

Minutes of Chilton Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 6th September 2017 at 8.00 pm in the Community Room.

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

10 members of the public

1. **Apologies for Absence** were received from Mr R Girling, Ms J Shelley and Mr M Fox-Davies.
2. **Declarations of Interest** None
3. **Minutes** of the last meeting were signed as a true record after amending item 10(vii) inserting *out* after the word *opt*.
4. **Area Beat Officer's Report**
The Clerk read out an email from PCSO Tim Deane who is taking over as the area PCSO. He noted that there had only been one crime reported during August, a report of Nottingham Knockers on Main Street. He had also had been asked re dog waste bins for Chilton Field. He is happy for his contact details to be published in the Chronicle.
5. **Open Forum**
 - (i) Mrs Launchbury said the route that had been used by cyclists for many years through Alden Farm has recently been barred to cyclists because it is a footpath. She wanted to know if the Parish Council thought it was worth trying to get it re classified so that cyclists could use it. It was agreed that if Mrs Launchbury was able to make some progress in getting it changed she should come back to the Council.
 - (ii) Mr Smith reported that the speedy motorcyclist is still going up Lower Road at an excessive speed and noise at 5.00am. Without the registration number of the bike it is not possible to do anything.
 - (iii) Mr Woods thanked the Council for getting the signs on the slip roads put up.
 - (iv) Mr Woods asked if anyone knew what the loud explosion was in August. No one knew.
 - (v) Mr Woods referred to the old f/p map he had given Mr Beech. It was agreed to copy it again and include in the Chronicle.
 - (vi) Mr Woods asked if it was possible to have a reprint of "Up in the Downs" Mr Dumbleton said he had it as a CD but it probably needs updating. The Clerk said that at the time of publication she was told by the District Auditor that there is no legislation for a council to produce a book.
 - (vii) Mr Beech asked about the enforcement notice on the caravans at Warren Piece, although compliance has started the caravans still need to be removed. He also noted that the mobile home at the stables in Dene Hollow is non-compliant as the roof and cladding are wrong.

Mr Broad said he had spoken to the owners and they are consulting the Vale Planning Department. Mr Waite said he would follow it up.

6. District Council Report

Mr Waite reported that:-

- (i) Changes to the Didcot Garden Town plans will be taken into consideration by South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Council on 12th September.
- (ii) Communities across the Vale of White Horse that are looking to improve local facilities can benefit from a share of £175,000 that is available from the District Council.
- (iii) With the introduction of the new fleet, the Council is advising residents of a change to the way their waste, recycling and rubbish is collected. From the autumn, when the new fleet is introduced, these collections will be carried out by two separate vehicles – one for food waste, another for recycling or rubbish.
- (iv) Science Vale UK and Oxford are outperforming other locations in the Thames Valley for new businesses moving into the area according to an independent report.
- (v) 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.
- (vi) Abbey Gardens has again been recognised by the Green Flag Award Scheme – the international mark of quality for parks and green spaces, the ninth year in a row that the popular site in Abingdon has achieved this distinction.
- (vii) Mr Waite said that nominations for the Queen’s Award for Voluntary Services need to be in by 15th September. If there are any groups who would qualify please let Mr Waite know.
- (viii) Mr Waite asked if Chilton had any nominations for the Chairman’s Community Unsung Hero’s Award. Closing date for nominations is 15th September.
- (ix) Mr Waite noted that there is a pharmacy at the shops at Milton Park.
- (X0) Mr Beech said that a neighbour had been charged for disposing waste at the tip. Mr Waite said that new charges are coming in.

7. County Council Report

From the written report it was noted:-

- (i) Key Projects Around Growth And Infrastructure Reach Critical Points - Key projects informing how Oxfordshire grows and develops in the coming years will reach critical points in September. They are:
 - The Oxfordshire Infrastructure Strategy - led by Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) on behalf of the Oxfordshire Growth Board, the strategy will be considered for board approval on 26 September by Oxfordshire’s six councils.
 - Housing Infrastructure Fund - bids totalling up to £500m will be made by OCC, with the support of the Growth Board, to the government’s HIF by 28 September.
 - Oxfordshire Growth Board will decide on the business case for a spatial plan for Oxfordshire.
 - Place Based Proposal – negotiations are underway with government to agree a package for Oxfordshire that will help unlock housing and increase productivity through a number of freedoms and flexibilities
 - The National Infrastructure Commission establishes governance in the region around major infrastructure projects and connectivity through the `first and last mile` principle.
- (ii) Congratulations to all students who achieved their objectives after receiving GCSE, AS and A-Level exam results last month.
- (iii) From 1 October OCC's Health and Wellbeing and Learning Disability Daytime Support Services will be replaced by a new Community Support Service. This will be delivered from

eight centres: Abingdon, Banbury, Bicester, Didcot, Oxford, Wallingford, Wantage and Witney.

- (iv) Housing and Planning Minister Alok Sharma has announced that Oxfordshire is set to benefit from thousands of new homes and improvements to local transport networks thanks to a £6.2 million government cash injection awarded to South Oxfordshire District Council.
- (v) As part of the Oxford Transport Strategy (OTS), work continues around the potential introduction of demand management measures, including consideration of a workplace parking levy, congestion charging and access restrictions in Oxford.
- (vi) The Sunday Times journalist Andrew Gilligan has been asked to write a report, by 11 September, on cycling across Oxford, Milton Keynes, Cambridge and the Growth Corridor and how to make it “world class”.

8. Planning

(i) Applications considered by the Parish Council

Application for the installation of a timber gate to provide access for the maintenance of the rear garden. Ridgeway House South Row. P17/V1938/FUL

Comments See Planning Minutes

Application for new 2 storey infill extension and single storey front extension. 3 South Row P17/V2005/HH

Comments See Planning Minutes

Application for demolition of existing store and adjoining bungalow, provision of new store with B & B facilities over, replacement forecourt canopy and improved accessibility and parking provision. Murco Filling Station P17/V2014/FUL

Comments See Planning Minutes

Application by Magnox Limited for planning permission for the Section 73 application MW.0183/12 (P12/V2361/CM) at Rutherford Avenue, Harwell Science and Innovation Campus, Harwell, OX11 0DF

Comments See Planning Minutes

Application for proposed new dwelling Willow Farm P17/V2315/FUL

Comments

The majority of Chilton Parish Council does not object to this application. Although it is not normally considered as a material consideration, the Parish Council is aware that there was a development covenant between the Vale and the previous landowner restricting development on this land. Given the importance of the green corridor adjacent to the A34 referred to in a recent Appeal (Lower Road Chilton) the Council would not wish permission for this application to provide a precedent for built development on the adjacent fields west of this site including the applicants remaining land. The proposed new planting buffer zone will support this division.

Application for Variation of condition 2 of planning permission P16/V1243/O Land north of Manor Close P17/1628/FUL

Comments

No objections

Application for Play area – Chilton Field P17/V2184/FUL – *for information only*

(ii) Applications determined by the Vale

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

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

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- (iii) The Vale asked for suggestions for a name for the development to the north of Manor Close. It was suggested Townsend Close or Pegasus Close.

9. Matters Arising

(i) Children playing on Jubilee Bridge

The Clerk reported it.

(ii) Northbound Slips

The No Entry signs have been put in place, some items on list still to be done.

(iii) Neighbourhood Plan

Dr Druce reported that the proposed area was submitted and been displayed for consultation. The result of the consultation should be known in about 2 weeks time.

(iv) Chilton Field

Following the separate meeting a quote was obtained for the replacement trees. The Clerk has written to the Solicitor. Negotiations are ongoing with the Developer.

The planning application for the play equipment has been received.

(v) Grass at Toddler Play Area

Another reminder has been sent.

(vi) Parish Councillor Allowances

Mr Beech said he did not wish to receive the allowance.

(vii) Play Equipment

The Clerk met with a representative from Fawn (Wicksteed get the wooden equip from them). The defective logs have been identified and replacement ones are to be ordered. The work will be carried out in about 6 - 8 weeks time. The work is covered by guarantee.

Mr Waite and 2 members of the public left the meeting at 9.00pm

10. Finance

(i) Expenditure

Cheques

44. Berinsfield - June grass cutting	333.84
45. Home Start Southern - donation	35.00
46. RoSPA - Annual play equip inspection	309.00
47. Get mapping - annual subscription	33.60
49. Mrs M Morris - July salary	322.00
50. Berinsfield - July grass cutting	333.84
51. Mr C Broad -planning apple fee for play area	192.80
52. Lures - Chron. 438	107.25
53. Anthony Stiff Assoc. - POS maintenance work	1989.00
Total	3656.33

Petty Cash

6 weeks litter clearing 60.00

(ii) Income

2nd Instalment Precept 9153.50

The Return for the VAT Refund has been completed and sent off.

Balances

Treasurers Account 500.00

Instant Access	57120.18
Business Account	20568.44
Petty Cash	90.00

- (ii) The insurance renewal has been received – the new noticeboard is to be added to the items insured. The Clerk to notify Came & Co. The premium is £2532.95, it was agreed to renew the insurance.
- (iii) Request for a donation from BeFreeYoung Carers (used to be South & Vale young Carers) they support 3 young carers in Chilton. It was agreed to donate £50.00.

11. Village Hall Management Committee Report

Balances: Main a/c 1877.02; Social a/c 489.21; Savings a/c 10,000.40.

Mr Morris reported that the electrical contractors have resolved the problem with the external lights. Emily O'Shea is organising a scarecrow trail round the Village with a space travel theme starting 4th October. There have been 9 responses so far. The Parish Council thought this was a good idea but more publicity was needed. Mr Morris will let Emily know.

12. Reports of Meetings Attended

Mr Broad said he had been to a meeting regarding the new management of the nuclear operations on the Magnox Sites. There will be more information when the Secretary of State has signed the new management model.

Mr Beech asked about current levels of nuclear activities on the Site . Mr Broad explained that all activities were limited to decommissioning and the biggest work is currently on Building 462 where materials are being retrieved from old storage tubes.

13. Play Equipment Inspection

Mr Urso-Cale carried out the inspection. The spring on gate to the toddler area needs to be tightened. Mr Lewis will look at it. The next inspection to check the wooden curved feature by the tube slide.

14. Correspondence

From the circulated list it was noted:-

- (i) A request for a Councillor to attend the Parish Partner meeting at the Vale on 28th September. Mr Broad to go.
- (ii) The North Wessex Downs AONB Annual Forum will be held on Wednesday 18th October, Mr Morris and Mr Dumbleton to go.
- (iii) The OALC are holding drop in session re the Transparency Code on 3rd October, the Clerk to go.
- (iv) The Vale is holding a Local Plan Briefing Session on 19th September – Mr Dumbleton to attend.
- (v) A complaint had been received re overgrown hedges along Main Street, particularly near Crafts end.
- (vi) The North Wessex Downs AONB Annual Review had a photo of the Chilton residents protesting about houses in the AONB.
- (vii) An email had been received from Miranda Laurence, the Arts Development Officer at the Vale, asking about the progress of Work of Art.

The Chairman Closed the Meeting at 9.25pm