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Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on FRIDAY 27th April at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

All electors of Chilton are entitled to attend. Do come along to make a comment, ask a question or just listen.

Provisional Agenda

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Chairman's Report
3. Resumé of last APM
4. Matters Arising
5. Comments on Items in the Chronicle
6. Area Beat Officer's Report
7. County Council Report
8. District Council Report
9. Neighbourhood Plan
10. Harwell Campus and Chilton Village Family Fun Day
11. Village Hall Management Committee Report
12. Appointment of 2 Independent Representatives to VHMC
13. General Discussion

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Chairman's Annual Report

Looking back at last year's report I am reminded how long some matters take to resolve as some items are either still in progress or only recently completed. Ownership of the Public Open Spaces at Chilton Field has finally passed to the Parish Council after lengthy negotiations with David Wilson Homes. The sticking point was the remediation required to bring the land up to an acceptable standard including the replacement of many dead trees. In the end DWH paid the Parish Council a significant sum to enable the Council to carry out the remediation works. Contractors have now started the remediation and a contract has been placed for the ongoing maintenance. The ownership issue was also holding up The Vale of White Horse District Council Work of Art installation. They have now been informed that they should proceed with the works. Similarly the Play Area Project can now restart.

Implementation of Part 2 of The Vale of White Horse Local Plan is still progressing but all consultations have been completed and the Plan has been put forward for examination by an independent Inspector. The allocation of 1000 houses on land at the North of the Harwell Campus is seen as contentious and allocations on and adjacent to the Campus were removed from Part 1 by the Inspector. The VoWH clearly feel they have made a better case for the Part 2 allocation and they are also preparing a Supplementary Planning Document covering development on the Harwell Campus. The Examination will take place later in the year.

Construction of the new houses at Pegasus Close adjacent to Manor Close is now well under way and in due course the Parish Council will receive funding known as Section 106 payments to cover upgrades to the Play Area next to the Village Hall and two projects at the Village Hall.

As has previously been reported the production of a Neighbourhood Plan is a lengthy process but progress has been made and an important milestone achieved. The VoWH has now agreed the boundary of the Area Plan, a step that enables an application to be made for a grant to cover future expenses.

A project that could have a significant impact on Oxfordshire is the proposed Oxford to Cambridge Expressway. However there are many decisions still to be made. The start point in Oxfordshire has not been determined although a number of options have been published and the most southerly have the potential to impact significantly on Chilton. It was intended that these decisions would not be made in public but there are now calls for a Public Enquiry which the Parish Council supports.

A proposal for another Service Station and shop in Chilton was published by the potential developers but to date no Planning Application has been submitted.

Chilton again joined with The Harwell Campus to hold a Family Fun Day in June. Thanks go to Bob Girling for his hard work in making this

and previous Fetes so successful. Another Fun Day is being planned for this year.

Congratulations to Marcia Oliver and all the others who have successfully raised enough money to pay for two Defibrillators to be installed in the Village.

Finally I must thank our hard working Parish Clerk and the Parish Councillors for their hard work which has resulted in another successful year for the Parish Council.

Chris Broad

Chair Chilton Parish Council

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A Year in the Life of Chilton WI – 2017

Chilton WI is a thriving group of women from the village and beyond; we welcome women from all ages and all backgrounds who want to come together to listen to an interesting talk and get to know each other over tea, biscuits and cake, we do like cake.

We started off in January 2017 with a local artist who lives in the village, and many of us know, who talked about her life and work and moving from South Africa to the UK. She brought along a wide range of pieces on display, and some that she currently has on sale. As a WI we try and encourage people from the local area who have a skill, interest or line of work to come and share their experiences with us. We are lucky that one of our members is a WI speaker, so she is always on hand to step in if needed.

Trips out may happen a few times a year. On a cold February evening we organised car-shares and drove over to Wantage to have an evening at the Vale and Downland Museum. A local volunteer at the museum, and enthusiastic wheelwright, talked about the history of the wheelwright trade especially in Wantage. We then enjoyed a look around the galleries on offer and finished off with a cup of tea in the museum café. It was nice to see so many members enjoy this visit.

In March a group of members and husbands tackled again the litter around the village, filling a surprisingly large amount of sacks. To put a spring into our step we welcomed a magician to our March meeting after the AGM. There was lots of audience participation especially for those lucky members in the

front row and we could not work out how the tricks were done!

We also try to support local charities and in May last year we invited Oxford Women's Refuge to our meeting to talk about their work and how we can help. Two members of our committee organised a collection of bed linen and towels, which the refuge needed, and took a good number of items to them. We are always thinking of ways to help them as the work they do in our area is so important but really goes quite unnoticed. Several times a year we provide refreshments for the tours at the Diamond Light Source on the Harwell Campus and take donations for a charity. In 2018 we hope to have a tour ourselves around Diamond in return for the hard work members do baking and serving for these busy events.

On a lovely early summer afternoon, we were again providing refreshments, in the form of cake, for the Harwell Campus and Chilton Family Fun Day. This big annual event was raising money for two defibrillators for the village. Continuing our summer meetings, on a warm July evening, we welcomed a historian from Sulgrave Manor who, in character complete with period costume gave us an entertaining history of the house and its owners through time. August is our break month, but members of the committee ran a croquet evening which was well attended, there are plans to do it again this year.

Later in the year as the evenings were getting colder we had a Neal's Yard pamper evening where members could buy things for themselves or maybe start their Christmas shopping; a glass of wine was enjoyed whilst we were shown the beautifully fragrant products. In November we had our traditional Christmas craft evening. We ended the year with the very popular Christmas bring and share meal. We were in a smaller room this year but as always there was quite a spread of food available with members enjoying, cold meats, salads and a delicious selection of desserts – the lemon meringue pie was a firm favourite!

Hannah Clapp

Secretary

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Oxfordshire Artweeks

www.artweeks.org

Two studios, six artists in Aston Tirrold in May
Two **Chilton artists**, Ken Messer & Lin Kerr, will be exhibiting oil paintings and watercolours with Susanna Brunskill in her cottage garden studio.

A 5 minute walk away, you can view Helen J. Young's abstracts, Peter Lancaster's still life paintings and Victoria Goddard's silver jewellery.

It's a friendly and fun day out, free to visit and no pressure to buy.

www.astonsartists.uk

19, 20 May and 26, 27, 28 May 2018 11am – 6pm

Artweeks at Vale and Downland Museum

15 May – 2 June

Lin Kerr and Catriona Brodribb:

Catriona's bright and sparkly prints, including her sheep screen prints will be in the downstairs gallery. Lin's massive cloud oil paintings and other work will be in the mezzanine gallery.

Artists in Residence Day: 24 May both demonstrating and chatting about their work. In the Clouds Taster oil painting workshop (materials supplied): 2nd June.

For more details, or to book for the workshop email Lin directly: lin@linkerrdesign.co.uk.

Vale & Downland Museum: wantage-museum.com

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*Celebrating the Royal Wedding
Afternoon Tea on Crafts End
Green
Saturday 19th May 2018 from
1500hrs
Bring and share a plate*

*Dress in your finest – Look out
your hats and fascinators*

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Want to know what classes are on at the Village Hall or the Community Room?

Then go to the Village Hall website <http://www.chiltonvillagehall.co.uk> and check out the Regular Hirers section.

To book either venue contact the **Bookings Clerk** on bookings@chiltonvillagehall.co.uk **01235 861253**

The next Parish Council Meeting will be on **Wednesday 16th May at 8.00pm in the Village Hall**. Members of the public are invited to attend.

The Parish Council website can be found at <http://www.parish-council.com/chilton> where you will be able to find out details of all the Parish Council meetings, who your Councillors are, and other useful information.

Items to be included in the next Chronicle should be sent to the Clerk (preferably by email) by **Wednesday 25th April**.

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Please Note: The Parish Council does not accept any responsibility for the adverts placed in the Chilton Chronicle.

On the back page are the Accounts for 2017/18.

Chilton Parish Council Statement of Accounts 2017 – 18

<u>Income</u>	£	<u>Expenditure</u>	£
Precept	18307	Admin	4359
Land Rent	1508	Clerk	3624
Wayleave	42	Chronicle	1009
Allotments	256	General Maintenance	4850
Defibrillator donations	3519	Donations	1667
Public Open Space	46686	Subscriptions	553
VAT refund	5508	Chilton Field	4300
Bank interest	40	Litter Clearing	510
		VAT	2213
	<u>76077</u>		<u>25554</u>
Balance b/f 16/17	70700	Balance c/f 17/18	121223
	<u>146777</u>		<u>146777</u>
		<u>Break down of funds</u>	
		V Hall fund	10608
		Advance for Play Equip	633
		Com. Sum for Toddler Area	37632
		POS remediation	46686
		PC Reserves	25664
			<u>121223</u>

Chilton Public Purposes Charity 2017 – 18

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Dividends	345	Nil	
Land Rent	156		
Interest	1		
	<u>502</u>		
Balance b/f 2016/17	2713	Balance c/f 2017/18	
	<u>3215</u>		<u>3215</u>

The Accounts have not yet been audited, any significant differences will be reported at a later date.