

**Minutes of Chilton Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 22 February 2017
at 8.00 pm in the Village Hall**

Present	Mr C Broad	Chairman
	Mr R Beech	
	Mr Dumbleton	From 9.15pm
	Dr Druce	From 8.10pm
	Mr Girling	
	Mr J Lewis	
	Mr B Morris	
	Mr M Urso-Cale	
	Mrs L Mori	Development Director -VWHDC
	Mr M Hewer	Development & Regeneration Project Officer - VWHDC
	Mr S Lilly	County Councillor- from 8.35pm
	Mr M Fox-Davies	
	Mr R Waite	District Councillor- from 9.15pm
	Mrs M E Morris	Parish Clerk
	4 members of the public	

1. Presentation - Didcot Garden Town Masterplan Update

The Chairman welcomed Mrs Mori and Mr Hewer from Didcot Garden Town Project who gave an update on the progress of the Plan. The Plan has three main areas, an outer larger Didcot Garden Town area of influence, the middle Masterplan area and the smaller Didcot Town Centre. The population will rise from 26k to 60/65k therefore a proper town centre is needed.

The main features of the Didcot Garden Town draft Masterplan include a better connected town centre, with safe cycle routes to multiple locations. A mix of affordable and private rented housing will be the focus of plans for the current Gateway site opposite the station, with smaller shops and places to eat and drink to support the new community there. While, to the north of the railway line, a new world class Technology Institute could make Didcot a centre of excellence for research and development in advanced technologies. The Villages around Didcot will be protected to form a "green necklace".

The final draft of the Plan should be completed in March with the formal launch on 22nd March and a public consultation running from March through to May.

Mr Girling asked how the Masterplan will be integrated with the Local Plan. *The Local Plan is independent of this Plan. The opportunity of the Garden Town is that it has a high profile with Government so can bring money for roads.*

The Garden Town is not suggesting any new houses; they have already been allocated in the Local Plan. The Garden Town will make the housing better.

How will the green necklace of villages be protected? *There should be policies to protect them but it not yet clear or decided.*

How will the proposed Unitary Authority impact on the Garden Town? *Don't think it will have a great impact.*

What will it mean for Chilton Village? *There will be more to offer in Didcot, better access and better public transport.*

Mr Broad thanked Mrs Mori and Mr Hewer for their presentation. They left the meeting at 8.50pm

2. **Apologies for Absence** were received from Ms Shelley.

3. **Declarations of Interest** None

4. **Minutes of the last Meeting** were signed as a true record.

5. **County Council Report**

Mr Lilly reported that:-

- (i) The VWHDC and SODC are now supporting OCC on the One Oxfordshire consultation.
- (ii) OCC has completely rejected the new NHS proposals for Oxfordshire's Health and Care Services.
- (iii) Oxfordshire are restructuring elderly care, visits are to be 30 minutes. There is some extra funding for the elderly.
- (iv) There are now over 650 children in care in Oxfordshire at a cost of £7,000 per week per child.
- (v) Oxfordshire, West Berkshire and Windsor are joining together to provide Fostering and Adoption Services.
- (vi) Mr Lilly noted that Highways were working on the snagging list sent to them. The work on adopting the Chilton Field roads continues.
- (vii) The A417 from Harwell to West Hendred will become 30mph because of all the new development.
- (viii) Mr Lilly said that it would appear that Steventon Bridge will have to be completely replaced with road closure between 5 -10 months. The bridge is the last one between Paddington and Bristol to be replaced.
- (ix) Mr Woods said there was a report in the Didcot Herald saying that OCC was offering £35 to each person who commented on the OCC consultation. Mr Lilly said he had no information and would look into it.

Mr Lilly and Mr Fox-Davies left the meeting at 9.10pm

6. **Area Beat Officer's Report**

From the written report from PCSO Clements it was noted:-

- (i) It has been reported that the youths are climbing onto the School roof in the evenings . The school is aware and have been making it less easy for youths to get onto the roof and patrols are being made when possible. If anyone who sees these youths on the school grounds to call immediately on 999 to assist officers in locating the youths and preventing injury and to deal with them appropriately.
- (ii) There have been several incidents of cars being broken into when they have been parked up at local beauty spots while people go for walks. If you have a hatch back do not leave anything in the boot and leave the car with the parcel shelf raised so the thieves can see there is nothing in the boot and the glove box open. Unfortunately these criminals will smash the back window to lift parcel shelves to see what is available in the boots as well as side windows to see what is in the glove boxes.

Mr Waite arrived at 9.15pm

7. **Open Forum**

- (i) Mr Smith asked about the motorcyclist that drives very fast through the Village. If it is possible to get the registration number then phone 101.

- (ii) It was reported that there had been some fly tipping around the area of the old Wayland Crescent. Clerk to contact Duncan Rogers at Harwell Campus.
- (iii) Mr Woods asked what happens to the Local Plan if the Unitary Authority is formed; it will still be current.
- (iv) Mr Woods asked about business rates and the Village Hall. They have not been received yet.

8. District Council Report

Mr Waite reported that:-

- (i) There is no further news regarding the roads on Chilton Field.
- (ii) Mr Waite reported that the Sec 106 agreement for the proposed stables at Dene Hollow is now with the applicant.
- (iii) It was noted that the Clerk had received notification from the Vale Planning Officer that the Upper Farm application would be granted. There has been no Decision Notice issued yet. Following a short discussion, the Council was reminded that a new planning system came into force last July. Clerk will re-circulate the letter from the Vale. It was agreed in future when the Council objects to an application the comments will automatically be sent to Mr Waite so that he can have the application called in.
- (iv) On Wednesday 15 February, Vale of White Horse District Council set its budget for 2017/18 with millions pledged to support local communities across the district. However, with the continued reduction in funding from Central Government, in order to maintain services for residents, the Council has increased council tax by 4.3 per cent this year.
- (v) The campaign to reduce contamination in the recycling has been very successful. The quality of the recycling has improved, the contamination rate is falling and the number of bins left un-emptied each day has reduced significantly.
- (vi) VWHDC has agreed with SODC and Oxfordshire County Council to work together on a joint proposal for a single unitary authority. This is based on the 'One Oxfordshire' approach but is significantly improved and will transform the way services are delivered to the people of Oxfordshire.
- (vii) The Great British Spring Clean is the first weekend of March. The Clerk said that Chilton WI will be taking part.
- (viii) Vale Local Plan Part 2 Consultation: will be running from 9 March to 4 May 2017. Details for the dates of consultation events will be circulated to Town and Parish Councils.
- (ix) The Yews, Main Street: The two trees have been surveyed and a tree preservation order will be made.

9. Planning

(i) Applications Considered by the Parish Council

Application for Single and two storey side and rear extension. 19 Diamond Way Chilton Didcot P17/V0088/HH

Application for Variation of Condition 2 & 3 of Planning Permission P16/V1243/O to replace reference to the approved plans with a revised set of plans and replace the sample of materials with the submission of a schedule of materials. 'Erection of 18 dwellings with access, car parking, areas for landscaping and other associated works (As amended by Drawing Nos: 16011 - PP0010 Rev F, PP2310 Rev A, PP2410, PP3110 Rev C and 2217-03-P02 and vehicular tracking and arboricultural information accompanying agent's emails of 6 and 8 September 2016 and further clarified by additional vehicle tracking plans 161328-HYD-DR-TP-2000-P2 and 2001-P2 accompanying agent's email of 16 October 2016)'
P17/V0209/FUL

A letter has been sent for a Certificate of Lawful Development for Penfold Wick. The application has been circulated - It was agreed to write to the Vale with the Council's concerns regarding this application.

(ii) Applications Determined by the Vale

Permission for conversion of existing garage to bedroom with en-suite and utility room linked to lean to extension at rear of dwelling and creation of additional parking space. 16 Diamond Way. P16/V2889/HH

Permission to erect three detached dwellings and two semi-detached dwellings with associated landscaping, parking and access. Land at Upper Farm Road Chilton.

P16/V3061/FUL - letter received from Planning Officer but not official permission yet.

(iii) A request for a Judicial Review was made on the Lower Road refusal. This was refused. A request for a Hearing has now been made.

10. Matters Arising

(i) Condition of Roads on Chilton Field

The Clerk contacted Mr Barrow who passed on the comment to the Construction Manager.

(ii) Chilton Field POS

The Clerk sent the queries on the draft transfer document to the Solicitor. The reply has been received and circulated. It was agreed to have a separate meeting to discuss the reply. Mr Barrow says the tree report is with their surveyors to review. Mr Broad has contacted Carolyn Place re a response about the tender document, still waiting for a reply.

(iii) Play Equipment Repairs

The Clerk has placed order and is awaiting a reply from Wickstead.

(iv) VHMC

A formal letter of thanks was sent to Rider Levett Bucknall thanking them for allowing Steve Scott to do the work on the Village Hall extension. A bottle of whisky was purchased and presented to Steve.

(v) Play Equipment Inspection

Fenland quoted two styles of gates for the Toddler Play area, it was agreed to order the high bow-topped pedestrian gate. The extra sand for the rocker/surfboard area has been ordered.

11. Finance

(i) Expenditure

Cheques

08. Friends of The Ridgeway - annual subscription	15.00
09. Chilton VHMC - return of grant balance	2802.10
11. Mrs Morris -Jan. salary,2 notebooks, Whisky for S Scott	356.02
12. L Rees - Chron 433	64.35
13. Anthoy Stiff Assoc. payment for play area work	1260.00
Total	<u>4497.47</u>

Petty Cash

5 Weeks litter clearing 50.00

(ii) Income

15 Allotments @ 11.00 165.00

Balances

Treasurers Account 500.00

Instant Access 55762.59

Business Account	18598.75
Petty Cash	90.00

12. Village Hall Management Committee Report

Balances: Main a/c 6224.94; Instant Saving a/c 4253.13; Social Fund 489.21.

Mr Morris reported that as the finances are in a good shape it was decided to carry out a capital items review.

The pictures in memory of Gwen Pearce have been mounted in the hall lobby. Marcia Oliver and Frank Dumbleton were thanked for the photos.

The Wi-Fi group have met and discussed how to run the system. The Parish Council agreed that the account will be in the name of the VHMC and the Parish Council will refund the running costs.

13. Reports of Meetings Attended

- (i) Mr Dumbleton said he went to the well attended Brexit meeting held by Ed Vaizey MP.
- (ii) Mr Broad reported on the Unitary Authority Meeting. The Vale and SODC are working with OCC but the City opposes the proposal as they think they will lose influence.

14. Play Equipment Inspection

- (i) The wooden step on the mound still needs replacing and they are rather slippery. Next inspection Mr Lewis.
- (ii) Mr Broad said that the tenders had been received for the Chilton Field Play Area and are due to be looked at.

15. Correspondence

From the circulated list it was noted:-

- (i) Town and Parish Briefing session – Mr Broad and Dr Druce to attend.
- (ii) VWHDC is running a tour of the anaerobic digester at Wallingford – Mr Morris to go.
- (iii) Mrs Parry, a regular Community Room hirer, asked if the Parish Council could hold the next PC meeting in the Village Hall to enable her to attend a School meeting and hold her regular class. It was agreed.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 10.00pm.