

Minutes of Chilton Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 20th July 2016 at 8.00 pm in the Village Hall

Present	Mr C Broad Mr Beech Mr Dumbleton Dr Druce Mr M Urso-Cale Mr R Girling Mr B Morris	Chairman
	Mr S Lilly Mrs M E Morris 2 members of the public	County Councillor Parish Clerk

1. **Apologies for Absence** were received from Mr Lewis, Mr Waite and Ms Shelley.
2. **Declarations of Interest** None
3. **Area Beat Officer's Report**
Not present
4. **Open Forum**
 - (i) Mrs Smith asked if there was any information regarding the Lower Road Appeal. Mr Broad said that the Appeal is against the initial refusal for 50 houses but the inspector is now being asked to consider the 40 houses. Both applications have been refused by the Vale. The Parish Council have written to the Planning Inspectorate to ask for guidance about the Appeal. A reply is awaited. The Appeal needs to establish whether the application is a major development. The appeal will start on 6th September and be held at Upton Village Hall.
 - (ii) It was noted that the parts of the underpass are overgrown. To be checked and if necessary contact OCC.
 - (iii) The Lane is very overgrown, the Clerk to check with Berinsfield if they have cut it back recently. The verge in front of East/Middle House is also overgrown.
5. **Minutes** of the last Meeting were signed as a true record after amending item 12 to read *so they are considering*.
6. **District Council Report**

It was noted from the previously circulated report:-

 - (i) The Vale is now accepting applications for their latest rounds of community funding.
 - (ii) Increased contamination of the green recycling bins has arisen over recent months mainly by nappies and food waste. A bin sticker campaign has been undertaken in certain areas and new residents are provided with a leaflet setting out exactly what should go in each bin.
 - (iii) A joint statement has been issued by the District and County Leaders regarding devolution, the Government has asked all side to work together before presenting further proposals.
 - (iv) The Abbey Meadow Outdoor Pool is now open for longer hours until the season ends in mid-September to help meet the extra demand while the indoor pools at White Horse Leisure and Tennis Centre are closed for essential maintenance.

- (v) Neighbourhood plan updates: Wantage – the examination of the Wantage Neighbourhood Plan took place on Wednesday, 6th July and is waiting for the examiner’s report. Blewbury – The consultation closes on 28th July.
- (vi) Mr Broad noted that the Draft Local Plan modifications are open for comment on. He will look at the comments re possibly endorsing the changes.

7. County Council Report

Mr Lilly reported that :-

- (i) A joint statement has been issued from the County and District Councils re the restructuring proposals. Central Government has told both sides to talk to each other as 3 unitary authorities is not a possibility.
- (ii) The county is currently responsible for 55 unaccompanied children seeking asylum. None of them come from Europe. The County is responsible for them until they are 25 years old.
- (iii) Mr Lilly said that he had been the victim of abuse over the closure of Blenheim Hill. He noted that he had tried very hard to get the closure altered but had been unable to .
- (iv) The land acquisitions for phase 1 of the Harwell link road are almost completed. The road should be in place by the end of 2017.
- (v) Completion of the northern slip roads at Chilton has been delayed due to birds nesting. The slip roads should be completed by the end of September.
- (vi) Compulsory purchase orders are progress to enable the work on Featherbed Lane to be started.
- (vii) Chiltern Trains is looking to re-open the line between Oxford and Princes Risborough.
- (viii) Absenteeism at secondary schools is rising.
- (ix) Mr Lilly noted that as the X32 is now a commercial route the County Council are unable to do anything about the timetable changes.

Mr Lilly left the meeting.

8. Planning

- (i) Applications considered by the Parish Council
Application for change of use of 8 acres (3.23 Ha) from equestrian for domestic/leisure purposes to equestrian for commercial use (rehabilitation of race horses). Dene Hollow P16/V1646/FUL
Application for change of use of land from agriculture to equestrian. Dene Hollow P16/V1701/FUL
- (ii) Application in Circulation
Application for proposed new dwelling with associated surface parking and external garden. Manor Close P16/V1709/FUL
- (iii) Applications Determined by the Vale
Permission to convert existing garage to bedroom with en-suite and utility room linked to lean to extension at rear of the dwelling and creation of additional parking space. 16 Diamond Way Chilton P16/V0999/HH
Refusal for 40 new dwellings including 16 affordable homes along with associated new access, open space, landscaping and associated infrastructure. Lower Road. P16/V0660/O
Refusal for up to 40 new houses, land to north of Hagbourne Hill P15/V2199/O
- (iv) A shed on Warren Piece is being dismantled but the mobile homes are still there

9. Neighbourhood Plan

Dr Druce reported that an Open Meeting was held on 21 June and was attended by about 6 members of the public. All present wished to be involved with the Plan but there were no

offers to lead the process. It was felt that for more people to come on board more information is needed about who is leading. Dr Druce said he would lead the process. The next meeting will be after summer and an information pack will be drawn up for interested parties. Dr Druce said he thought that there was a critical mass to enable the Plan to be taken forward. It was suggested someone with communications skills would be needed and also a separate website.

10. Matters Arising

(i) Chronicle

The advert section of the Chronicle will be added to the August Chronicle.

(ii) Equipped Activity Area

Mr Broad reported that the results of the consultation have been published in the Chronicle. Once the designer has taken all the comments into consideration she will come up with a final design which then be displayed a public presentation. The design will then be submitted for planning permission to allow people to have a final chance to comment.

(iii) Play Equipment Inspection

The sand will be delivered and spread on 21 July.

11. Finance

(i) Cheques

56. Mrs Morris - June salary, back pay, expenses	324.94
57. Berinsfield - May grass cutting	303.96
58. J. Goodall - Queen's Birthday Party	209.75
59. M. Rolls - Queen's Birthday Party	43.53
Total	882.18

Petty Cash

4 weeks litter clearing 40.00

(ii) Income

Refund from Wellers Hedley 4.00

Balances

Treasurers Account 500.00
 Instant Access 78000.58
 Business Account 13616.53
 Petty Cash 40.00

(iii) Parish on-line renewal is due - £28.00 plus VAT (£33.60) - agreed to pay.

12. Village Hall Management Committee Report

Mr Morris reported that Fennell Blake had been written to formally giving them a 30 day notice to commence the snagging work otherwise they will lose the retention fee of approximately £5k. and another contractor/contractors will have to be employed.

Balances: Main a/c 3518; Savings a/c 4254; Community Room a/c 581; Social Fund 936.

Mr Morris said that the system changes are progressing slowly as a person has not yet been identified to take on the regular hirers bookings.

The members of the public left at 9.30pm

13. Reports of Meetings Attended

- (i) Mr Broad reported on the meeting with Simon Kirk from DWH to discuss the handover of the POS at Chilton Field. There had been a misunderstanding that the Parish Council would not accept the land until the Work of Art was installed. All the dead trees were pointed out, it is possible that DWH will give the Parish Council money for the trees to be replaced at a suitable time. A meeting to be arranged with Geoff Barrow, the Adoption Engineer.
- (ii) Mr Morris reported on the meeting and walk round of Chilton Field with Geoff Barrow. A large number of the queries relate to land ownership, the conveyancing dept. will check these queries. Mr Barrow is getting the remaining queries dealt with.
- (iii) Mr Broad attended the Town and Parish Forum. Talks were given on devolution and the new planning programme. Once the Local Plan is adopted there will be a 7.2 year housing supply. Part II of the Local Plan will include Didcot Garden Town and Oxford City unmet housing needs.
- (iv) Mr Broad attended the OALC AGM. The guest speaker was Jonathan Owen, the CEO of National Association of Local Council. He talked about devolution and what an opportunity it is for councils. It was noted that there are 10,000 parishes covering only 40% of England. NALC is lobbying for the community right of appeal on planning.
- (v) Dr Druce and Mr Broad attended a meeting on the OCC proposal for a unitary authority. This was one of a series of meetings, with about 60 people present. Everyone would like more influence but not necessarily more control. There was a marked demarcation between the towns and parishes. The town councils, as they are already employers, were keen to have more responsibility but the parish councils were not. It appeared to be a means for the County to pass responsibilities down to the parish but the savings would not be massive.
- (vi) Mr Dumbleton attended the opening of the Hagbourne Hill/A417 roundabout.
- (vii) Mr Broad said he had met with the Planners regarding the Lower Road Appeal. They advised that if the residents speak at the Appeal they need to co-ordinate what is said. The biggest issue will be to persuade the Inspector that this is a major development. Mr Broad said he would let the residents know that they needed to co-ordinate their comments.
- (viii) Mr Broad said he had met with Angus Horner to discuss the Local Plan. They would like the EZ boundary changed and it is likely that an LDO will be applied to the Campus. It was also noted that the 4 houses on South Drive that front onto the A4185 will be retained and refurbished.

14. Play Equipment Inspection

Mr Beech to carry out, a new basketball net needs to be put up. Mr Broad to do the next inspection.

15. Correspondence

From the circulated list it was noted:-

- (i) Manor Court has been sold to the Horticultural Trade Association.
- (ii) Beth Elkins, VWHDC, is the Community Infrastructure Support Officer. Would like to have a meeting with the Parish Council. A date to be arranged.
- (iii) The Clerk to attend training on the new planning scheme.
- (iv) Mr Beech has been having correspondence with the Footpath Officer regarding the overgrown section of F/P13. Photos have been sent of the overgrown section. It is a point of principle that the F/P is cleared.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 10.15pm