

Present

Mr C Broad  
Ms L Bent  
Dr J A Berry  
Dr S Druce  
Mr F Dumbleton  
Mr R Girling  
Mr J Lewis  
Mr M Urso-Cale

Chairman

Mr M Fox-Davies  
Ms H Gascoigne  
Mrs M E Morris  
2 members of the public

County Councillor – left the meeting at 8.20pm  
District Councillor  
Parish Clerk

1. **Apologies for Absence** Ms S Medley, District Councillor.
2. **Declarations of Interest** None.
3. **Minutes of the last meeting** and the Planning Meeting were signed as true record.
4. **Area Beat Officers Report**  
PC Merritt had emailed to say that she had no reported incidents on Church Hill other than the January one.
5. **Open Forum**  
No comments.
6. **District Council Report**  
From the previously circulated report it was noted:-
  - (i) The Community Support Hub is continuing to support people.
  - (ii) There has been a lot of support for the Winter Support Grant Scheme.
  - (iii) Covid rates across Oxfordshire continue to plateau.
  - (iv) The Kassam Stadium is being used as a community vaccination centre.
  - (v) The Beacon in Wantage is being used as an asymptomatic test centre.
  - (vi) Garden waste collection has resumed.
  - (vii) Business support is continuing during the pandemic.
  - (viii) The Valley Park application has been deferred s more information is required.
  - (ix) The Budget meeting was held on 10h February.
  - (x) There is a new housing project for homeless people.
  - (xi) £240,000 for newt conservation.
  - (xii) Council launches a dog fouling awareness campaign.
  - (xiii) Low carbon leisure centres.
  - (xiv) Government consultation on National Planning Policy Framework revisions.
  - (xv) Right to regenerate consultation.
  - (vi) The Vale is working with Table Tennis England to promote table tennis.The full report can be found on the Parish Council website.  
Ms Gascoigne noted that the application for lighting at Campus carpark has not been decided yet.
7. **County Council Report**  
From the previously circulated report it was noted:-
  - (i) In line with the National figures Covid cases are continuing to fall but residents must still observe public health guidance.
  - (ii) Excellent progress continues to be made on delivering the COVID-19 vaccination programme across the county.

- (iii) There is to be an expansion of symptom-free testing to public-facing workers and volunteers with new centres being set up.
- (iv) Across Oxfordshire, there is a range of testing sites for people who have COVID-19 symptoms.
- (v) A consultation has been launched on Oxfordshire's draft transport blueprint.
- (vi) A New partnership helps champion the climate cause.
- (vii) Rain and snowfall have led to higher river levels than normal in Oxfordshire over a prolonged period of time this winter.
- (viii) The Oxford-Cambridge Expressway is now called the Oxford-Cambridge Arc.
- (ix) The Budget was agreed and set at the annual meeting of all 63 county councillors on 9 February.

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

Mr Fox-Davies said he would try to get some up-to-date information on the adoption of the Chilton Field roads. He noted that he had commented on the Upton Road closure.

Mr Fox-Davies left the meeting at 8.20pm.

## **8. Planning**

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

Application for Development of a 300 person Conferencing facility for the European Space Agency (ESA) within their UK facility (ECSAT) Fermi Ave, Harwell. P21/V02/12/FUL

#### Comments

Chilton Parish Council does not object to this application but have the following comments to make: There needs to be more clarity regarding the number of car parking spaces needed and also there should be more electrical charging points. The lighting needs to be carefully thought out and due consideration given to the fact the area is in the AONB.

### (ii) Applications Determined by the Vale

Permission for single rear storey 44 Crafts End. P20/V3010/HH

Permission for proposed conversion of existing garage to guest room and utility room linked to existing dwelling with single storey extension and alterations. 4 Potteries Lane P20/V2678/HH

Permission for Removal of dilapidated port-cabin. Conversion of the existing dwelling to storage and office/staff room space to be used in connection with the existing business on site. Erection of a proposed single storey 2-bedroom detached replacement dwelling to provide new residential accommodation. (Amended plan received 9 December 2020- changing existing dwelling into storage and office space for staff)

Murco Filling Station P20/V1532/FUL

Permission for Conversion of building to dwelling with garden and parking. Stables to northwest of The Manor House Townsend P20/V3154/FUL

Permission for Installation of solar panels on the roof of the Diamond Synchrotron and erection of 3 external stairwells. Diamond Synchrotron RAL P20/V2884/FUL

## **9. Matters Arising**

### (i) Chilton Field Way

A copy of the map received from DWH has been sent to Mr Lonnen.

### (ii) Lower Road Paddock

Pigs still to be moved, reminder sent.

### (iii) Donation of strip of land

Mr King wrote to say that the proposed transfer has been put on hold until lockdown has ended. Mr Broad noted that a tree surgeon said it would cost about £9k to clear the trees from the strip of land.

### (iv) Footpaths

The Clerk contacted The Landscape Group Oxford re extra work on footpaths, still waiting for a reply.

### (v) Correspondence

The Clerk wrote to Mr Birkett-Jones but he declined to withdraw the paragraph. The Clerk has contacted the Police, they only have the January report on file but thought that Highways may have some information. Highways reported that there is no personal injury accident history for the past 5 years. Also from Highways there was this response:

1. Signage and road markings could be improved, with signs warning of pedestrians on the carriageway.
2. OCC is looking into a county wide consultation on 20mph for villages.
3. There is insufficient width to implement a footway.

4. Making Church Hill one way would increase traffic speed.

Following a discussion the Council voted on the proposal to ask Highways to re-instate the white lines either side of Church Hill and for warning signs to be erected. There were 4 votes for and 4 votes against the proposal, the Chairman had a casting vote and voted in favour of the proposal. The Clerk will contact the Highways Dept.

## 10. **Finance**

### (i) **Expenditure** **Cheques**

73. Mrs Morris - January salary	354.79
74. Surrey Hills Solicitors - Church footpath work	345.00
75. Nuture - Infill of hedge on Diamond Way	672.00
76. Nuture - replace 51 bollards	2544.00
77. Citizens Advice - donation	150.00
78. Nuture - January POS	2216.30
79. Tim Norris - final payment for Work of Art	2500.00
80. Mrs Morris (Thames Water allotments)	11.82
<b>Total</b>	<b>8793.91</b>

### **Petty Cash**

5 weeks litter clearing 50.00

### (ii) **Income**

SA Clothing Bank 22.03  
Allotments 397.20  
Paddock rental 450.00  
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869.00

### **Balances**

Treasurers Account 500.00  
Instant Access 161789.00  
Business Account 143570.12  
Petty Cash 30.00

(iii) Friends of The Ridgeway – subscription £15.00

(iv) Nuture had emailed with a quote for the annual selective herbicide treatment of large open space area of site to help with the continued development of the green space. £587.00 + VAT The quote was accepted.

## 11. **VHMC Report**

Dr Berry reported that the earliest the Village Hall is likely to re-open is mid-May. Government guidelines will determine whether both the Village Hall and Community Room will re-open or just the Village Hall. The VHMC were thanked for continuing to look after the buildings. The next VHMC meeting will be in March.

## 12. **Play Equipment Inspection**

Mr Dumbleton carried out the inspection, there is a loose screw on the twin rotator, Mr Broad will check and do next inspection. Mr Urso-Cale to do Chilton Field inspection.

## 13. **Correspondence**

From the previously circulated list it was noted:-

(i) The Vale has written to say that under CIL legislation the Council is due £5,000.00 from the development work at Pond Cottages. The Clerk to notify the Vale they wish to receive it.

(ii) A young girl is carrying out Community Service for her Duke of Edinburgh award by litter picking once a week for 3 months at Chilton Field. When she has finished the Clerk will ask her if she wishes to continue as litter picker for Chilton Field.

- (iii) The legislation for the remote meetings ends on 7th May and it isn't clear what happens after that. In the light of the information the Clerk has received from OALC it is suggested that Annual Parish Meeting forward to 28<sup>th</sup> April and the May meeting (which is the Annual Parish Council Meeting) is brought forward one week to 6<sup>th</sup> May (last date to hold a remote meeting). This way both of the annual meetings will be carried out under remote conditions as it is not clear when the halls will re-open. It may also be necessary to implement the scheme of delegation again. The Council agreed to the change of dates for these meetings. The Agenda for the APM to be discussed at the March PC meeting.

Under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and the Local Government Act 1972 the public were excluded from the following item at 9.30pm. The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.40pm.