

**Minutes of Chilton Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 8.00 pm in the Community Room.**

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Present	Mr C Broad Mr R Girling Mr J Lewis Mr M Urso-Cale,	Chairman
	Mr M Fox-Davies Mrs M E Morris	County Councillor Parish Clerk

8 members of the public

1. **Apologies for Absence** were received from Dr Druce, Mr Dumbleton, Mr Morris and Mr Roots-Petty who has resigned as a Parish Councillor.
2. **Declarations of Interest** None
3. **Minutes** of the last Meeting were signed as a true record.
4. **Area Beat Officers Report**  
Update from PCSO Deane; There has only been one reported incident of a Burglary in The Orchids on 11/03. Chilton Primary School spoke to me about parking issues outside the school; a child was nearly knocked down. I spoke with Harwell Campus and they have placed wooden posts outside the gate on the grassed area for them to stop persons parking.
5. **Open Forum**
  - (i) The lights on Jubilee bridge are not working, to be reported. The lights in front of the School are also not working. They are probably the responsibility of the Campus.
  - (ii) Mr Hillier asked if the 30mph restriction on Lower Road would be put in place, no it will not happen.
  - (iii) Mr Hillier complained about cars parking on the pavement in Elderfield Crescent and also in Hillpiece.
  - (iv) Mrs Hatton asked if there was any information yet regarding the construction traffic using Avon Road. Mr Girling said he was chasing RAL for information.
  - (v) Mr Woods said that the sewer in Main street was blocked again. It has been reported to Thames Water.
  - (vi) Mrs Woods asked Mr Fox-Davies about lane markings at the roundabout onto the A34 slip road, the two lanes on the road should be marked, left to go onto the A34, right to go straight forward.
  - (vii) Mrs Smith complained about the rubbish left on the land opposite Thomson Avenue entrance to the Campus. It is in Harwell Parish, to notify Harwell Clerk.
  - (viii) Mr Bertram said he would like some feedback and advice on the potential for a village shop/farm shop and some lodges to bring in visitors to the area. The land in question is the paddock at the top of South Row on the right hand side behind the houses. Mr Broad explained that the Parish Council cannot advise on planning issues and that Mr Bertram needs to consult with the Vale Planning Department first.
6. **County Council Report**  
From Mr Fox-Davies written report it was noted;
  - (i) The County Council Budget was passed on 12<sup>th</sup> February. Youth Provision across Oxfordshire was given a £1 million boost at the budget-setting meeting. Other measures that form part of the approved Budget include highway improvements, new school buildings and energy-efficient street-lighting thanks to a £1 billion investment over the next ten years. However, the County Council is also warning that funding pressure on services remains as demand for social care for vulnerable children and adults continues grow and continued financial prudence is required to meet those demands. 53% of the Budget is spent on 2% of the population.
  - (ii) OCC will be spending an extra £13m on capital funding on road maintenance in the coming financial year. This is on top of its existing £18.5m programme of work and follows last year's additional £12m boost
  - (iii) Healthwatch Oxfordshire publishes findings of Daytime Support Review.

- (iv) The latest published figures on people who are unnecessarily in hospital while they await care have been published. Oxfordshire's improvement remains better than nationally. In the last 12 months delays have dropped by 19% locally compared to 11% nationally.  
The full report can be found on the Parish Council website.
  - (v) Mr Fox-Davies noted that the funding that will be received from the Government for the Didcot Science Bridge is not to facilitate the Expressway. Mr Girling noted that the link between the Kingswell and Hagbourne Hill needs to be looked at. Mr Dumbleton had sent an email asking to have the left hand exit from Chilton Field widened. Mr Urso-Cale said it is possible to have keep clear boxes both sides of the road.
  - (vi) Steventon Bridge has gone to Appeal and there is no further news on the Reservoir.
- Mr Fox Davies left the meeting at 8.50pm

## **7. Planning**

### (i) Applications to be considered by the Parish Council

Vale of White Horse Local Plan 2031 Part 2 - Public Consultation on Schedule of Proposed Draft Main Modifications

Comments The Parish Council welcomed the deletion of the 1000 houses on Harwell Campus and the recognition of the AONB.

Application for erection of an American barn containing 10 stables and a small storage barn together with provision of a sand school and an adjacent outdoor training area. Skippets Stables Dene Hollow P19/V0624/FUL

Comments Chilton Parish Council does not object to this application. The Council is concerned that although the letter from MCB Planning states there will be no adverse impact on the BOAT there will inevitably be an increase of traffic on the BOAT. This increase in traffic will have a negative impact, therefore there should be something in place to ensure that the BOAT is adequately maintained.

### (ii) Applications determined by the Vale

Refusal for Proposed PID Sign for a petrol station. Murco Filling Station Newbury Road P19/V0058/A  
Permission for single storey side and rear extension 22 Crafts End P19/V0177/HH  
Planning permission to extend soil screening bund. Chilton Waste Transfer Station.

- (iii) Mr Broad reported that area of land at Warren Piece previously a subject of an Enforcement Order has now two mobile homes, chickens and children's play equipment on it and leyandii planted round the patch. The Vale to be notified.

## **8. Matters Arising**

### (i) Open Forum – Tree Stump

Mr Broad checked, the footpath is clear.

### (ii) County Council Priority Fund

As Mr Roots-Petty has resigned from the Parish Council it was decided to leave any further action until after the elections.

### (iii) Neighbourhood Plan

Mr Broad reported that the next stage is to look at policies.

### (iv) Equipped Activity Area/Chilton Field

Mr Broad met with the representative from Jupiter Play to discuss the Area. The Vale should be granting the £121k in two stages, April and May. The Council to write to Jupiter Play giving permission to order the equipment.

Chilton Field allotments – all the allotments have been let, tenancy agreements have been signed and Thames Water is to be contacted re the water meter. The grass cutting round the allotments will be done by Gavin Jones.

## 9. Finance

### (i) Expenditure

#### Cheques

89. Mrs Morris – Feb salary + expenses	326.03
90. L Rees – Chronicle 454	64.35
91. Gavin Jones - Jan POS Maintenance	2131.91
92. Gavin Jones - Lime tree work /Spa Street	1028.30
93. Gavin Jones - sandpit infill	1012.42
94. Fenland - maintenance work on play equipment	5184.73
95. Mrs Morris - March salary + expenses	326.03
97. L Rees – Chronicle 455	76.05
98. Gavin Jones - Remedial work + part allotment work	18977.04
99. Gavin Jones + Feb POS Maintenance	2131.91
100. CFO – Annual membership	70.00
01. OALC – Annual subscription	280.55
02. Thames Water - allotment water/ Lower Road	18.02
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>31627.34</u></b>

#### Petty Cash

5 weeks litter picking 50.00

### (ii) Income

1 allotment 12.90  
10 Chilton Field allotments 100.00

112.90

#### Balances

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Treasurers Account 500.00  
Instant Access 252918.26  
Business Account 84510.95  
Petty Cash 120.00

(iii) Mr Girling said that there would be a STEAM Day on 9<sup>th</sup> June and asked if the Parish Council would donate £500.00 towards the day as in previous years. It was agreed.

(iv) It was noted that there are two broken bollards on Chilton Field, to be repaired.

## 10. VHMC Report

The Meeting was cancelled.

## 11. Reports of Meetings Attended

(i) The Chilton Field contractors, Gavin Jones, are part of the Nurture Landscapes Group and there is to be a new contracts Manager, Mick Conway from 1<sup>st</sup> April. He met with Mr Broad and Mr Urso-Cale, and they had a walk round Chilton Field, the same team will still be working on Chilton Field but under the Nurture Landscapes Group name.

(ii) Mr Broad had a meeting with Angus Horner. As the 1,000 houses have been deleted from the Local Plan it is possible an old application for 175 houses might be resurrected. There is now a coffee bar/restaurant and a gym at The Quod, eventually the shops will be rebuilt.

(iii) Mr Broad has been approached by a firm of Land agents working for Mr Carlisle looking at plots around the Village outside the developed boundary.

(iv) Mr Broad had an informal conversation with Mr Richardson re the land behind the Murco garage and The Orchids.

## 12. Play Equipment Inspection

The inspection was carried out by Mr Broad. Next inspection is Mr Urso-Cale.

**13. Correspondence**

From the previously circulated list it was noted:-

- (i) A letter had been received regarding about a dozen vintage cars being parked on Crafts End Green at the start of a rally in June. It was agreed that provided it did not clash with the Saturday market, any damage to the Green is repaired and the neighbours are informed then the Parish Council has no objections.

The Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.33pm