

Present	Mr C Broad	Chairman
	Ms L Bent	
	Dr J A Berry	
	Dr S Druce	
	Mr F Dumbleton	
	Mr R Girling	
	Mr M Urso-Cale	
	Mr M Fox-Davies	County Councillor – left the meeting at 8.45pm
	Ms H Gascoigne	District Councillor
	Mrs M E Morris	Parish Clerk

1. **Apologies for Absence** Ms S Medley District Councillor and Mr J Lewis.

2. **Declarations of Interest** None

3. **Minutes of the last meeting** were signed as true record.

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

PCSO Deane reported that Travellers were camped for a short period on Campus land. After the meeting PCSO Deane emailed to say that two vans were moved on from Warren Piece, one had an off road bike, they were told they could not ride on the land and the vehicle registrations were noted.

5. **Open Forum**

It was noted there had been some comments on Facebook regarding the Open Space on Chilton Field. The Sec 106 money is specifically for 11 – 18 year olds.

Mr Fox-Davies asked if the Council had any plans for the County Council Priority Fund (£1875.00). The climbing wall on the Climber cube needs replacing, the fund could be used to replace it. Mr Girling will look at the application form.

6. **District Council Report**

From the circulated report it was noted:-

- (i) There is new funding available for volunteer groups and organisations to help vulnerable residents affected by Covid-19.
- (ii) Staff and Councillors at the Vale have been taking part in Cycle September.
- (iii) Discretionary Business grants have been paid out.
- (iv) Car park charges – 2 free hours to be retained.
- (v) Leisure Centres – phased opening plans.
- (vi) Housing update - ban on evictions.
- (vii) There have been Vale Cabinet re-organisations.
- (viii) Planning for the future consultation.
- (ix) New council website goes live.
- (x) Safety Advisory Group – will give advice to event organisers.
- (xi) Oxfordshire Investment Plan.

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

Ms Gascoigne noted that she had been unable to attend the Petrol Station Appeal but did submit a written statement. It is hoped that the result will be known in about a month's time.

7. **County Council Report**

From the circulated report it was noted:-

- (i) There was an update on the number of confirmed cases of Covid-19 in Oxfordshire.
- (ii) Children have been welcomed back safely to school.

(iii) An independent report has been commissioned on different options for local government structures. The likelihood of a White Paper on Unitary Authorities has been put back to next year.

(iv) Active Travel tranche 1 continues to be delivered and the Active Travel tranche 2 bid has been submitted. The full report can be found on the Parish Council website.

Mr Fox-Davies noted that cycling is very popular at the moment, is the Vale doing anything to push safety as it is getting darker now. Ms Gascoigne said she would check.

A question was asked about the closure of Chilton Road, is it going to be permanent? It is being done in conjunction with Sustrans, there will be a consultation but the expectation is that it will be permanent. It was noted that there will need to be some kind of crossing so that cyclists can cross the A417 and the top of Hagbourne Hill safely.

Mr Girling noted that the gullies on Hagbourne hill are getting bad. Mr Fox-Davies will check about the gullies.

After the last meeting an update on the adoption of the Chilton Field roads was circulated, Mr Fox-Davies said that not only do OCC need to push the developers but the Vale Planners should be pushing as well.

Mr Dumbleton asked if there is anything that Mr Fox-Davies can do to keep the X32 bus service. Mr Dumbleton will email the latest information.

Mr Fox-Davies left the meeting at 8.45pm.

8. Planning

(i) Applications considered by the Parish Council

Application for loft conversion and rear extension. 39 Crafts End P20/V2323/HH

Comments The Parish Council had no objections.

Application to raise the eastern half of the R4 building roof to accommodate 3 new internal floors with workshops and offices. Two new stair towers serve the floors and a bridge link is created to the adjacent R3 building. The main building is being over-clad to improve the thermal performance. Building R4 RAL P20/V2079/FUL

Comments The Parish Council had no material objections but is concerned about the continuing increase in heights of the buildings.

(ii) Applications determined by the Vale

Permission for double-story extension to the back of the house and replacement of garage door with window to the front of the house. 12 Severn Road P20/V1629/HH

Permission for installation of additional extract flue from existing laboratory to increase capacity. Building R92 RAL P20/V1970

(iii) Petrol Station Appeal

Mr Broad spoke on behalf of the Parish Council at the Appeal. He noted that it took place over Zoom and lasted nearly 5 days. It was very difficult to know what the result will be.

(iv) Enforcement Update – Warren Piece

The caravans have been removed, all that is left is some wire fencing. The Enforcement Officer has visited and is satisfied with the site now and closed the case.

(v) EPAC Contractors Car Park

Mr Softley had written on behalf of Severn Road residents to complain about the car park lights being switched on. The lighting does not conform to that which should be used in an AONB. Mr Softley also wanted to know if Chilton Field residents had been informed that the new carpark lights are to be switched on from 5th October. The Severn Road residents have written to STFC. Mr Girling will check if the new carpark lights affect Chilton Field.

9. Chilton Field

(i) Work of Art

Mr Urso-Cale reported that the extra wood has now been attached but some more specialist screws are still needed. The wood has been treated with a coat of oil and the grass has been re-seeded in places. Tim Norris wants to do the snagging once everything has been completed. The fence to stay up until snagging completed and then a decision to be made when it should finally come down.

(ii) Chilton Field Way

The conversation regarding groundwater is ongoing.

(iii) Bollards

Quote for bollard work still to be received, it was agreed that the Clerk would ask for all the bollards to be checked and let Andy Mighall know that the drop down bollards are no longer needed.

10. **Matters Arising**

(i) Open Forum

Two offers of help to maintain the flower troughs have been received. It was agreed that for the first year up to £75.00 could be spent.

(ii) Neighbourhood Plan

Dr Druce reported that the Regulation 14 consultation is proceeding, there was good support for the two public consultations and some useful suggestions have been made. Once the consultation period is closed all the comments need to be considered.

(iii) VHMC Report

Dr Berry checked the availability of Village Hall for a Council meeting. The hall is booked on a Wednesday night and the Morris Room would not be large enough under Covid regulations. Subsequent to this under the new restrictions and on advice from NALC remote meetings are to continue.

(iv) Correspondence

A letter has been sent to Thames Travel, Mr Tresham has replied that he is still working on the X32 timetable. Mr Dumbleton has written to Mr Earnshaw, Scholar Transport at OCC, with queries regarding the X32, the letter will also be sent to Mr Fox-Davies.

11. **Finance**

(i) Expenditure

Cheques

37. Mrs Morris - August salary	346.00
39. GeoXphere – Parish online renewal	36.00
40. Came & Company - Insurance renewal	3093.51
41. Nuture Landscapes Ltd. – August POS work	2216.30
42. The Landscape Group Oxford – August grass	347.16
43. Dr S Druce – Neighbourhood Plan banners	60.00
44. L Rees – Neighbourhood Plan printing	374.06
45. L Rees - Chronicle 471	107.64
46. Thames Water – Lower Road allotments	62.63
Total	6643.3

Petty Cash

3 weeks litter clearing 30.00

(ii) Income

SA Clothing Bank - July	2.25
SA Clothing Bank - August	6.94
2 nd Payment Precept	9402.50
Paddock rental	<u>450.00</u>
	<u>9861.69</u>

Balances

Treasurers Account	500.00
Instant Access	186186.22
Business Account	115312.09
Petty Cash	90.00

(iii) NALC has published the new Clerk's salary scales for 20/21 back dated to 1st April. The Clerk's hourly rate has gone up from £12.89 to £13.24. The Clerk is paid to work 298 hours a year, £3945.62pa or £328.79 per month. It was proposed by Mr Broad, seconded by Dr Druce and agreed by all that the new hourly rate be accepted.

12. VHMC Report

Dr Berry reported that a request for a single person use of the Village Hall by a wrestler has been turned down as the VHMC said they would not take casual bookings until January at the earliest, the booking would set a precedent. 'Fledglings' can use the Main Hall subject to a limit of 37 including adults. 'QR' codes have been placed in two locations in the Village Hall; the 'Morris Room' sign is now in place in the Village Hall. The Community Larder has been shelved as there were too few volunteers and no risk assessment. The Clerk thanked the VHMC for all their hard work in getting the Hall ready for use; she noted that she was very pleased to be able to attend one of the classes.

13. Play Inspection Report

The Clerk is still to follow up on the RoSPA report. Mr Urso-Cale did the inspection for Chilton Field; the Clerk is to pass the Playing Field inspection book to Dr Druce.

14. Correspondence

From the circulated list it was noted that:-

- (i) Didcot Garden Town Sounding Board meeting – Mr Girling attended the remote meeting; parishes felt that they were not being consulted enough. Good communication with Didcot is needed; thought must be given to the impact on the AONB. No minutes have been circulated.
- (ii) A letter had been received asking for no parking signs to be erected on the green in Limetrees, comments had also been received saying they didn't want any signs. The green belongs to the Vale so the Parish Council cannot erect any signs. The situation to be monitored.
- (iii) Mr Broad asked who owns the pond at the Garden Centre, the Clerk will check but thinks it belongs to the Garden Centre.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.50pm