a recommendation for street names as requested by Stroud District Council.**

The current street names in Great Oldbury have been chosen to honour the brave men commemorated on the Eastington War Memorial.

*It was agreed to continue this tradition by selecting names from neighboring parishes War Memorials.*

The Clerk will send a list of names taken from the Stonehouse War Memorial to Stroud District Council for consideration

**62/24 To consider appointing a lead Councillor for challenging Redrow snagging issues, as requested by Cllr Robert Brown.**

Cllr Andrew Deighton declared an interest in this Agenda Item and refrained from joining in the discussion and voting.

Cllr Robert Brown prepared a motion paper outlining his proposal, which was circulated to the Members prior to the meeting. He explained that many of the residents from Redrow have been waiting over a year for their snagging issues to be resolved and suggested that the Parish council could be a force for the community.

*The Council agreed not to appoint a lead councillor with the majority agreeing that it was not an appropriate role for the Parish Council.*

### **63/24 To adopt the following policies:**

**a. Social Media** – The Council agreed to defer to next meeting.

**b. Risk Management** – *The Council agreed to adopt the Risk Management Policy.*

<https://www.greatoldbury-pc.gov.uk/uploads/risk-management-gopc-september-2024.pdf?v=1726159190>

### **64/24 Financial Issues**

**a. To approve payments in accordance with the RFO Report (which includes a bank reconciliation and budget vs spend report).**

*The Council agreed to approve the payments.*

<https://www.greatoldbury-pc.gov.uk/uploads/rfo-report-sept-24-public.pdf?v=1724962777>

**b. To add the Nest pension to the approved direct debit list.**

*The Council approved the addition of the Nest Pension to the approved direct debit list.*

**c. To approve a budget of up to £1500.00 for Reed management to support the Swans habitat.**

*The Council agreed to defer this Agenda Item, to seek further information.*

**d. To approve the purchase of a laptop and associated equipment up to £500.00 for the Clerk.**

*The Council agreed to defer this Agenda Item, until a new Clerk has been appointed.*

### **65/24 Planning**

**a. To consider any plans received.**

S.24/1389/FUL Unit 1, Pear Tree Way  
Installation of a dust extraction unit on the north elevation (including filters, hopper & motor housing) & 4no. paint booth extracts on the southern elevation.

*The Council agreed to support this application provided that appropriate conditions are included that limit the noise and adequate controls to limit any emissions.*

S.23/1484/REM Land At M5 Junction 13, West Of Stonehouse  
Application for the approval of reserved matters (layout, scale, external appearance of the stadium and the landscaping of the site) from Outline permission S.19/1418/OUT for 5000-capacity football stadium.

The Council agreed to make the following comment:

*The Council are concerned with regard to the proposed access arrangements which could lead to significant traffic congestion, particularly on match days. Furthermore, as there will be parking fees at the stadium, there is a real risk that visitors may seek free parking in Great Oldbury, causing inconvenience, safety issues and damage to the roads on the estate. The Council would like consideration to be given to a financial contribution from the developers to ensure that, if an overspill of parking occurs, funds are available to maintain and manage the roads in and out of Great Oldbury.*

**b. To receive a progress report from the Clerk on applications already responded to.**

Planning Applications that have now been approved.

S.24/1145/DISCON | Discharge of conditions 28 (fire hydrants) and 38 (Construction Environmental Management Plan and method statement) from approved application S.14/0810/OUT | Parcel H17 Land West Of Stonehouse Grove Lane

Planning Applications pending a decision.

S.24/0647/REM | Reserved Matters application for a proposed employment development (Class E(g)/B2/B8) pursuant to outline planning permission S.14/0810/OUT including details of landscaping, design, scale, and layout | Parcel E5, Land West Of Stonehouse Rowbotham Way Great Oldbury

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**c. To agree any actions following the update meeting with Robert Hitchins Ltd.**

The Council agreed to find out further details, in regard to habitat maintenance for the Swans.

Note the Council agreed to suspend Standing Orders to continue the meeting past 9pm.

**66/24 Councillor Submissions (for notice of forthcoming events or reminders, not for discussion).**

There were none.

**67/24 Date of the next meeting – 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2024 – Standish Village Hall.**

The date of the next meeting is set at the 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2024, commencing at 7pm, in Standish Village Hall.

There being no further business to transact, the meeting was closed at 9.02pm.