

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

   Mrs M E Morris Parish Clerk  
   12 Members of the public

1. **Apologies for Absence** were received from Ms Shelley District Councillor, Mr Waite District Councillor, Mr Fox-Davies County Councillor, Mr Lewis Parish Councillor, Mrs North Head Teacher, Mr R Girling Parish Councillor, PC S Merritt and Mrs Cockburn.

2. **Chairman's Report**

Mr Broad welcomed everyone and expanded on his previously published report. He noted that the Chilton Field Public Open Space (POS) had finally been transferred to the Parish Council along with a significant sum of money for remediation work on the Open Space. This is as well as a commuted sum for grounds maintenance. Now that the Parish Council own the land the Vale can go ahead with installing the Work of Art and the Equipped Play Area can also be installed. The Independent Examination of Part 2 of the Local Plan will take place later in the year. The Council will be receiving Sec 106 money when Pegasus Close is completed which will be used for work on the Village Hall and improving the play facilities in the Recreation Field. There has been an indication that the route for the Oxford –Cambridge Expressway would be decided behind closed doors. The Parish Council, along with many other organisations, have written requesting a public inquiry.

Mrs Alner said she was delighted that there would be refurbishment of the play area but could there be some form of seating near the teenage area. Mr Broad noted that in the original consultation the children did not want any seating, however it can be taken into consideration when the Sec 106 money is received. Mrs King said she was pleased to hear about the defibrillators, would they be on the outside of the buildings, and would training be given. Yes, to both points. She also asked if there is a rolling programme of maintenance for the POS. Mr Urso-Cale replied that at the moment the contractors are doing the remediation to get the POS into a proper state, then a routine rolling programme will be in place. It will probably take 2 -3 years before it is completely in place.

Mr Maughan asked how long will the maintenance money for the POS last. It should last a minimum of 10 years.

Mr Smith noted that the light aeroplanes doing aerobatics in the summer are very annoying. It is not clear where the planes come from.

Mr Woods asked if there was any news on the de-development of McCluskey's yard. Not at the moment.

Mr Smith said that the accounts in the Chronicle do not balance. The Clerk looked at the figures and noted a typing error had been made. A corrected version will be published in the next Chronicle.

3. **Matters Arising from the Last APM**

(i) The snagging list for the sliproads only has a few outstanding items now.

(ii) A request to reduce the speed limit on Lower Road was made, a speed check by OCC is to be carried out.

4. **Comments on the Chronicle**

The Council was asked to keep printing articles about "dog poo". A note to go in the Chronicle that dog poo bags can be placed in ordinary rubbish bins.

The member of the public who has been doing litter clearing recently was thanked.

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

The Clerk read out a brief report from PC Merritt covering the past 12 months. In that time there have been 24 reported incidents including theft, shoplifting, burglary, attempted burglary and criminal damage.

6. **County Council Report**  
Mr Broad read out the report from Mr Fox-Davies which covered key issues in the County. The full report can be found on the Parish Council website under Annual Reports.
7. **District Council Report**  
Mr Broad read the report from Mr Waite which covered the past year and look forward to next year. The full report can be found on the Parish Council website under Annual Reports.
8. **Neighbourhood Plan Report**  
Dr Druce reported on the progress since last year. The boundary of the Plan has been agreed with the Vale but regrettably Severn Road and the WW11 War Memorial have not been included. This is because they are in the Campus Enterprise Zone. The Group now have a Secretary and the next stage has been to agree an outline project plan and timescale. This has enabled the Group to apply to the Vale for a grant of £2,500. There will be ongoing consultations with the Village through a wide range of opportunities.
9. **Harwell Campus and Chilton Village Family Fun Day**  
Mr Maughan reported that following on from last year's successful day when about 3,500 people attended there would be a Fun Day on 9<sup>th</sup> June from 12 – 5.00pm followed by the Service at the Stone. Entrance fee will be £5.00 with many activities, demos and other stalls. The event is not for profit and all proceeds will go to Helen and Douglas House and the local charity Be Free Young Carers.
10. **Chilton School Report**  
Mrs Morris, Vice Chair of Governors, read out the report from Mrs North. After a worrying few months and a significant delay the new extension (The Ridgeway Building) was finished. The building was a Carillion led project and was awaiting final snagging and commissioning when Carillion went into liquidation. After all the issues were considered Calderbrook, the building contractors, agreed to finish, snag and commission the building. The children in Years 3 & 4 have now moved into their new classrooms. The new building provides 3 new classrooms, a food technology kitchen and a room for the Learning Mentor.  
This coming September the number of pupils is lower than in previous years and it seems unlikely that we will fill our Reception classes.  
Last summer or Deputy Head Teacher, Mrs Joanna Hyland, left to take up a post as Assistant Course Director in Initial Teacher training at the University of Reading. Mrs Ruth Akrigg was appointed Deputy Head Teacher from September 2017.  
The children enjoy their learning and are engaged with topics producing work of high quality. We will keep you informed, through The Chronicle, as the school changes and grows. Visitors from the community are always very welcome, there will be a summer event on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July, please come and see the School.
11. **Village Hall Management Committee Report**  
Mrs Scott reported that the Village Hall and Community Room continue maintain a healthy list of regular hirer groups, covering diverse interests from Art Groups through to Zumba. The calendar is so busy that all weekday evening slots are now taken.  
The Hirer Rates were reviewed in January and it was decide on a small increase on most rates. Reserves continue to be healthy and some maintenance/capital projects will be carried out over the next few months. Mrs Scott concluded by thanking all the VHMC for their dedication, time and effort over the past 12 months, without them we would not have either of these venues available to the community.  
Mrs King asked if a list of all the classes could be put in the Chronicle. It was agreed.
12. **Appointment of Two Independent Representatives to the Village Hall Committee**  
Mr John Smith and Mrs Alex Kapp were nominated and accepted by all.
13. **General Discussion**  
(i) Mrs Alner asked if there could be some extra lighting along Church Path. Mr Broad said the Council is looking into some low level bollard lighting. The white markers on the curb could also be re-painted.  
(ii) It was reported that the car park light is on intermittently. It can be reported on Fix-My –Street.

- (iii) Mrs Druce asked if something can be done about the litter on the A34. The Parish Council complains regularly to the Vale who is responsible for clearing the litter in the VWHDC area. It was noted that West Berkshire and also Cherwell District Council are considerably better than the Vale in litter clearing. Mrs Druce also said that the traffic noise on the A34 has become worse. It is probably due to road surface wear and an increase in traffic.
- (iv) There was a complaint about the potholes in South Row; the recent repair was breaking up. It should be reported to Fix-my-Street.

Mr Broad thanked the Councillors and Parish Clerk for all their hard work.

The Meeting closed at 9.00pm