

Present Mr C Broad Chairman
 Mr F Dumbleton
 Dr S Druce
 Mr R Girling
 Mr B Morris
 Mr M Urso-Cale

 Mrs M E Morris Parish Clerk
 16 Members of the public

1. **Apologies for Absence** were received from Ms Shelley District Councillor, Mr Waite District Councillor, Mr Lilly County Councillor, Mr Lewis Parish Councillor, Mrs North Head Teacher, Mr Day Chair of Governors, Mrs Scott Chair VHMC, Mrs Cockburn.
2. **Chairman's Report**
Mr Broad welcomed everyone and expanded on his previously published report. He explained that permission was given for the 5 houses on Upper Farm Road because it is classified as a brownfield site. He went on to report on the Council's response to the consultation on Part 2 of the Local Plan. The Council did not object to the main area as it is a brownfield site but they objected to the use of the greenfield area for housing. The housing should also only be for Harwell Campus employees and not the open market or Science Vale employees.
3. **Resumé**
The Clerk read out a resumé of last year's meeting.
4. **Matters Arising**
It was noted that a grant was received from the VWHDC towards the Queen's Birthday Party which was very well attended.
5. **Comments on the Chronicle**
 - (i) Mr Softly asked if the dead trees along the newly landscaped part of Avon Road would be replaced. The Council are still waiting to hear about replacement trees.
 - (ii) Mrs Vickers said that the free bus service for children attending St. Birinius and Didcot Girls Schools will be ending because Aureus School is now the nearest school. It will affect the pupils starting school in September, and will cost £600 per year for Year 7 onwards, existing pupils will be unaffected. Is there any help that the Parish Council can give, The Council will take it up with the new County Councillor after he is elected. Mr Dumbleton said as he is the Transport Rep. he will go to County Hall.
6. **County Council Report**
From the written report Mr Lilly gave a resumé of the last 12 month's work. Mr Lilly is not standing for re-election at the forthcoming elections. Mr Lilly was thanked for his work as a County Councillor over the last 8 years. The full report can be found on the Parish Council website.
7. **Neighbourhood Plan Report**
Dr Druce said that a Neighbourhood Plan is there to allow communities to say how developments, recreational facilities, building works and design of buildings in their area should be implemented. It will also provide guidelines on how to use the Community Infrastructure Levy when it comes into force.

Since last year a Steering Group of 10 people has been formed and after public consultation the Vision and Objectives have been agreed. The area of the Plan needs to be agreed, the Harwell Enterprise Zone and Employment Zone have been left out but the Group want to have Severn Road and the area around the D-Day monument included. It is hoped to propose the area, vision and objectives to the Vale during May. Once these are approved the Parish Council will receive a £2,550 grant from the Vale.

There will be further consultations with the Village before the Plan is written after which it will be independently examined and finally there will be a Referendum to have it accepted by the Village. The report will then be lodged at the Vale and all subsequent planning applications will have to take it into account.

How long are NP's valid for? They will need to be reviewed regularly.

Is Chilton in the Didcot Garden Town area? No, just in the area of influence.

8. **Harwell Campus and Chilton Village Fun Day 3rd June**

Mr Girling said that Harwell Campus and Chilton Village had combined together for the Family Fun Day to make an event for all the family. It is being supported by the Parish Council and the funds raised will be for Helen and Douglas House and the Chilton Village Defibrillators, for which about £3,000 will be need. The 3rd June has been chosen so that it links in with the Stone Service. It will take place at the cricket pavilion on Thomson Avenue.

9. **Chilton School Report**

Mrs Morris, Vice Chair of Governors read out the report from Mrs North. Chilton School has a particularly successful year as it begins to grow and numbers and getting ready for the changes to come. The new teachers who were appointed last September have all proved to be excellent practitioners and settled in well. Chilton is both a National Teaching School and a National Support School. We work within Oxfordshire Teaching Schools Alliance to provide Continuing Professional Development for teachers across Oxfordshire and support other schools locally.

The school's expansion began in September 2016 as we welcomed 45 new four year-old children in our two small Reception classes. With small classes of 23 or 22, as opposed to the usual 30 children in a class, we are able to give the youngest children the very best foundation to their learning journey.

Early indications suggest that we will have 45 more new children joining our school in September, but with no empty classroom this time, we are dependent on Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) delivering us a new three-classroom extension. Unfortunately this work is already delayed, and will not be ready for September. We are working with the project team to agree mitigation. OCC does not have full control of this project, as it works in partnership with Carillion and Capita.

The school is open to involvement from the local community and welcomes visitors. We are always looking for volunteers to help with our school garden project or support in Forest School (Tuesdays and Thursdays), and we are keen to employ more lunch time supervisors. Please get in touch if you are interested!

We have a supportive and active Governing Body and a vibrant Parent Teacher's Association. As the school grows these volunteers will play an increasingly vital role. We currently have about 250 children on roll; over the next five years the school will grow to one and half form entry, with 45 in every year, and there will be almost 350 children at Chilton School.

We will keep you informed, through The Chronicle, as the school changes and grows. This is the very beginning of an exciting time for the school, and for the whole community.

10. **Village Hall Management Committee Report**

Mr Smith read out the Annual VHMC Report which had previously been published in the Chronicle. The report noted that the Village Hall continued to maintain a healthy list of regular hirers and the Community Room is now supporting itself financially. Wi-Fi has now been installed in the Village Hall.

Sound proofing has been applied to both the Small Hall and the Community Room. This was made possible by successful grant applications for funding; thanks were given to Mr Morris for all efforts.

Mr Smith said that as all the snagging has been completed the Committee are looking at capital projects. One of these is to provide a paved patio area at the back of the Hall, another is dry line the walls of the Main Hall and the Meeting Room. There has been a suggestion that doors should be installed to provide a lobby area in the Community Room. The report ended by thanking all the committee for all their hard work in keeping the Halls running.

How will the Wi-Fi be administered? Regular hirers will have a password and the router will be configured to prevent misuse.

11. Appointment of Two Independent Representatives to the Village Hall Committee

Mr John Smith and Mrs Alex Kapp were nominated and accepted by all.

12. General Discussion

- (i) Mr Maughan asked if the 5 house development at Upper Farm Road would bring any money to the Village. The Council are not entirely sure because it might be too small but when CIL comes in then small developments will attract money. It was noted that villages with a Neighbourhood Plan get more money through CIL than those without a Plan.
- (ii) A question was asked about Enterprise Zones. These do not have housing and are to help speed up commercial development.
- (iii) There was a request for a 30mph speed limit all along Lower Road, from the roundabout to the Village.
- (iv) Has there been any more information re the snagging list following the completion of the northbound slips? The Parish Council are continuing to follow this up.
- (v) Who owns the vacant lot of land with access just off the new roundabout? It belongs to the King Family.

Mr Broad thanked the Parish Council for all their hard work throughout the year.

The Meeting closed at 8.50pm.