

Present	Mr C Broad	Chairman
	Mr F Dumbleton	
	Dr S Druce	
	Mr R Girling	
	Mr J Lewis	
	Mr M Urso-Cale,	
	Mr R Waite	District Councillor
	Mrs M E Morris	Parish Clerk

3 members of the public

1. **Apologies for Absence** were received from Mr Roots-Petty, Mr Morris, Mr M Fox-Davies and Ms J Shelley.
2. **Declarations of Interest** None
3. **Minutes** of the last Meeting were signed as a true record.
4. **Area Beat Officer's Report**
From PCSO Deane's written report it was noted that some tools were stolen from a vehicle on Chilton Field Way, there are no lines of inquiry at the moment. There was a report of a near miss with a child on the grass verge outside Chilton School. Harwell Campus will place some wooden bollards to stop this happening again.
5. **Open Forum**
 - (i) Mr Softly asked if the Parish Council commented on Discharge of Conditions on Planning applications. He was concerned that the Traffic Management Scheme proposed under the Discharge of Conditions for the Rosalind Franklin Institute was not adequate enough.
 - (ii) Mrs Woods said that the stiles on F/P13 are all in a very poor condition. As the stiles are all in Upton Parish Council Mrs Woods was asked to contact the Upton Parish Clerk.
 - (iii) Mr Woods noted that where the overhanging trees had been cut back by Jubilee Bridge there was a tree stump left in the verge. Mr Broad will check it out.
 - (iv) Mr Woods noted that the Council Tax had been kept down this year.
6. **District Council Report**
From Mr Waite's written report it was noted:-
 - (i) The Vale has published the proposed modifications to part 2 of its Local Plan following recommendations from the Inspector examining the plan. The Council is now carrying out a six-week consultation on the draft schedule of modifications, which has been published, along with instructions on how to comment, on the Council's website at www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/LPP2
 - (ii) The Vale and SODC have made it even easier for residents to check which bin their waste items go in by producing the recycling wheels. This is to help increase recycling rates by promoting the kerbside recycling collections and making sure residents are putting the right things in the right bins.
 - (iii) The Vale of White Horse District Council successfully prosecuted a company whose employees were caught fly-tipping on land at Lockinge, near Wantage.
 - (iv) Purdah (the pre-election period preventing central and local government from making announcements about any new or controversial initiatives which could be seen to be advantageous to any candidates or parties in the forthcoming election) starts on Tuesday, 26th March.
 - (v) The Oxfordshire Growth Board is a joint committee of the six councils of Oxfordshire together with key strategic partners. It has been set up to facilitate and enable joint working on economic development, strategic planning and growth. It does this by overseeing the delivery of projects that the councils of Oxfordshire are seeking to deliver collaboratively in the fields of economic development and strategic planning.

The full report can be found on the Parish Council website.

Mr Waite was asked if the Vale has a view on the Oxfordshire Plan 2050, there is an exhibition at Cornerstone on Wednesday 27th February. CPRE are suggesting that if the Plan goes ahead the population of Oxfordshire will double. Mr Girling said that the key message should be infrastructure in place before the development.

7. County Council Report

From Mr Fox-Davies written report it was noted:-

- (i) Young people and their families in Oxfordshire are now set to benefit from improved community-run youth services if County Councillors agree grant funding when they set the Council's budget.
- (ii) Residents of Oxfordshire will see highway improvements, new school buildings and energy-efficient street lighting thanks to a £1 billion investment over the next ten years as part of the County Council's budget.
- (iii) People living, working and studying in Oxfordshire are being encouraged to help set the future direction of the County's health and wellbeing strategy. A draft strategy has been developed by Oxfordshire's Health and Wellbeing Board – the partnership between local NHS services, local councils and Healthwatch Oxfordshire.
- (iv) Oxfordshire's road users could see a technological revolution take place in the coming years that could involve important traffic information being used to help them to get around more easily thanks to a successful bid for £1.25m of Government funding.
- (v) OCC's highways teams are out daily relentlessly resurfacing roads and pavements. They have been able to do more work than last year thanks to the County Council putting in extra cash over and above the normal budget in response to the problems caused during the last cold spell.
- (vi) Significant work has been done to join up services across Oxfordshire that is already demonstrating improved outcomes for people, according to a follow-up review by the national regulator for health and social care published on Wednesday, January 9.

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8. Planning

(i) Applications Considered by the Parish Council

Application for erection of a new roadside service area comprising petrol filling station, retail shop (Class A1), electric car charging points, drive-through unit (Class A3/A5), parking and associated works. Land at A34 Chilton Interchange Chilton P18/V3052/FUL

Application for proposed PID Sign for a petrol station Murco Filling Station Newbury Road Chilton P19/V0058/

Application for single storey side and rear extension 22 Crafts End P19/V0177/HH

Comments on these applications in the separate Planning minutes

Amendments have been received for the Petrol Station - P18/V3052/FUL

It was agreed to discuss the modifications to Part 2 of the Local Plan at the March meeting.

(ii) Applications Determined by the Vale

Permission for conversion of an existing concrete dump tank pit into a helium storage facility. RAL P18/V2974/FUL

Permission for first floor attic extension over existing ground floor. New entrance porch to ground floor. 59 Crafts End P18/V2737/HH

9. Matters Arising

(i) Main Street Hedge

Note put in the Chronicle re overgrown hedges.

(ii) County council Priority Fund

No further news regarding another quote.

(iii) Neighbourhood Plan

Dr Druce reported some text has been drafted and progress made on identifying the green spaces.

(iv) Equipped activity Area/Chilton Field

The form for Sec 106 money has been completed and returned to Vale. The Chilton Field allotments have been completed, it was agreed that the large limetree should be removed. The people on the waiting list need to be contacted and tenancy agreements signed. There is no further news about the Work of Art.

(v) Play Equipment

Fenland's work on the playing equipment field has been completed and the work to remove the sand under the rockers has also been finished. The area has been turfed over.

(vi) Salvation Army Clothing Bank

The Clerk met with representative from Salvation Army, the Carpark is suitable, and it was agreed that if the clothing bank caused any problems it would be removed. A note to be put in the Chronicle.

10. Finance

(i) Expenditure

Cheques

84. Mrs Morris - January salary & expenses	326.09
85. Friends of The Ridgeway - Annual subscription	15.00
86. Berinsfield - winter work	588.00
87. Gavin Jones - Bollards Community Room carpark	1920.00
Total	2849.09

Petty Cash

6 weeks litter clearing 60.00

(ii) Income

Paddock rental 450.00

20 allotments @12.90 258.00

708.00

(iii) Annual subscription for OALC has been received - £233.79 + 46.76VAT – agreed to pay

(iv) Parish maps email – is it worth considering – no.

(v) 11th edition of Charles Arnold Baker, £103.99 – It was agreed to purchase a copy

(vi) Community First Oxfordshire subscription is due - £70.00 - It was agreed to renew it.

Balances

Treasurers Account 500.00

Instant Access 284545.60

Business Account 84408.05

Petty Cash 30.00

11. VHMC Report

Balances - Main a/c 1828.56; Savings a/c 7001.17; Social a/c 369.21

Mr Dumbleton said there should be two Parish Councillors on the Management Committee as under the Constitution there should always be a Parish Councillor present. It was agreed that if Mr Dumbleton could not attend e would let the Council know so that someone could go in his place.

The Management Committee were worried that the Salvation Army Clothing Bank would cause the area to become messy. The Clerk said the Salvation Army would always ensure that any litter round the bank would be cleared away.

Bookings are generally up but the Bowls Club may close. Ricardo had asked if more comfy chairs could be purchased, no as there would be a problem with storage space. Also the VHMC are not trying to compete with the conference market.

12. Reports of Meetings Attended

Mr Dumbleton attended the Passenger Transport Representative Meeting. The X32 service is commercial, Mr Dumbleton spoke to Edmund Treasham from Thames Travel to ask if the buses would be taking longer to travel round the Campus. It will probably not make any difference.

13. Play Equipment Inspection

Mr Lewis noted that the toddler climbing frame is getting rather worn, Dr Druce said he had put one of the swing seats back as it had been wound over the top bar. Mr Broad to do the next inspection.

14. Correspondence

From the circulated list it was noted:-

- (i) A letter had been received regarding the underpass being muddy, a report to be sent to Fix-My-Street.
- (ii) The Revd Rolls had written asking to have Audrey Slater, John Berry and herself nominated for a further 4 years as trustees of the Lydia Thomas Chilton Gift Fund. Mr Broad proposed, seconded by Mr Urso-Cale that the three Trustees be re-appointed it was agreed by all.
- (iii) The Electoral Registration Officer at the Vale had written to say that the Electoral Register will be updated on 5th March and that is the Register that must be used for the electoral numbers of candidates in the forthcoming elections.

The Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.08pm.