

Minutes of the Chilton Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 26 February 2020 at 8.00 pm in the Village Hall

Present	Mr C Broad	Chairman
	Dr J A Berry	
	Dr S Druce	
	Mr F Dumbleton	
	Mr R Girling	
	Mr M Urso-Cale	
	Ms H Gascoigne	District Councillor
	Mr M Fox-Davies	County Councillor
	Mrs M E Morris	Parish Clerk
	6 members of the public	

1. **Apologies for Absence** Were received from Ms L Bent, Mr J Lewis, Ms S Medley and PCSO T Deane Area Beat Officer.
2. **Declarations of Interest** None
3. **Minutes of the last meeting** were signed as a true record.
4. **Area Beat Officer's Report**
From a written report it was noted that there had been a garage break in when various items were stolen.
5. **Open Forum**
 - (i) Mr Woods asked what the Precept had been set at, the exact figure was not to hand but it was noted that it was a decrease from last year.
 - (ii) Mr Woods reported that Thames Water is waiting for a street closure so that the leak in Main Street can be repaired.
 - (iii) Mr Woods noted that the break in was at their garage, he was not entirely happy with the Police response as they do not come out for break ins.
 - (iv) Mr Woods asked if the Parish Council would be going to the Petrol Station Appeal – yes the Council will be making a statement.
 - (v) There was a complaint regarding the edges of Hagbourne Hill that are crumbling away, making a dangerous ditch.
 - (vi) It was noted that it is getting increasingly difficult to exit the Village early morning and evening due to the amount of traffic.
 - (vii) Mr Roots-Petty said he was disappointed that the lights in front of Chilton School are still not working and also there are 10 broken bollards. It was explained that the land there is Harwell Campus, privately owned land and the Parish Council have no powers. Mr Broad will speak to Duncan Rogers at the next SSG Meeting, also Mr Roots-Petty will contact Harwell Campus.
 - (viii) Mr Roots-Petty noted that there were commercial vehicles being parked at Roman Fields, Mr Fox-Davies will look into the timescale for the adoption of the Chilton Field roads.
6. **District Council Report**
From the recently circulated report it was noted:-
 - (i) The Climate Emergency Advisory Committee met on 28th January.
 - (ii) The Vale has published its Budget for 2020/21.
 - (iii) Changes to support Vale residents on low income given the go ahead.
 - (iv) Cornerstone had a Youth Festival during the February half term.
 - (v) Didcot Garden Town project will receive some government funding
 - (vi) Following the Future Homes Standard consultation the Vale are producing clearer standards and guidelines for home builders and developers.

- (vii) Littering - Waste Enforcement Officers are holding a series of events to meet the public and talk about littering.
- (viii) There was an exhibition of the proposed new Council Offices at Crowmarsh Gifford.
- (ix) The Oxfordshire Growth Board have commissioned a review.

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

Ms Gascoigne noted that the Petrol Station Appeal will be held in May, Mr Broad said the Parish Council would appreciate being able to speak to the Vale Case Officer prior to the Appeal. Ms Gascoigne said she would look into it.

Mr Girling asked if there was any update for the medical facilities on Great Western Park – No. Mr Girling also asked about the Vale supplying dog waste bins and who empties them.

Dr Druce asked what will be done with the Climate Emergency fund, as there are a lot of details in the minutes, but with a lot of money going on feasibility studies to see what can be done. Ms Gascoigne said that feasibility studies have to be carried out first.

Mr Dumbleton asked if the Parish Council were speaking under Rule 6 status at the forthcoming Public Inquiry, the Clerk said the Vale had been consulted and the Parish Council will just speak at the Inquiry.

Mrs Woods asked if the new parking regulations will affect the Vale's Budget – no it is cost neutral.

Mr Dumbleton complained about the amount of litter along the A34 going into Oxford. It is very bad compared with the A34 in West Berkshire.

7. County Council Report

From the previously circulated report it was noted:-

- (i) Proposals for an "investment budget" to reduce neglect, ill-health and social isolation will be considered by Councillors when Oxfordshire County Council sets its budget on Tuesday 11 February, following resident and business consultation.
- (ii) A new online tool has been launched by the Council to help tackle the main issue inhibiting residents doing better at recycling; information. The new tool called Waste Wizard offers comprehensive information on what can and cannot be recycled, where to deposit it or if it can be repurposed or donated.
- (iii) OCC and Oxford City Council cabinets have approved plans to develop a detailed business case for a project to reduce congestion on routes into and around Oxford, improve air quality and reduce carbon emissions.
- (iv) Patients are urged to help the NHS help them this winter.
- (v) Age UK Oxfordshire has joined forces with local partners to provide advice to older people on staying healthy and well during the winter.

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Mr Fox-Davies was asked if he could check the progress regarding the hedge along Lower Road being cut back.

Mr Dumbleton said the Council had written to Hannah Wood, the Highways Inspector, sometime ago to set up a meeting but it had not happened. There are several issues the Council wish to discuss with the Highways Inspector, these are; the very dangerous ditches that are forming on Hagbourne Hill where the roadside is being eroded away; exiting from both sides of the Village is almost impossible during work hours; Hagbourne Hill comes to a standstill; at Chilton Village exit the detectors work but cars block the exit so drivers are unable to get out; the temporary Chilton Village only signs need to be made permanent; the redundant Chilton signs need removing; did the Stage 4 safety audit happen.

The Clerk to write to Hannah Woods with these points requesting a meeting, Mr Fox-Davies to be copied into the correspondence.

Mr Fox-Davies left the meeting at 8.56pm

8. Planning

(i) Applications Considered by the Parish Council

Application for installation of modular building and associated external works. Public Health England Harwell Campus P20/V0242/FUL - No objections

Application for Variation of Condition 2 of V19/V0955/FUL. Land at South Car Park RAL P20/V0419/FUL – No objections.

Application for Certificate of Lawful Development, land at Upper Farm Road. P20/V0329/LDP

- (ii) Appeal against the decision on application P18/V3052/FUL –Petrol Station at Chilton interchange. The Parish Council will speak at the Inquiry.

- (iii) Applications Determined by the Vale
 Permission to replace an existing outbuilding with a Shepherd Hut to provide ancillary accommodation.
 Pond Cottage, Dene Hollow, Chilton P19/V3083/HH
 Permission for construction of an external elevator shaft to house a service elevator to the R80 plant room.
 CCLRC, Rutherford Appleton Lab, Harwell. P19/V3345/FUL
- (iv) A report had been received that the hedge at Hawthorn End been removed to allow for the construction of the open-fronted garage to be constructed. There was a condition in the planning permission that hedge be retained. Dr Druce will speak to the householder to see if the hedge will be replaced.

9. Matters Arising

- (i) Gazebos for Market
 The gazebos have been purchased and used at the February Market.
- (ii) Cubs
 The Cubs will carry out a litter pick up around Chilton Field as an activity towards their Environment Badge.
- (iii) Neighbourhood Plan Report
 Dr Druce/Mr Broad to report.
- (iii) Chilton Field
 Mr Girling has taken the photos for play equipment, new checklist rotas to be done.
 The Clerk contacted the School re the fence on Diamond Way. Mr Ahmed agreed to the fence being removed. The Clerk to contact Nuture for removal of the fence.
 Mr Urso-Cale reported that he had completed a form for the Sec 106 money for the Work of Art but a second quote is needed from Tim Norris.

10. Finance

- (i) Expenditure
Cheques

87. Mrs Morris – January salary	338.00
89. Mrs Morris – Clerk’s Manual	52.30
90. Thames Water - Lower Road Allotments	6.91
91. Nuture Landscapes Ltd – Repair of broken bollards	1660.74
92. Streetmaster – replacement bin liner	81.60
93. Nuture Landscapes Ltd. – January POS work	2131.91
94. Linda Rees – Chron 465	161.46
95. Mrs Morris - February salary	338.00
Total	4770.92

Petty Cash

5 weeks litter clearing 50.00

- (ii) Income
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| SA Clothing Bank – December | 28.35 |
| SA Clothing Bank – January | 69.55 |
| 19 Allotments - | 317.40 |
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Balances

Treasurers Account	500.00
Instant Access	204004.00
Business Account	113278.55
Petty Cash	90.00

- (iii) Friends of The Ridgeway membership due - £15 - agreed
- OALC subscription due - £248.31 - agreed
- Community First Oxfordshire subscription due - £70.00 – it was decided not to renew .

- (iv) Replacement trees on Chilton Field - As part of the ongoing remediation on Chilton Field four dead trees need replacing. It was agreed.
- (v) Prior to the meeting 3 contractors had been asked for quotations for cutting the grass in Chilton Village, a report was circulated and it was agreed to go with The Oxford Landscape Group.

11. VHMC Report

Dr Berry reported that at the last meeting a prioritised capital works list was decided on. The first three items of priority were; a patio area at the back of the Village Hall; more effective heating in the Community Room and to install inner lobby doors in the Community Room. Also on the list was drywall, plaster and paint the Hall and Meeting Room walls, new curtains for the Hall and Meeting Room and replace the suspended ceiling and lighting in the Hall.

12. Reports of Meetings Attended

(i) Parish Transport Representatives Meeting

Mr Dumbleton attended the Meeting, one of the agenda items was a presentation on Fix My Street SuperUsers by Nigel Clark. He gave us a link to a booklet on giving communities control over local services: https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/sites/default/files/file/our-work-communities/oxfordshire_together.pdf

13. Play Equipment Inspection

The inspection book is with Mr Lewis, to be passed to the Clerk to set up new rota.

14. Correspondence

From the previously circulated list it was noted:-

- (i) A letter had been received from Didcot Garden Town asking for Parish Council Representatives for the Parish Councils Sounding Board. Mr Girling to be the Representative and Mr Broad the substitute.
- (ii) A letter had been received from CCLA requesting up to date details of the Charity account.

The Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.40pm