

Present	Mr C Broad	Chairman
	Dr S Druce	
	Mr F Dumbleton	
	Mr R Girling	
	Mr J Lewis	
	Mr B Morris	
	Mr M Urso-Cale	
	Mr M Fox-Davies	County Councillor from 8.15pm
	Mrs M E Morris	Parish Clerk

5 members of the public

1. **Apologies for Absence** were received from Mr Waite and Ms Shelley as there was a full Council Meeting at the Vale.
 2. **Declarations of Interest** None
 3. **Minutes** of the last Meeting were signed as a true record.
 4. **Area Beat Officer's Report**
The Clerk had received an update from PC Merritt, in the past month there had been a report of assault between primary school children and a couple of domestic related reports of assaults which were all linked.
 5. **Open Forum**
 - (i) Mr Woods asked what work had been carried out when the A34 bridge was closed. Some potholes were repaired and other unspecified work.
 - (ii) Mr Girling noted that Mr Maughan had done an excellent job on the STEAM Festival which will be held again next year. It is hoped that there will be more volunteer support next year and also Parish Council support.
 6. **District Council Report**
From the written report it was noted:-
 - (i) Thanks to a generous grant of almost £30,000 from the Vale through the S106 scheme, Didcot Cricket Club (which is actually situated in the Vale at Boundary Park) were able to build a brand new practice facility to aid development of junior players and increase participation levels.
 - (ii) The former headquarters of the Vale of White Horse and South Oxfordshire District Councils are set to be demolished after the building at Benson Lane, Crowmarsh Gifford, was severely damaged in an arson attack in 2015.
 - (iii) The Vale's Community Governance and Electoral Issues Committee held a meeting on 21st June, one of the items considered was the consideration of new Harwell East Ward within the Parish of Harwell.
 - (iv) There is still until 18 July to apply for this year's Oxfordshire LEADER's remaining £500,000 to help support rural businesses.
 - (v) Following major concerns from residents and local businesses regarding three/four month long term road closure in Sutton Courtenay a Meeting was called to discuss matters at The Village Hall, Sutton Courtenay on Thursday, 5th July.
 - (vi) Residents in the Vale of White Horse and South Oxfordshire District Councils are being strongly reminded not to put medical waste in their recycling bins after medical syringes were discovered. The full report is on the Parish Council website.
- Mr Fox-Davies joined the Meeting at 8.15pm
7. **County Council Report**
From the written report it was noted:-

- (i) The shared service arrangement between OCC and CDC has been approved to move to the next stage at the OCC's Cabinet meeting on 4 June.
- (ii) Delayed transfer of care (DToC) cases are now at the lowest level for many years in Oxfordshire. The latest national figures published by the Department of Health showed that the average number of people delayed has fallen from 168 in April 2017 to 117 this April. Since April, the number of delays has fallen further and is currently only 78.
- (iii) The Council's Cabinet received final budget figures for the 2017/18 financial year at its meeting on June 19. OCC managed its net budget with 99.8 per cent accuracy for 2017/18, with an underspend of just £1m (0.2 per cent) on an overall service budget of £422m.
- (iv) The Site allocations consultation on the Minerals and Waste local plan will take place in July-September and it will be open to all interested organisations and individuals to respond.
- (v) The bad winter has taken its toll on road conditions across the county, so OCC welcomed the additional £2.7m the Government has provided for this year. A fact sheet has been produced giving details about the condition of the County's highways and the actions being taken to maintain them. This fact sheet has already been circulated.
- (vi) A new domestic abuse service for Oxfordshire was launched in June. The new service was set up by OCC in partnership with District Councils and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for the Thames Valley.
- (vii) OCC-funded NHS Health Checks are designed to spot early warnings of stroke, kidney and heart disease, Type 2 diabetes and dementia. They are free to anyone aged between the ages of 40 and 74 who have not already been diagnosed with an existing cardiovascular condition. Applicants will be invited to have one once every five years. GP surgeries will automatically send out invitations.
- (viii) OCC is an enthusiastic backer of Friends Against Scams, a national scheme run by the country's trading standards services. For further information visit the Friends Against Scams website.
- (ix) Mr Fox-Davies said that a motion has been passed to support GARD against the proposed Steventon reservoir as Thames Water is using information that is not accurate. The proposed reservoir would be the largest bunded reservoir in the UK and it is possible that some of the water would be sold to other companies.
- (x) Mr Fox Davies reported that half the loan to Northamptonshire Council has already been paid back at better than base rate with the balance in July.
- (xi) Mrs Woods asked why the new Harwell link road still had temporary 30mph signs. They will be removed once the street lights are operational.
- (xii) Mr Girling asked if there was any news on the adoption of the Chilton Field roads. Mr Fox-Davies will try and find out why there is a hold up.

The full written report is on the Paris Council website.

Mr Fox-Davies left the meeting at 8.30pm

8. Planning

(i) Applications Considered by the Parish Council

Application for erection of new building R115 to replace building R74. Rutherford Appleton Laboratory P18/V1431/FUL

Comments

The Parish Council had no objections but would like to see a Masterplan for the entire Site to co-ordinate the development, design and landscaping of buildings.

Application for two storey extension constructed under the existing barn structure, to match the existing cottage. The Cottage Ridgeway Farm P18V/1580/HH

Comments

The Parish Council had no objections but there should have been a Design and Access statement as the application is in an AONB.

Application for removal of uPVC conservatory and construction of single storey extension, two additional single storey extensions and various internal alterations including the replacement and enlargement of windows. Ridgeway Farm P18V/1581/HH

Comments

The Parish Council had no objections but there should have been a Design and Access statement as the application is in an AONB.

Application for an Appeal, Willow Farm, refusal for proposed new dwelling, annex and car parking
APP/V3120/W/18/3199925

Comments

The Parish Council had no further comments.

(ii) Applications Determined by the Vale

Permission to convert existing garage to a new kitchen area/dining area. North Lodge 1 Manor Close Chilton P18/V1248/LDP

Permission for Single storey glazed extension on to the rear 4 Spa Street Chilton P18/V1264/HH

Appeal allowed for 3 cottages at 1 & 2 Pond Cottages

(iii) Enforcement Report

A reply was sent to the Vale re 1 Chilton Field Way, response awaited.

It was decided not to pursue the matter re the removal of the fence at 7 Chilton Field Way.

9. Matters Arising

(i) Mr Beech

The Vale has confirmed that the Parish Council can co-opt a Parish Councillor. Mr Kevin Roots-Petty was proposed by Mr Broad and accepted by all. The Clerk will notify the Vale.

(ii) County Council Priority Fund

Several ideas were proposed for using the fund; Clearing the undergrowth along Lower Road underpass; cleaning the graffiti on the underpass; light bollards along Church Path; tarmac along the footpath at the Garden Centre end of Jubilee Bridge; tarmac the gravel footpath path from Diamond Way to School. It was agreed to defer any decision until the next meeting as there was no offer to take the proposals forward.

The Clerk will circulate Funding application form again.

(iii) Neighbourhood Plan

The Grant of £2,500 has been paid.

(iv) Chilton Field

The application for the payment of the commuted sum is on the Vale's Council Agenda for the meeting on 18th July. It is recommended for payment.

The revised costings for the play equipment are needed so that an application can be put in to the Vale for the equipped activity area.

(v) Waste Bins

Waste bins have been installed either end of the underpass. Clerk to put a note in the Chronicle.

(vi) Defibrillators

Clerk has met with GA Electrics for a quote to install them.

(vii) West House Fence

Clerk has contacted 2 fencing contractors for a quote to repair the fence. Has met with one of them, and also asked for quote to replace the two broken lockable posts.

(viii) Church Path

Clerk has contacted Jenks for a quote for the work.

(ix) Jubilee Bridge hedge

Mr & Mrs Woods cut back the hedge on 26th June.

(x) Correspondence

The Clerk thanked Mr Maughan for his hard work at the STEAM Day.

(xi) Pegasus Close – Clerk has not yet met the Site Manager- no further action.

(xii) A Tree Preservation Order for the yew tree at Middle House has been received.

10. Finance

(i) Expenditure

Cheques

21. Mrs Morris - June salary and expenses	326.03
22. Thames Water Utilities – Allotment water	7.79
23. L Rees – Chronicle 448	42.90
Total	376.72

Petty Cash

4 weeks litter clearing 40.00

(ii) Income

Neighbourhood Plan Grant 2,500.00

Balances

Treasurers Account	500.00
Instant Access	23,777.54
Business Account	76,718.44
Petty Cash	60.00

- (iii) The Clerk met with Kevin Millard from Came & Co and discussed the Insurance Policy. He will send three quotations for the policy in time for the September meeting.
- (iv) The Annual Return has been sent to the External Auditor.

11. Village Hall Management Report

Mr Morris reported that there had not been a meeting on 17th July but he gave a brief report on the AGM held on 12 June. It was noted that reserves had increased over the last 12 months and the business rates have been covered from VH funds. Although income is up outgoings have also increased so the hire rates have been increased, these will be reviewed again at the beginning of 2019. There is a very wide range of regular hirers for both facilities and casual bookings are also increasing particularly for the Community Room.

12. Reports of Meetings Attended

- (i) Mr Broad attended the OALC AGM, a presentation of GDPR was given, it was quite clear that Parish Councils did not need a data protection officer. The Minutes from the meeting had previously been circulated.
- (ii) Mr Broad had attended a Nuclear Decommissioning Summit, there been nothing of note regarding nuclear activities on Harwell Campus.
- (iii) Mr Broad reported on the meeting hosted by CPRE to discuss the representation to be made to the Inspector in September regarding the proposal for 1,000 houses in the AONB in an area designated for employment. An assertion has been made for 1,000 houses but it has not been demonstrated how this figure was arrived at. It was agreed that open market housing was not wanted.

13. Play Equipment Inspection

Mr Broad carried out the inspection, it was noted that there are gaps and cracks in the surfacing due to the hot weather. The cricket wood target has fallen off, Mr Lewis will look into a replacement. The next inspection is Mr Urso-Cale.

14. Correspondence

From the circulated list it was noted:-

- (i) An email had been received from Abi Brown at VWHDC asking for an update on the Work of Art. A reply had been sent repeating that the Parish Council is not responsible for the installation.

The Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.30pm