

**Minutes of Chilton Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at 8.00 pm in the Village Hall**

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Present	Mr C Broad Mr R Beech Mr F Dumbleton Mr B Morris 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 Dr Druce, Mr Girling, Mr Lewis, Mr Fox-Davies and Ms Shelley.
2. **Declarations of Interest** Mr Beech declared a Personal Interest (Neighbour) in item 8(i) Planning (Dene Hollow Stables) and Mr Dumbleton declared a Personal and Prejudicial interest (Author) in item 5(ii) The Register was signed.
3. **Minutes** of the last meeting were signed as a true record.
4. **Area Beat Officer's Report** Not present.
5. **Open Forum**
  - (i) It was reported that the litter is very bad on the slips roads at the entrance to the Village. Mr Waite said he would report back to the Vale. Also a request was made for wildflowers on the verges not to be cut back.
  - (ii) Ms Lewiston said that in the past she had wanted a copy of "Up in the Downs " but the book was out of print. Mr Dumbleton, author of the book, had given her a digital copy of the book to enable her to get a quote for reprinting. The Clerk said it should be noted that the Parish Council do not have the power to publish a book. The copyright is owned by the Parish Council, it was agreed that the Council will relinquish the copyright to Mr Dumbleton, then the book can be reprinted privately. A note could be put in the Chronicle to gauge interest. It was agreed that the Clerk will write to Ms Lewiston noting that the copyright has been transferred to Mr Dumbleton.
  - (iii) Mr Woods asked if a map of the village with street names could be put up in the noticeboards. It was agreed, Mr Morris will provide the maps.
  - (iv) Mrs Crennell asked where information re planning meetings could be found – on the Parish Council website.
  - (v) Does the Parish Council have a view on the proposed service station? Mr Broad replied not at the moment; as any comments made before a planning application is received would be counted as pre-determination by the Council.
  - (vi) It was noted that Fix-my-Street was the best way to report any lights out.
  - (vii) Mr Roots-Petty said that when turning out from Chilton Field Way and Townsend, the Keep Clear boxes seem to be in the wrong position. The Clerk will let Mr Fox-Davies know.
  - (viii) Mr Broad said it has been suggested that the yellow developer's signs around the place should be removed. Mr Beech noted that the signs have probably been put up with consent from the Vale, the local parishes do not have to be consulted. It was agreed to leave them.
6. **District Council Report**

From the written report Mr Waite noted:-

  - (i) The Vale of White Horse District Council submitted the Local Plan 2031 Part 2: Detailed Policies and Additional Sites, and associated documents, to the Secretary of State for independent examination on Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> February.
  - (ii) The Vale of White Horse District Council agreed the 2018/19 budget, including £750,000 over the next three years for a new flagship team to improve the look of public areas across the Vale and deliver an attractive district that residents and businesses can be proud of.

- (iii) The revolutionary start-up training company, PopUp Business School aims to start over 50 new businesses in Didcot. The PopUp Business School will be popping up at The Orchard Shopping Centre next month and are inviting aspiring entrepreneurs to attend the sessions to learn how to start or grown their own business.
- (iv) The Vale of White Horse District Council Cabinet has recommended that the council agrees the Oxfordshire Housing & Growth Deal, based on a commitment from government and partner councils to address a number of so called 'red-lines' which aim to protect the district from uncontrolled development.
- (v) A man has been ordered to pay over £3,000 after admitting dumping rubbish in a drainage ditch in Abingdon.
- (vi) South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils have identified an innovative opportunity to use excess heat from industrial sites to heat other buildings in and around Didcot Garden Town. One potential idea is to build a 'district heat network' that could use excess heat from Didcot B Power station to directly heat nearby business premises.
- (vii) Bank details have been changed for the Vale of White Horse District Council, which means changes for some council tax and some business rate payers.
- (viii) Vale of White Horse and South Oxfordshire District Councils set a challenge to primary school children in to come up with a list of names for the new food waste trucks. The top six names in the Vale are Munching Molly, Chompy, Compost Carl, Monster Munching Michael, Foody Fred and Banana-munch Bob.
- (ix) The UK's first trial of autonomous vehicles on public roads will take place in Didcot, Oxfordshire at Milton Park. The trial is funded by the Government's innovation agency, Innovate UK. The Project seeks to reduce car usage within a large business park by half.
- (x) To encourage more high-tech life and space science organisations to set up shop in the Science Vale, South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils have created a brand-new video to raise awareness of the area's exceptional qualities.
- (xi) The Vale and South Oxfordshire will move back to Crowmarsh Gifford when the premises have been rebuilt.
- (xii) Mr Morris noted that several councils and OCC are pressing for a public inquiry on the Oxford – Cambridge Expressway. Mr Morris asked Mr Waite to note that the Parish Council would like the Vale to also press for an inquiry.
- (xiii) Mr Beech asked Mr Waite to press for a date when something will be done about Warren Piece, there has been no progress at all.

## **7. County Council Report**

From the written report it was noted:-

- (i) A key proposal for the upcoming Oxfordshire County Council Budget is to have a Councillor Priorities Fund – all County Councillors will have a £15k fund each to support parish council highways needs and community group projects. All the Budget proposals went to Full Council on February 13th.
- (ii) As detailed in the December report, the Oxfordshire Growth Board has reached an outline Housing and Growth Agreement (Growth Deal) with Government. This will see an additional £215m of investment over the next five years to build infrastructure, support the delivery of new homes and boost economic productivity across the County.
- (iii) OCC has formally terminated its contract with Carillion LGS Limited effective from 1 February 2018, following the collapse of the parent company. This brings forward the already agreed end of the contract set for the end of June 2018. OCC made a net payment of £10.65m to Carillion to cover work already completed as part of the final settlement to end the contract with the company.
- (iv) Extra funding to support unaccompanied asylum-seeking children (UASCs) living in Oxfordshire has been received by the County Council. A government grant worth £335,000 has been awarded to help strengthen the support services available to UASCs over the next two years.
- (v) An additional £1m to fund highway repairs has been received from Central Government as repeated freeze, thaw and snow has caused considerable damage to the road network. What you will see: More inspectors on the network to prioritise work and deal with short term safety issues. More defect gangs fixing these potholes. An increase in structural patching and minor patching programmes to deal with sites with large clusters of pothole during the late winter and early spring period. These repairs last longer but take time to arrange. An additional Dragon Patcher on the network from mid-February operating as "Inspect and Fix" on the rural network.

## 8. **Planning**

### (i) Applications Considered by the Parish Council

Application for two storey rear extension and demolish layout. P18V/0297 17 Elderfield Crescent - No objections.

Application for Variation of Condition 2 on permission P16/V1646/FUL Dene Hollow Stables Dene Hollow P18V/0347/FUL – No objections.

Application for amendment to P17V/2881/HH 53 Chilton Field Way – No objections

OCC – Update to Local List of Information Requirements LL.0088/17 – No objections.

### (ii) Applications Determined by the Vale

Permission to demolish existing rear conservatory to be replaced with a single storey rear extension. 17 Crafts End P17/V3414/HH

Permission for a Class B1 with associated offices 3,252m<sup>2</sup> (35,000ft<sup>2</sup>) with single-occupier space providing a production facility and offices.(as amended by plans and information received 15 January 2018). Land South of Becquerel Avenue Harwell Campus P17/V2464/RM

### (iii) 7 Chilton Field Way

Case Officer has visited 7 Chilton Field Way and has written to ask about ownership of the POS.

## 9. **Matters Arising**

### (i) Slip road snagging list

Clerk to send updated list to Mike Fox-Davies and include the query re the Keep Clear boxes.

### (ii) Salt bins

Request sent to County to refill salt bins, Chilton is on the list to be done.

### (iii) Neighbourhood Plan

Ros Page has volunteered to be Secretary and a meeting has been arranged for 21 March.

### (iv) Chilton Field

The Transfer Deed has been sent to the solicitor, the £46k for the remediation work has been received by the Parish Council. Carolyn Place has been contacted so that the remedial work on Chilton Field can start. Three Purchase Orders have been placed. One is for half of the trees. The other half of the trees will be replaced in the Autumn. It was agreed that Mr Urso-Cale would be the point of contact for the work on Chilton Field. The Clerk to notify the Vale re the Public Work of Art. The Clerk will check when the PC should receive a copy of the Transfer Deed.

Mr Broad reported that he had met with Mrs King, regarding 1Chilton Field Way who asked to have some missing shrubs planted. The shrubs should have been planted by Bovis in part of the Public Open Space. After a discussion it was agreed not to plant the missing shrubs.

### (v) Precept

The Precept form was returned to the Vale. Mr Morris had suggested that a sum should be precepted each year towards the time when the POS commuted sum runs out. It was agreed in principal and the situation would be reviewed in 2 years' time.

### (vi) Play Equipment

Clerk still to speak to Mr Dodd.

## 10. **Finance**

### (i) Expenditure

#### Cheques

83. Chilton Village Hall Management Committee – Wi-Fi installation & charges	479.06
85. Mrs Morris - January salary, expenses, postage	339.56
86. B L Morris – rubber bands	5.13
87. Friends of The Ridgeway – annual subscription	15.00
88. Oxfordshire Assoc for the Blind - donation	40.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>878.75</b>

#### Petty Cash

5 weeks litter clearing

50.00

(ii)	<u>Income</u>	
	11 Allotments	130.00
	1 Water	1.80
	DWH – Remedial work Chilton Field	46685.75
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Balances

Treasurers Account	500.00
Instant Access	46685.75
Business Account	74612.47
Petty Cash	60.00

- (iii) In the 18/19 Budget it was agreed to do some hedgerow clearance of Church Path. Paul Jenks of Jenks came and reviewed the hedgerow and recommended that it was left as it is. It is a wildlife corridor and the ivy provides nesting places for many small birds. The dead trees by the zip wire will be removed and will cost £350. It was agreed.
- (iv) Mr Morris noted that Fix-my-Street is a charity and queried whether the council should make a donation. Mr Morris will send the link.

**11. Village Hall Management Committee Report**

Prior to the meeting Mr Morris circulated a prioritised capital works list for work on the Village Hall. Under the Sec 106 agreement for Pegasus Close there is a sum of money for improvements to the Hall. The wording of the Sec 106 needs to be checked. The Parish Council noted the capital works list and its content.

**12. Reports of Meetings Attended**

- (i) Meeting with SP Broadway  
SP Broadway requested a meeting with the Parish Council, Mr Broad attended. They have been employed by Lingwood Estate to promote a service station by the northbound slips. The Vale had suggested that they get public opinion so a letter will be sent out and a website set up which will show a possible design.
- (ii) Parish Transport Representative Meeting  
Mr Dumbleton attended, he noted that the school bus contract is going to Thames Travel in April and some of the children attending the UTC and Aureus will catch the public service bus in the afternoon.
- (iii) Harwell Campus Meeting  
Mr Broad reported that the new buildings are developing rapidly . There are 6,000 employees on the Campus but this number will rise.
- (iv) Supplementary Planning Document Meeting  
Hankinson Duckett Associates have been employed by the Vale to produce an SPD focussing on the development of the Campus in support Part 2 of the Local Plan.

**13. Play Equipment**

Dr Druce will send a report.

**14. Correspondence**

From the circulated list it was noted:-

- (i) A toolkit for the General Data Protection Regulations has been received - to be circulated.
- (ii) The Annual Accounts for the Lydia Thomas Chilton gift Fund have been received – to be circulated.
- (iii) Anthony Kirkwood from OCC replied to say that there is no funding to reduce the speed limit on Lower Road. The Council could fund themselves but a speed survey would need to be carried out as a first step. This costs £100, it was agreed to have a speed survey carried out. The Clerk to contact OCC.
- (iv) Several letters between Laura Munro and Environmental Health regarding dog fouling had been received - a note to go in the Chronicle.
- (v) Hamish Blythe had written re a car sharing app, the Clerk to get more information.

The Chairman closed the Meeting at 10.00pm.