

Present	Mr C Broad	Chairman
	Ms L Bent	
	Dr J A Berry	
	Dr S Druce	
	Mr F Dumbleton	
	Mr R Girling	
	Mr J Lewis	
	Mr M Urso-Cale	
	Ms S Povolotsky	County Councillor
	Ms H Gascoigne	District Councillor
	Mrs M E Morris	Parish Clerk

Prior to the Meeting the possibility of meeting face to face was considered as lockdown had not been lifted . It was decided to hold the meeting virtually as it was thought it would be safer.

1. **Apologies for Absence** PCSO Deane.

2. **Declarations of Interest** Dr Berry declared a personal interest in Item 8 Planning P21/V163, as he is a neighbour. The Register of Interests to be signed.

3. **Minutes of the last Meeting and the Planning Meeting** were signed as a true record.

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

From PCSO Deane's report it was noted that quad bikes had been seen at Warren Piece, there had been an attempted credit card scam, some barrels of oil stolen from the Rose & Crown and theft from vehicles on Droveaway. Mr Urso-Cale said that the anti-social behaviour is getting on Chilton Field with particular reference to the area around the amphitheatre with smoking and drinking. Mr Girling has taken some photos of the alcohol bottle and cigarettes around the area. The Clerk to forward the photos to PCSO Deane with a report regarding the behaviour and to ask for more Police patrols particularly in the evenings.

5. **Open Forum**

Mr Dumbleton said that The Green and Crafts End Green have not been cut. The Clerk to remind the grass cutters. Mr Dumbleton asked if there were any posters about not leaving engines running, Ms Gascoigne will look into it.

6. **District Council Report**

Prior to the Meeting a report had been circulated and put on the Parish Council website. Ms Gascoigne reported that the tennis courts at Great Western Park are now open, they belong to Boundary Park Sports Association. The Cornerstone in Didcot is starting to re-open and will be fully open in September. The symptom free testing centre at The Beacon in Wantage is closing down and it will re-open fully in September. The Abbey Meadows outdoor swimming pool will open on 12th July.

Ms Gascoigne said with regard to litter picking on the A34, Highways England control access to the road but Biffa, in their risk assessment want the road closed which is why it is done at night. The laybys are done separately and emptied twice a week.

7. **County Council Report**

Ms Povolotsky was welcomed as the County Councillor. Ms Povolotsky said that as well as (*instead*) of a monthly report she would be passing on information as it comes in. In Didcot, Covid figures are high so there is a need to encourage the over 18's and everyone to have the second dose of the vaccine. Mr Broad said that Chilton has a long standing issue of the adoption of the Chilton Field roads. Ms Povolotsky will chase it up, the Clerk will forward the last email from Mr Fox-Davies regarding the adoption. Mr Girling asked what her view was on Hagbourne Hill not being fit for purpose, Ms Povolotsky said she wasn't aware

that there was a problem. Mr Girling said it's disappointing that information isn't shared with new officers, there should be a proper handover. Dr Druce noted that anything that increases the traffic coming off the A34 will make it very difficult to get out of the Village. Ms Povolotsky noted all these comments and will follow them up.

8. Planning

(i) Applications to be considered by the Parish Council

Amendment to P21/V0429/FUL, South Car Park, RAL, Landscape mitigation plan.

Comments

No objections to the amendment.

Amendment (no. 2), on application P21/V0430/FUL, for Avon Road Car Park V0430/FUL

Comments

The Parish Council continues to object to this application as the amendment does not remove the Council's objections. There needs to be recognition of the large number of family homes that will be affected by this application.

Application for 5 visitors accommodation cabins, Chilton Fields, South Row P21/V1630/FUL

Comments

Chilton Parish Council objects to this application in the strongest possible terms for the following reasons.

1. It is in open countryside.
2. It is outside the settlement of Chilton.
3. It is not infill.
4. It is against the Local Plan and the emerging Chilton Neighbourhood Plan.
5. It is in a prominent location that will be visible from the Ridgeway.
6. Chilton is in the North Wessex AONB and this proposal does not enhance the AONB.
7. There are no utilities provided for the field.
8. The access is not suitable for an increase in traffic.
9. Public transport to the village is very limited.
10. There has been no involvement with the Neighbourhood Plan consultations or with the Parish Council.

(ii) Applications determined by the Vale

Permission for two storey and single storey extension, The Cottage, Ridgeway Farm, P21/V0157/HH

Permission for new conference centre, European Space Agency, Harwell Campus, P21/V0212/FUL

Permission for replacement conservatory and garage conversion, 3 Spa Street, P21/V0946/HH

Permission for Part removal of mound and erection of Class E building, RAL, P21/V0351/FUL

Application withdrawn, Extending boundary fence, 10 Limetrees, P21/V0490/FUL

Appeal dismissed, Land of Lower Road. P20/V0857/FUL

9. Matters Arising

(i) Chilton Field – Work of Art Opening

Mr Urso-Cale reported that there are 3 acts booked but more are needed as two have dropped out. Mr Broad and Ms Bent will approach some groups. The gazebos are booked and the WI will provide refreshments for the Groups. Ms Bent said the Toddler Group own a Bouncy Castle, if it is used the Group will need to have their own public liability insurance for it. Advertising to go in the Chronicle, Facebook and posters. The Clerk to notify the insurance company and also the PCSO regarding the event.

(ii) Church Path strip of Land

The Transfer Deed has been signed and returned, the land has now been transferred to the Parish Council.

(iii) Church Hill

Mark Francis should have visited to decide on site for sign and the sign should be erected in June. The Clerk to check if the white lines will be re-instated.

(vi) Play Equipment Working Group

The Clerk has spoken to Jenny Billings and she is keen to be part of the Group. Mr Broad has produced a paper setting out the funds that are available.

(v) Assets of Community Value session

Dr Druce reported on the meeting he attended. If the Council wish to declare a property an Asset of Community Value then the Council would have to show why it should be an Asset, what's the viability of it,

would the Council be able to raise the money to buy it . There are strict rules regarding what can be a community asset. Residential properties cannot be a community asset, so this would raise a problem for the Rose & Crown as it part pub and part residential.

(vi) Neighbourhood Plan

Dr Druce said that some points for clarification had been received from the Examiner and the responses sent back. The referendum may be held in early September.

10. Finance

(i) Expenditure

Cheques

98. Mrs Morris - Chronicle 477	99.36
99. Surrey Hills Solicitors - Church Path work	660.00
00. Landscape Group Oxford - April grass cutting	160.98
01. Nuture Landscapes Ltd - Herbicide treatment	704.40
02. Nuture Landscapes Ltd - Replacement dead trees on embankment	1192.82
03. Nuture Landscapes Ltd - April POS work	2216.30
04. Mrs Morris - May salary, expenses and postage	357.48
05. Sawscape Play Ltd - quarterly play equipment inspection	420.00
06. Surrey Hills Solicitors LLP - Church Path work	274.00
07. Landscape Group Oxford - May grass cutting	321.96
Total	6407.3

Petty Cash

9 weeks litter clearing 90.00

(ii) Income

Castle Water refund 127.09

SA Clothing Bank 18.60

145.69

Balances

Treasurers Account 500.00

Instant Access 159288.79

Business Account 143877.01

Petty Cash 10.00

(iii) The Parish Council approved the Annual Governance section of the Annual Return. Proposed by Mr Broad, seconded by Mr Girling and accepted by all.

(iv) The Parish Council approved the Annual Return. Proposed by Mr Broad, seconded by Mr Girling and accepted by all.

(v) The books have been returned from the Internal Audit, there were no matters arising. The Council thanked Mr Gibson. It was proposed and accepted by all that Mr Gibson be appointed Internal Auditor for 2021/22. It was agreed that in lieu of payment, the Clerk would purchase 8 bottles of wine.

(vi) The Oxfordshire Playing Fields Association (OPFA) had written offering membership at reduced rate, £30, for the first year. It was agreed to join the OPFA.

(vii) The Clerk reported that the Insurers had written regarding the alleged accident in the play area. They said it is likely that a breach of duty will be found against the Council as the gate and the ground had been altered post-accident. It would be insurer's intention to admit the breach of duty, to protect the Council's position, but then maintain requesting sight of the medical records, in order for medical causation to be established, before considering insurers position any further. The Parish Council accept that the ground was repaired

but disagreed that the gate had been altered. The Clerk will write with these points and ask what happens if breach of duty is not admitted.

11. Village Hall Management Committee Report

There was no report as the AGM has been postponed until 19th July as restrictions were not lifted.

12. Play Equipment Inspection

Mr Girling carried out the Chilton Field inspection. One of the seats on the gym equipment has been damaged, the Clerk will let Sawscapes know. Dr Druce carried out the Playing Field inspection, the rotaplay seat sleeves are in need of repair and the steps to the slide need to be improved. The Clerk noted that HAGS have still not completed the replacement climbing wall, Clerk will contact HAGS.

13. Correspondence

From the previously circulated list it was noted:-

- (i) OALC is holding a virtual AGM on 5th July.
- (ii) The Vale is holding a litter bug trail during the summer. It was agreed not to take part as the Chilton Scarecrows are arranging a fun trail round Chilton.
- (iii) A tree from the Rose & Crown land fell on the corner of Elderfield Crescent in a recent storm, it was cleared away by Mr Cox. The tree to be mentioned to Mr Keagan.
- (iv) A complaint had been received regarding trees overhanging a garden in Chilton Field Way from the public open space. The Clerk will contact the contractors re the 6 monthly works on the strip of land.
- (v) The fencing on part of the allotments is damaged and rabbits can get in. In the past allotment holders have repaired the fencing adjacent to their allotment.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 10.10pm