

Minutes of Chilton Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 26th July 2017 at 8.00 pm in the Village Hall

Present	Mr C Broad Mr F Dumbleton Mr R Girling Mr B Morris Dr S Druce Mr J Lewis, Mr M Urso-Cale	Chairman
	Mr R Waite Mr M Fox-Davies Mrs M E Morris	District Councillor County Councillor Parish Clerk

4 members of the public

1. **Apologies for Absence** were received from Mr R Beech and Ms J Shelley. The Chairman welcomed Mr Fox-Davies to his first Parish Council Meeting.
2. **Declarations of Interest** None
3. **Minutes** of the last meeting were signed as a true record after amending item 8(ii) no to read no.
4. **Area Beat Officer's Report**
The Clerk said that there was no report but she had been in touch with PCSO Jennings during the month regarding behaviour of some children and a note had been put on the Chilton FB page and also the Chilton Dene one.
5. **Open Forum**
 - (i) Mrs Hillier reported that youngsters had been seen climbing over Jubilee footbridge and playing on the tree banks close to the A34. The Clerk will let PCSO Jennings know.
 - (ii) Mr Hillier asked if Lower Road can have white lines down the middle. Also it would be better if there was a 30mph speed limit along all of Lower Road. Mr Fox-Davies said he would look into it.
 - (iii) Mr Woods asked about the F/P map update to be included with the Chronicle. The Clerk will check with Mr Beech.
 - (iv) Mr Woods complained that garden waste had been fly tipped along Lower Road. The Clerk will put a note in the Chronicle
 - (v) Mrs Woods complained that the knapweed and scabious had been cutback along Lower Road. It was explained that OCC cut back the verges once a year. Mrs Woods said it was wrong to cut back the verges. Mr Morris dissented from this view, verges need to be cutback once a year. Mr Fox-Davies noted the complaint.
 - (vi) Mr Girling noted that the verges around Chilton Field Way had not been cutback. Mr Fox-Davies will see if the roads have been adopted yet.
6. **District Council Report**
Mr Waite reported that:-
 - (i) South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils have appointed Mark Stone as their Acting Chief Executive following the resignation of David Hill from 30th June.

- (ii) GO Active Walking Football: This is becoming a very welcome growth sport for the over-55's and GO Active Gold would like to see our villages and Parish Councils in the Vale promoting this game.
- (iii) Residents in South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse can now use plastic bags to line their food waste bins and caddies.
- (iv) New waste and recycling trucks on their way: £6.5m has been invested in a brand new fleet of waste and recyclable trucks, providing new and improved collections in households across south Oxfordshire.
- (v) South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Council published the Didcot Garden Town proposed delivery plan and consultation last month. The consultation is until 31 July 2017.
- (vi) Community Grants 2017/18: The Vale is offering two grant schemes starting August with £175,000 available to support the local community.
- (vii) Grant funding is being made available by the Oxfordshire LEADER Programme for farmers, foresters, rural business and communities involved with projects that create jobs, bring visitors to the area or provide essential community services to local people.
- (viii) Vale4Business has recruited ten ambassadors to represent the business community to develop closer ties with the Vale.
- (ix) Following the election of Reg Waite as Chairman of the Vale Council he has chosen two charities he wishes to support - The Children's Air Ambulance and Alzheimer's Society.
- (x) Mr Woods noted that clothing and batteries left out for collection had not been picked up. Mr Waite would look into it.
- (xi) Mrs Woods thanked the Vale for the Go Active Nordic Walking course that was held recently.

7. **County Council Report**

Mr Fox-Davies explained that his reports will always start with the centrally produced OCC one and then there will be a section that is relevant to Chilton.

- (i) The OCC Fire and Rescue Service have made a statement regarding the five tower blocks of flats owned by Oxford City Council.
- (ii) OCC has confirmed that it will keep its entire network of seven Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs) in the County open in the medium term (with no change to opening hours or days they are open) due to a new management contract that has been awarded to W&S Recycling.
- (iii) OCC's new minerals and waste core strategy, which outlines the planning strategy and policies for the supply of minerals and the management of waste in Oxfordshire until 2031, is set to be adopted following support from the Government's Planning Inspectorate.
- (iv) Nearly 3,000 more of Oxfordshire's most remote households and businesses will get access to high-speed broadband thanks to a £4 million boost for the Better Broadband for Oxfordshire programme.
- (v) Start-up funding for a further ten community schemes to run open access services at children's centres has been approved by OCC.
- (vi) OCC's Trading Standards Service, working in partnership with Thames Valley Police, banks and other agencies, have saved over £250,000 for the victims of rogue traders in the last 12 months.
- (vii) OCC is now implementing a new, sustainable model of daytime support for vulnerable adults in Oxfordshire.
- (viii) Following a meeting to discuss Steventon Bridge, the current situation is that the planning process (time for consultation until September) has now delayed the potential start date for the work until at last May 2018.

- (ix) Mr Fox-Davies said that he had now contacted the OCC officer responsible for ensuring the A34 snagging works are carried out. A report was made in April and updated following a further survey in June. This report has been provided to the Parish. The Parish Councillors were asked to check the report and let the Clerk know what still needs to be done.
- (x) A question had been raised by Ardington Parish Council if the new slips had relieved congestion at Milton/A34. From some figures provided it would appear that there had been a reduction with the biggest reduction on the A4130 from Steventon.
- (xi) In February 2017, the OCC agreed one-off funding initially for a pilot Communities Fund for communities to bid for matched funding schemes or projects to supplement services following changes/reductions. This is being allocated through the locality groups across the County. In the Locality which includes Hendreds and Harwell and divided across the eight parishes, it will deliver circa £500 to each Parish. The Parish Council said they would think about any possible funding, maybe towards Dene Hollow.

Mr Fox-Davies left the Meeting at 8.40pm

8. **Planning**

(i) Applications Considered by the Parish Council

Application for reserved matters for landscaping –Manor Close P17/V1730/RM

Comments

The Parish Council would like clarification of any changes to these plans since the outline permission was granted before they can comment.

Mr Morris asked Mr Waite what the Planning Departments view on the adoption and non-adoption of roads was, as this could be a concern for the future maintenance and cleaning of the roads. Mr Waite said he would talk to the Vale for an update on the matter.

Application for two storey side extension 1 The Gallops P17/V1813/HH

Comments

No objections

Application for variation of condition 2 to incorporate fences already constructed – Far field Test facility – P17/V1818/FUL

Comments

The Parish Council has no objections to this application but notes it is disappointing that the original application was not fully comprehensive in the first place.

Application for proposed single storey rear extension to replace the existing conservatory, and internal alterations. 2 Church Farm Cottages South Row P17/V1563/HH – See Planning Minutes

Application to erect 3 dwelling houses (resubmission), 1 Pond Cottages Newbury Road Chilton P17/V1524/FUL – See Planning Minutes

(ii) Applications Determined by the Vale

Application for Proposed new dwelling, annex and car parking. Willow Farm Lower Road Chilton 17/V0961/FUL – Application withdrawn

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. – Land north of Manor Close P17/V0209/FUL – Application withdrawn

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Next Planning Meeting Wednesday 2nd August.

Mr Waite left the Meeting at 9.00pm

9. Matters Arising

(i) Open Forum

Mr Dumbleton obtained a copy of the new bus timetable which has been circulated with the Chronicle.

(ii) Dene Hollow

The OCC sent the specification but explained that the owners of the Stables could be held responsible for the upkeep as it is a BOAT. Mr Girling proposed that the Parish Council should contribute £1.5k towards the repair of Dene Hollow. This was agreed by the majority present.

(iii) Neighbourhood Plan

Dr Druce reported that the proposal for a Neighbourhood Plan has been submitted to the Vale. The Area Designation Publicity Period will close on 14th August, the Vale will then say if the proposal has been accepted and if the Plan can then go ahead.

(iv) Chilton Field

The Tree Report has been received and circulated, after some discussion it was decided that there would be a separate meeting on 2nd August following the Planning meeting to discuss the way forward.

Equipped Activity Area

Mr Broad asked the Parish Council if they were happy for the Planning Application for the Play Area to be submitted. The Parish Council agreed.

2 Members of the public left

(v) Toddler Play Area

The Clerk has asked Berinsfield to give a quote for cutting the grass at the toddler play area. A reminder has been sent.

(vi) F/p 13

The Clerk contacted OCC re the overgrown path, it has now been cleared. Photos were circulated earlier. Mr Beech sent some photos of broken f/p signs, the Clerk will contact OCC.

(vii) WWI Project

Barbara Hatley has been advised to go for a full application to the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

(viii) Didcot Garden Town Consultation

Consultation closes on 31 July.

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10. Finance

(i) Expenditure

Cheques

37. Mrs Morris - June & July salary	640.00
39. Mrs Morris - Barrier tape for play equipment	26.90
40. L. Rees - Chronicle 437	107.25
41. Thames Water - allotment water	10.47
42. Berinsfield - May grass cutting	333.84
Total	1118.46

Petty Cash

6 weeks litter clearing 60.00

(ii) Income

Quarterly rental paddock 450.00

Family Fun Day - Defibrillator donation 1157.00

Defibrillator donation - All Saints' Women's Group 70.00

1677.00

Balances

Treasurers Account	500.00
Instant Access	51623.01
Business Account	20566.78
Petty Cash	80.00

- (iii) Renewal for Parish online has been received - £33.60 (including VAT) -agreed
- (iv) Donation request from Guideposts – helping disadvantaged people in Oxfordshire – no it does not meet criteria.
- (v) Donation request from Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum – help with reviewing the archives – no it does not meet criteria.
- (vi) Donation request from Home Start - agreed to donate £35.00
- (vii) A report into Parish Council allowances had been received and circulated. After discussion it was agreed that the following Councillors would opt out from receiving an allowance; Mr Broad, Mr Dumbleton, Mr Girling, Dr Druce, Mr Morris, Mr Lewis and Mr Urso-Cale. Mr Beech was not present so will be asked at a later meeting.
- (viii) It was agreed the mileage rate should be increased to 45p a mile.

11. VHMC Report

Main a/c £2790.28; Instant savings £10,000; Social Fund £489.21

Mr Morris said that Dr Hatelly had given the VHMC a presentation on her WW1 Project and it was agreed to support the project by making free hire of the hall available.

Mr Girling asked if there was any feedback on the use of the Wi-Fi, Mr Morris said that once the VHMC have agreed the terms and conditions then passcodes will be issued to regular hirers.

A query was raised re the capital expenditure list, it is still being agreed.

12. Reports of Meetings Attended

Mr Broad had attended the Chairs of the Site Stakeholders Group meeting with the other Chairs of the Magnox Group. When NDA awarded the contract to Cavendish Fluor, two mistakes were made. As a result there was a legal challenge and the partnership between Magnox and Cavendish Flour will be terminated in August 2019 when a new contract for nuclear decommissioning will be awarded.

13. Play Equipment Inspection

The routine inspection was carried out by Mr Broad, next is Mr Urso-Cale.

RoSPA have carried out their annual inspection and as a result the wooden Tangle Net has been condemned due to rot in several of the timbers. The equipment has been put out of use with barrier tape and notices. The Clerk to write to Wicksteed as the wooden equipment should have a 10 year guarantee and ask for their comments on the report.

A note to be put in the Chronicle and also on the website re the Tangle Net.

14. Correspondence

From the circulated list it was noted:-

- (i) A letter had been received from Mr Groves asking if the Council had a firework policy, this query has arisen as last year (2016) the Chilton school leavers party let of fireworks on the playing field.

The Parish Council does not allow fireworks on the playing field as it is against the insurance policy.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.58pm.