

Minutes of Chilton Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 20th June 2018 at 8.00 pm in the Community Room

Present	Mr C Broad Dr S Druce Mr F Dumbleton Mr J Lewis Mr B Morris Mr M Urso-Cale	Chairman From 8.25pm
	Mr M Fox-Davies Mr R Waite Mrs M E Morris	County Councillor District Councillor Parish Clerk

3 members of the public

1. **Apologies for Absence** Were received from Mr Girling and Ms Shelley. Prior to the Meeting Mr Beech had written resigning from the Council with immediate effect. The Parish Council thanked Mr Beech for his work as a Councillor over the last 8 years. The VWHDC have been notified and the vacancy advertised.
2. **Declarations of Interest** Mr Broad, Mr Morris and Dr Druce declared an Interest in Planning, item 7(i) Application P18/V1264/HH as they are friends of the applicant. Mr Broad an interest in Planning, item 7(i) Application from Magnox as Mr Broad is Chair of Harwell SSG. The Register of Interests was signed.
3. **Minutes** of the last Meeting were signed as a true record.
4. **Open Forum**
 - (i) Mr Woods said why were the boreholes in Lower Road were being dipped. It is routine dipping that has been carried out for the last 15 years.
 - (ii) Mr Woods wanted to know if the Magnox application was connected with the problems at Sellafield. There is no connection between Harwell, Winfrith and Sellafield.
5. **District Council Report**

From the written report Mr Waite noted:-

 - (i) Following £1.3m refurbishment , the Abbey Meadow pool in Abingdon re-opened to the public on Saturday, 16th June.
 - (ii) The Local Plan Part2 is being examined by the Inspector in July and September.
 - (iii) Cllr Roger Cox is the new Leader of the Council and Cllr Ed Blagrove is his Deputy. Cllr Monica Lovatt is the new Chairman and Cllr Ben Mabbett is Deputy Chairman.
 - (iv) The Vale has called for a public inquiry to examine Thames Water's proposals which include plans for a large reservoir between Drayton, East Hanney and Steventon.
 - (v) The Vale is passing on the first round of developer funding to parishes with projects such as new parks and leisure facilities to support housing growth in their communities.
 - (vi) Parents of primary-aged children can learn more about keeping them safe when they are online. They can sign up for an online safety workshop on Tuesday, 3rd July at Cornerstone Arts Centre.
 - (vii) Search Binzone in the App Store or Google Play Store and download the Council's new app for everything you need to know about your bins.
 - (viii) The Prince's Countryside Fund, named in honour of its Patron, HRH The Prince of Wales provides more than £1m in grants to projects across the UK, with grants of up to £50,000 available for innovative projects that provide a lasting legacy to the individuals and communities they seek to benefit.
 - (ix) The vision of the VWHDC and SODC is to support and encourage southern Oxfordshire to become one of the most economically successful, and environmentally sustainable rural areas in the country.
 - (x) A new scheme designed to help those at risk of abuse in a pub or bar has been launched in the VWHDC and SODC. If someone feels uncomfortable in a licensed venue in Abingdon or Didcot they can go to the bar and

ask; "Is Angela in?" Staff will then offer discrete help, such as keeping an eye on them, calling a friend, relative, taxi, or the police - or simply help them to leave the building via alternative exit.

- (xi) Have your say on a government proposal to give Oxfordshire councils greater protection from speculative housing development - on sites which are not the most suitable or preferred - as we plan for the county's future housing needs.
- (xii) Harwell Campus is hosting a free morning of workshops focusing on the skills and knowledge it takes to grow a successful enterprise. Under the title of "What does it take to build a successful business?"
- (xiii) The final income from various fund-raising events and personal donations to the two charities that Mr Waite supported whilst Chair of the VWHDC will be approaching £9,750/£9,800, possibly a little higher. Mr Waite thanked everyone for their support during his year of office. The full report can be found on the Parish Council website. Mr Broad noted that Warren Piece still has a large quantity of rubbish on it. Mr Waite said he would be talking to the Enforcement Officer. Mr Urso-Cale said that he was thoroughly disillusioned with the lack of infrastructure in the Vale. Houses are being built everywhere but there is nothing to support the residents. House building needs to stop and there needs to be more infrastructure. Mr Waite said he sympathised.

6. **County Council Report**

From the written report Mr Fox-Davies noted:-

- (i) OCC and Cherwell District Council (CDC) are considering a proposal for shared service arrangements under a joint chief executive, while retaining separate councillor bodies, budgets and decision-making processes. The proposal follows a decision by CDC not to join a proposed new unitary authority with its existing partners, South Northamptonshire District Council.
- (ii) Despite the increase in cases of children at risk of neglect and abuse, the OCC children's service has received an overall 'Good' rating from Ofsted, the children's services watchdog. This is the third time running OCC has received the 'Good' rating from Ofsted.
- (iii) Gill Sanders last month became the new Chairman of OCC. She was once one of the nation's first female air traffic control assistants and the time spent in that role gave her the confidence to progress in life.
- (iv) Care in Oxfordshire looks set to go back to its community roots with teams of very local people set up around older and vulnerable people in an innovative project originally inspired in Holland and so far tried in only one other place in England. Teams are to be set up around people who need care in Abingdon and Wallingford as part of a £100,000 trial to be managed by a specialist Manchester based company called Wellbeing Teams.
- (v) A series of changes to the way people contribute to the cost of their care in Oxfordshire will see some people charged more so that resources can be targeted better at those who cannot afford to pay and will bring OCC more into line with how things operate elsewhere in England.
- (vi) Oxfordshire now has 96.5% superfast broadband coverage, increasingly enabling digital infrastructure in the most rural parts of the county, with adoption of the newly available fibre broadband services running at over 54%, which is well above national average. The full report can be found on the Parish Council website. Mr Broad asked if the idea of a Unitary Authority had been abandoned; Not completely, it will probably be proposed again at some point. Mr Dumbleton joined the meeting at 8.25pm Mr Fox-Davies reminded the Council to fill in the Councillors Priority Funding form, it has to be completed by January. Mr Fox-Davies reported that the missing 40mph signs have now been put in. He noted that the Steventon Bridge work has been postponed again for more talks. Mrs Woods wanted to know why Aureus School was serving only halal meat. She wanted meat on the School menu that had been slaughtered more humanely, there should be a choice of meat served. Mr Woods said that there should be a bus from Didcot to the JR Hospital to make it easier to get to the hospital. Mr Woods asked again about the money given to Northamptonshire Council. Mr Fox-Davies repeated that it was a loan, he would try and find out when it would be repaid. Mr Morris asked when Chilton Field roads would be adopted. Mr Fox-Davies said he would try and find some information.

Mr Dumbleton said that now the 40mph signs are in place can there be a 30mph speed check on the road between the new roundabouts. Mr Fox-Davies will look into it.

Mr Fox-Davies left the meeting.

7. **Planning**

(i) Applications considered by the Parish Council

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

No objections

Application for alterations/Extension to existing private dwelling to form kitchen extension. 43 Crafts End Chilton P18/V1409/HH

No objections

Application for single storey side extension. 3 Manor Close Chilton P18/V1410/HH

No objections

Application to vary condition 2 of planning permission EHE/9294/1 to allow for import of a small amount of Intermediate Level Waste (ILW) from Winfrith to Harwell for encapsulation and interim storage. Magnox Limited

Comments

The Parish Council has no objection to this specific request to variation of Condition 2 of Planning Permission EHE/9294/1, that is, to allow receipt, processing and interim storage of an additional 16 cubic metres of intermediate level radioactive waste from Winfrith. However, the Council would object to a rewording of condition 2 that would allow further additional receipts of intermediate waste from Winfrith without agreement of further variations to condition 2 as defined at the time of granting planning permission. Therefore, the Council would **not** support the proposed rewording given in "Planning Statement. Harwell Waste Encapsulation Plant. Section 73 Application to vary Condition 2 of Planning Permission EHE/9294/1. April 2018".

The sensitivity of importing intermediate waste to Harwell from outside of Oxfordshire was recognised prior to granting planning permission for the Intermediate level waste box store in 2013, and condition 5 of the planning permission was imposed to restrict further imports of intermediate level waste until a large amount (70%) of existing intermediate level waste had been despatched from the Harwell site.

The reason for Condition 5 was "To protect the amenity of local residents".

The same principle would apply to variation of Condition 2 of Planning Permission EHE/9294/1 and it would therefore be inappropriate to amend condition 2 without first limiting and defining the amount of waste proposed to be imported and processed from outside of the Harwell complex.

(ii) Applications Determined by the Vale

Permission for demolition of Building 74 74. RAL P18/V1077/D

(iii) Enforcement

The Clerk received responses to the various Enforcement issues. VE18/57 Land to the north of Manor Close, – no wheel wash, case now closed. VE17/714 7 Chilton Field Way – Whilst the railings have been replaced by close board fencing, there does not appear to be encroachment on the POS. The porch should have had planning permission but it is felt not be expedient in this case to take any further action. Case closed. VE17/665 Corbiere, Church Hill, Still in discussion with highways and developer, a new scheme is being looked into. VE18/ 178 Land to south of Chilton Field – land adjacent to 1 Chilton Field Way, the landscaping not completed. The Case Officer has contacted the Clerk to confirm ownership of the land.

8. **Matters Arising**

(i) Fix my Street details have been put in the Chronicle.

(ii) Grass cutting Chilton Field

Mr Broad reported that he had spoken to the contractors and it will take time for the grass to get into a better state. The Clerk noted that she had seen a picture of the new exercise class on Chilton Field hanging from one of the new trees. It had already been noted and the Group spoken to.

(iii) County Council Report

Guidelines for applying for the County Councillors Priority fund have been circulated, Mr Broad suggested a light bollard for Church Path.

(iv) Neighbourhood Plan

The Grant for £2,500 has been approved , the Clerk has signed and returned the form for the release of the money, now awaiting payment. Dr Druce reported that at the last meeting the principles for drawing the boundaries around the Plan area had been discussed and agreed. There is to be an event in September to engage with the Community.

(v) Chilton Field

The various items of paperwork for the release of Sec 106 money for the commuted Sum and the Play equipment have been sent to the Vale.

(vi) Dog Poo

The Clerk met with Kate Morris from the Waste Team, Gary Marcham from Environmental Services and Laura Munro to discuss the siting of 2 new waste bins. It was agreed to site them one either end of the underpass.

(vii) Defibrillators

These have been delivered, Clerk to arrange installation.

(viii) West House Fence

The Clerk is still to contact fencing contractors.

(ix) Vale "Deep Clean"

Biffa, on behalf of the Vale, removed grass and weeds along the entrance to Church Path, some of Lower Road and Main Street.

9. Finance

(i) Expenditure

Cheques

99. Berinsfield – March grass cutting	333.84
00. L Rees – Chron 445	85.80
01. Gavin Jones Ltd – March Chilton Field grounds maintenance	2131.91
02. Gavin Jones Ltd - Tree purchase and planting	19,746.40
03. OALC - Annual subs	273.12
04. Community First Oxfordshire - Annual subs	70.00
06. Mrs Morris - April salary & expenses	322.00
07. Anthony Stiff Assoc. Chilton Field maintenance contract	2145.00
08. L. Rees - Chron 446	85.80
09. Berinsfield - April grass cutting	161.28
10. Wel Medical Ltd – 2 Defibrillator packages	3279.00
11. Gavin Jones Ltd - April Chilton Field grounds maintenance	2131.91
12. Anthony Stiff Assoc. Copy of works contract	84.00
14. Mrs Morris – May salary, back pay (April) expenses	332.06
15. Mr B Morris – Flying Doctor computer repair	84.00
16. Berinsfield - May grass cutting	461.88
17. Mrs Morris - poppy wreath for Stone Service	17.00
18. Gavin Jones - May Chilton Field grounds maintenance	2131.91
19. L Rees – Chron 447	42.90
Total	33,919.81

Petty Cash

10 weeks litter clearing 100.00

(ii) Income

Balances

Treasurers Account	500.00
Instant Access	21,654.26
Business Account	76,718.44
Petty Cash	100.00

- (iii) The Clerk reported that following the work done by the Electricity Board, some of the trees along Church Path needed “tidying up”. The Clerk to contact Jenks.
- (iv) It was noted that the hedge at the Garden Centre end of the footbridge is badly overgrown. Mr & Mrs Woods offered to cut it back. The offer was accepted.

10. Village Hall Management Committee Report

Balances: Main a/c 768.556; Savings a/c 7000.30; Social Committee a/c 369.21

11. Play Equipment Inspection

Mr Lewis carried out the last inspection, Mr Broad to do the next one.

12. Correspondence

From the circulated list it was noted:-

- (i) Mr Beech, resignation as a Councillor.
- (ii) The Councillors Priority Fund information from Mr Fox-Davies.
- (iii) The OALC AGM is on 2nd July, Mr Broad will attend.
- (iv) The play equipment annual RoSPA inspection will be in July.
- (v) Following the very successful STEAM Day on 9th June, the Clerk was asked to write and thank Adrian Maughan for all his hard work.
- (vi) Mr Payne had written and complained regarding the delivery of building materials and also parking at the Pegasus Close development. Recently a bus had been prevented from entering Townsend. The Clerk will try and speak to the Site Manger about the problem.
- (vii) Dr Druce said he had been at Bury Down carpark when there were 2 motorcyclist riding along the Ridgeway. He took photos of them, the CNC Police were in the car park who took the details from him and they were going to follow up the incident.
- (viii) Mr Dumbleton said that the yew tree close to Middle House parking area might be cut down. It was noted that it was within the curtilage of a listed building.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.40pm.