

**Minutes of Chilton Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 17th January 2018 at 8.00 pm in the
Community Room**

Present	Mr C Broad Mr R Beech Dr S Druce Mr F Dumbleton Mr B Morris Mr J Lewis Mr M Urso -Cale	Chairman From 9.00pm
	Mr M Fox-Davies Mr R Waite PCSO T Deane Mrs M E Morris	County Councillor District Councillor Area Beat Officer Parish Clerk

From 9.25pm

4 members of the public

1. **Apologies for Absence** Were received from Mr Girling and Ms Shelley.

2. **Declarations of Interest** none

3. **Minutes** of the last meeting were signed as a true record.

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

PCSO Deane noted that there had been no incidents logged since the last Council meeting. He said that he was keeping a watch on the parking situation particularly in Chilton Field Way and Roman Fields. He had received a complaint regarding dog fouling and the Environmental Warden had been out and patrolled. Mr Lewis said he thought there might be a covenant about not parking on Chilton Field Way. He would try and find out.

PCSO Deane left the Meeting.

5. **Open Forum**

- (i) Mr Woods asked if the rumour regarding the 98 bus no longer running was true. The Clerk replied that Thames Travel said this was not true.
- (ii) Mr Woods asked if Oxfordshire was still twinned with Perm in Russia, Mr Fox-Davies said he would check.
- (iii) Mr Woods wanted to know why the 2017/18 precept had gone up by 5%. The Clerk replied, it was to cover the installation and running of Wi-Fi and work on the Neighbourhood Plan.
- (iv) Mr Woods asked why f/p13 was blocked off. It is not, there is a diversion in place.
- (v) Mr Roots-Petty thanked the Parish Council for getting the missing bollards replaced, getting the traffic sensors corrected and the note in the Chronicle re parking.

6. **County Council Report**

Mr Fox-Davies reported:-

- (i) OCC is planning to set a new budget having made difficult choices in previous years. The net result is that the Council's finances are in a resilient position looking ahead to the 2018/19 financial year and planning for years up to 2022. At the present plans are based on a Council Tax rise of 4.99% (1.99% referendum limit plus 3% social care precept). However, in December, Central Government announced councils could add an additional 1%, should they so choose. This is currently under consideration, the Budget has to be approved by Cabinet, then Full Council on February 13th.
- (ii) Trading Standards are warning licensees and pub-goers to be on-the-look-out for criminals selling smuggled and counterfeit cigarettes and hand-rolling tobacco. The call for vigilance follows recent research revealing that nearly half (43%) of illegal tobacco customers use pubs and clubs as their main source of supply.

- (iii) OCC and its partner Viridor have marked the one millionth tonne of residual waste received at Ardley during December. The Ardley plant converts waste into electricity, rather than burying it in landfill. It produces enough energy to power 38,000 homes and can export up to 27MW per hour of electricity to the grid.
 - (iv) The Clerk will check the slip roads snagging list and let Mr Fox-Davies have an update.
 - (v) There was a query about refilling the salt bins. The Clerk will email the County.
- Mr Fox-Davies left the Meeting at 8.25pm

7. Planning

(i) Applications considered by the Parish Council

Planning Appeal (written) on the refusal for 3 houses, land adjacent to Pond Cottages, Newbury Road. APP/V3120/W/17/3188808 (P16/V3133/FUL) After some discussion it was agreed not change the Parish Council's view regarding the application.

Modification of obligation on planning ref. CHI/16952/1-X to add in new definition of 'Mortgagee in Possession', replace Clause 5.4.4 in order to uplift the value from currently EUV-SH to MV-STT 23-29 (odd) Roman Fields Chilton P17/V3297/MPO

Comments

The condition was originally imposed when the development was given planning permission. There has been no material change that the Parish Council is aware of that justifies changing this condition. Therefore the Council unanimously opposes this change.

Application for demolition of existing rear conservatory to be replaced with a single storey rear extension. 17 Crafts End P17/V3414/HH

Comments

No objections

(ii) Applications Determined by the Vale

Permission for conversion of garage into playroom, utility and wc. 7 The Orchids V17/V3058/HH

(iii) No further news on 7 Chilton Field Way.

8. Matters Arising

(i) Bollards

Broken bollards have been replaced.

(ii) Traffic Sensors

Traffic sensors have been replaced and appear to be working.

(iii) Parked Cars

PCSO Deane sent an article for the Chronicle.

(iv) Crafts End Market

Mr Goodall produced a Risk Assessment for the Market.

(v) Speed Limit

The Clerk has written to OCC requesting a reduction in Lower Road speed limit.

(vi) Neighbourhood Plan

Dr Druce said he had attended a meeting on advice for carrying out surveys. There is still no offer of secretarial help, Dr Druce will write a note for the Chronicle.

(vii) Chilton Field

The Clerk wrote to DWH accepting the offer, the cheque will be sent to the Solicitor. The Clerk has informed the Solicitor regarding the financial offer and a copy of the Transfer Deed with the new map has now been received. Mr Broad signed the Transfer Deed which will be returned and held by the Solicitor until the money is received.

(viii) Defibrillators

Mrs Oliver is arranging a dance on 3rd March to raise funds. The Clerk forwarded the Magonx Socio-Economic Fund link to Mrs Oliver. The Saturday Market raised £443.50 towards the defibrillators, this brings the total to £1971.50.

Mr Dumbleton arrived at 9.0pm

9. Finance

(i) Expenditure

Cheques

75. Berinsfield – emergency path clearing	375.00
76. Mrs Morris – Dec salary, Norton computer protection	439.98
77. Berinsfield - winter work	555.00
78. L. Rees – Chron 442	64.35
79. SLCC – Annual subscription	84.00
80. CPRE – Annual subscription	35.00
81. All Saints’ Church – churchyard maintenance	1025.00
82. Thames Water – Allotment water	18.10
Total	2596.43

Petty Cash

5 Weeks litter clearing 50.00

(ii) Income

Paddock Rental 450.00
Saturday Market – Defibrillator Fund 443.50
6 allotments @ 11.80 70.80

964.30

Balances

Treasurers Account 500.00
Instant Access 47062.12
Business Account 27794.92
Petty Cash 40.00

- (iii) Prior to the meeting the Budget papers for 2018/19 were circulated, following a discussion the Budget was amended and Mr Broad proposed that the Precept for 2018/19 should be £20,421 giving a figure of £30.80 per Band D house. It was accepted unanimously.
It was agreed to investigate some form of lighting to improve Church Footpath by the Churchyard. It was agreed that a fire resistant safe should be purchased for key parish documents and kept in the Community Room, the cost to come from reserves. It was agreed that work on the Lower Road allotment fencing and hedge maintenance around the allotments should be considered in 2019/20 budget. The overhanging trees along Lower Road to be reported to OCC.
It was agreed to discuss at the next meeting Mr Morris’s suggestion that a sum should be precepted each year towards the time when the POS commuted sum runs out.
- (iv) A request for a donation had been received from Oxfordshire Association for the Blind, they support 2 residents in Chilton. It was agreed to donate £40.00
A request for a donation was received from South & Vale Citizens Advice, a reply is waited on how many people are helped from Chilton.
- (v) The Friends of the Ridgeway subscription is due - £15.00 – it was agreed to pay.

10. Village Hall Management Committee Report

Mr Morris reported that the Management Committee had proposed a rate rise for the hire charges. The rise in charges was proposed by Mr Morris, seconded by Mr Beech and accepted by all.

Chilton VH/CR hire charges from 1/4/2018 <i>(All rates are per hour, fractions of hours will be charged at the full hour rate)</i>	Main Hall	Small Hall	Meeting Room	Whole Building	Community Room
Regular Village Hirers	£11.00	£11.00	£8.00*	£30.00	£9.00
Casual Village Hirers	£13.00	£13.00	£9.00*	£35.00	£11.00
Regular Non Village Hirers	£15.00	£15.00	£9.00*	£39.00	£13.00
Casual Non Village Hirers	£18.00	£18.00	£10.00*	£46.00	£16.00

Daily Rate [Non Commercial] (9am to 12 midnight)	-	-	-	£175.00	£125.00*
Daily Rate [Commercial] (9am to 12 midnight)	-	-	-	£275.00	£250.00*
Wedding Rate: Village Hirer Fri. evening to Sun.morning (Subject to Availability)				£250.00*	
Wedding Rate: Non-Village Hirer Fri. evening. to Sun. morning (Subject to Availability)				£300.00*	

Balances: Main a/c 1175.47; Savings a/c 10002.49; Social fund 489.21.

Mr Waite arrived at 9.25pm

11. District Council Report

Mr Waite reported:-

- (i) South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils have appointed Mark Stone as their permanent Chief Executive.
- (ii) Waste collection information is now just a screen tap away in South Oxfordshire and the Vale of White Horse. The two District Councils have launched a brand-new smartphone app called Binzone – by simply tapping a postcode in and selecting their address, residents can find out which bin is being emptied and what day it's being emptied.
- (iii) In September 2015 the Government committed to resettling up to 20,000 Syrian refugees in the UK. The VWHDC pledged to resettle six families in the Vale. BBC Sunday Politics featured the story of one family who have settled in Abingdon.
- (iv) Residents in southern Oxfordshire concerned about keeping warm and managing their energy bills are being encouraged to contact an advice service for help. The Better Housing Better Health service, funded by South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils alongside the county's other district councils and Oxfordshire County Council, helps people who are vulnerable to the effects of living in cold homes over the winter period.
- (v) Over £100,000 has been awarded to groups and organisations in grants in the Vale of White Horse area.
- (vi) Oxfordshire has a new county-wide project to support people with diabetes into physical activity. The project is being delivered by five district councils, including South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils and Oxfordshire Sport and Physical Activity and is funded by the Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning group.
- (vii) Local hotels are still failing to challenge potential Child Sexual Exploitation: A recent test operation revealed hoteliers in South Oxfordshire and the Vale of White Horse District Councils are still failing to spot the dangers of child sexual exploitation (CSE).
- (viii) Mr Broad said that nothing has been done to clear Warren Piece, it is still strewn with rubbish. Mr Waite said that the Vale are discussing whether to prosecute or clear the rubbish and reclaim the costs.

12. Play Equipment Inspection

Mr Dumbleton reported that one of the basketball nets is beginning to come apart and the gate to the toddler area is not closing properly. Mr Lewis will try and adjust it again. There are some areas of wood on the tube slide that need replacing. The Clerk to ask Mr Dodd to look at it. Dr Druce to do the next inspection.

13. Reports of Meetings Attended

- (i) Mr Broad reported on a meeting with Tanya Kirk from Hankinson Duckett Associates to discuss a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) for the Harwell Campus. Mr Broad repeated the Parish's concerns regarding development of the site; opposition to open market housing, opposition to greenfield development and opposition to development around the Icknield Way. There will be further consultation before an SPD is drawn up.
- (ii) Mr Broad attended the A417 Group meeting held by Mr Fox-Davies. It was noted that there is no funding for the previously discussed roundabouts apart from the one at the Winnaway. There will be a compulsory purchase order so the work on Featherbed Lane can progress. The Harwell Link Road is due to open probably in March. The County is aware of plans for 1000 houses on the Campus; this would affect OCC transport plans. A cycle way from Rowstock to Wantage is being looked into.

14. Correspondence

From the circulated list it was noted:-

- (i) A letter had been received from Lingwood Estates with a proposal for a Service Station on the triangular piece of land by the northbound on slip. The proposal would include a petrol station, electric car charging point and small retail area. Mr Broad asked for Councillors views prior to a meeting with the Agents. Concern was expressed that whilst a shop would be useful, there is no pedestrian access; the area does not appear large enough for a petrol station; there was concern for the impact on local business. The Local Plan Part 2 says there will not be any further petrol stations on the A34. The Parish Council has serious concerns about the proposal that out way any benefits. Mr Waite noted that the Milton roundabout is always busy and another service station would be useful, the Vale might see an extra petrol station as an asset.

The Chairman closed the Meeting at 10.00pm