

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 8.20pm
	Ms H Gascoigne	District Councillor
	Mrs M E Morris	Parish Clerk
	2 members of the public	

1. **Apologies for Absence** Mr J Lewis and Ms S Medley, District Councillor.
2. **Declarations of Interest** None.
3. **Minutes of the last meeting** were signed as true record.
4. **Area Beat Officers Report**
From an email received it was noted:-
Suspicious vehicles reported at Warren Piece and several attempted garage/sheds break ins on Chilton Field but nothing taken.
5. **Open Forum**
Mrs Druce complained about the disgraceful state of the verges on the A34 and asked Ms Gascoigne to look into it as the Vale is responsible for clearing the litter on the A34 verges, Ms Gascoigne said she would. Mrs Druce left the meeting.
6. **District Council Report**
From the previously circulated report it was noted:-
 - (i) The Vale will be offering emergency provision over the Easter Bank holiday for those having to self-isolate.
 - (ii) Overall, Covid rates are decreasing but guidelines must continue to be observed.
 - (iii) So far, over 41k people have been vaccinated in the Vale.
 - (iv) The government has confirmed details of the next payment period for business grants.
 - (v) There was a Full Council Meeting on 24th March, it was agreed that the Vale and SODC would develop and joint local plan. There are to be consultations in summer 2022 and summer 2023 with adoption in autumn 2024.
 - (vi) There is to be a community lottery in the Vale.
 - (vii) The Vale has agreed to allocate £344k towards building affordable homes in Botley.
 - (viii) Vale and SODC residents are top recyclers in the Country.
 - (ix) The two District Councils have joined Oxfordshire Greentech to help local businesses tackle the climate emergency.
 - (x) Changes to the Vale's parking arrangements have been confirmed.
 - (xi) The proposed Oxford to Cambridge Expressway has been cancelled.Dr Druce said that he has concerns about the proposal for a joint local plan, there should have been some consultation regarding the proposal, not just railroading it through. Chilton's Neighbourhood plan is based on the 2031 Plan and the Parish Council has spent many hours on producing the Neighbourhood Plan. Dr Druce would like to see the justification for saving money. Ms Gascoigne will find out the information before the next Parish Council meeting.
The full District Council report can be found on the Parish Council website.

7. County Council Report

From the previously circulated report it was noted:-

- (i) The number of new Covid cases continues to fall but guidelines must still be followed.
- (ii) There has been a decrease in the number of Covid cases in the over 60's.
- (iii) The government is encouraging all households with nursery, primary and secondary school and college aged children and young people to take part in twice-weekly rapid flow testing.
- (iv) Schools have now welcomed back all pupils.
- (v) Majority of parents and children offered their first school choice.
- (vi) Target for cutting greenhouse gases exceeded.
- (vii) Oxfordshire County Council named best performing county council waste disposal authority in England.
- (viii) The recycling centres will be very busy over Easter.

Mr Girling noted that the Lateral Flow tests are very well organised. Dr Druce noted that Mr Fox-Davies is not standing in the forthcoming local elections and thanked him for all his support over the last four years. Mr Broad also thanked Mr Fox-Davies and said he had been very effective in getting things done. The Council wished him all the best for the future.

Mr Fox-Davies left the meeting at 8.35pm

8. Planning

(i) Applications to be considered by the Parish Council

Amendment to application for lighting, land south of South Car Park RAL P20/V3298/FUL

Comments

No objections.

Application for Solar Photovoltaic Carport System. South Car Park RAL P21/V0429/FUL.

Comments

No objections.

Application for Solar Photovoltaic Carport System. Avon Road Car Park RAL P21/V0430/FUL

Comments

The Parish Council would like a detailed Glint and Glare assessment carried out specifically for the Severn Road and Chilton Field residents before making any further comments.

Application for part removal of mound and erection of Class E building (to be known as COSBE) Land at Road 15 RAL P21/V0351/FUL

Comments

No objections.

Application for proposed extension, Colina, Main Street P21/V0673/HH

Comments

No objections.

Application for extend boundary fence to incorporate land at rear of property into existing property and area of hard standing. 10 Limetrees, P21/V0490/FUL

Comments

No objections

(ii) Applications determined by the Vale

Permission for single storey extension to rear with internal alterations. 26 Chilton Field Way P20/V3315/HH

Permission for variation of conditions 2 (Approved plans) & 5 (Landscaping Scheme) in application P19/V2466/FUL Land north of Fermi Avenue P20/V3062/FUL

(iii) The Lower Road Appeal will be heard on 8th April, Mr Broad will speak.

(iv) Hagbourne Hill/ Upton Road – the proposal was accepted by the OCC at the 25th March meeting.

9. Matters Arising

(i) Chilton Field

The fencing round the Work of Art has now been removed, Mr Urso-Cale was thanked for his work in getting the project completed.

(ii) Lower Road Paddock

The pigs have now been removed.

- (iii) Donation of strip of land adjacent to Church Path
Mr King has asked his solicitor to draw up the plans for the proposed donation of land. Mr Broad said that the Council must make a deliberate decision whether to accept the land or not. Following a discussion it was agreed by all that the Council should accept the donation of the strip of land that could initially be considered as a Garden of Remembrance.
- (iv) Footpath work
Clerk has chased up Landscape Group but still waiting for response.
- (v) Church Hill
The Clerk wrote to Highways, waiting for response. It was noted that there are "Police Operation "signs on lampposts in the village, the Clerk will contact PCSO Deane to find out the significance.
- (vi) Remote Meetings
There is no further information whether meetings can be held remotely after 7th May.

10. Finance

(i) Expenditure

Cheques

81. Mrs Morris - Feb salary & expenses	354.79
83. Mrs Morris - Chronicle 475 & 476	198.72
84. Nuture - February POS	2216.30
85. Landscape Group – Church Path (rec.side)	414.00
86. Sawscapes Play Ltd. 1 st maintenance inspection	420.00
87. Friends of The Ridgeway subscription	15.00
88. OALC - Annual subscription	310.48
89. Mrs Morris - March salary & expenses	354.79
Total	4284.08

Petty Cash

5 weeks litter clearing 50.00

(ii) Income

SA Clothing Bank 14.24
SA Clothing Bank 32.31
Allotments 46.80

93.35

Balances

Treasurers Account 500.00
Instant Access 157504.92
Business Account 143663.47
Petty Cash 50.00

- (iii) The Annual Return has been received.

11. Village Hall Management Committee Report

Dr Berry reported that:-

The storm drains and white lines on the VH carpark need some attention, the Clerk will let Dr Berry and Mr Dumbleton have some contact details.

Both the community room and the village hall are COVID prepared for the elections on 6th May.

The VHMC has received an additional £18,000 from the Vale in the form of a COVID grant and that the funds now stand at approx. £45,000. The Parish Council is still holding a Village Hall fund and there is Sec 106 money for Pegasus Close to be claimed.

The Committee are going to get quotes from 3 builders re the capital projects. (The plastering of the walls in the main hall, the patio and fencing outside the village hall, the new internal doors in the community room

and the heating upgrade for the community room). A decision can then be made as to what will be carried out and when.

If there is money left after the projects, the VHMC would like to move £1,000 of the grant money to the "Social Fund" to enable the village to start hosting events after lockdown.

A new committee member is needed as John Smith is stepping down.

12. Play Equipment Inspection

Mr Broad carried out the playing field inspection and Mr Girling Chilton Field. Sawscape has carried out the first maintenance inspection, the reports are very thorough. The Clerk will ask Sawscape to check the legs of the Wicksteed swings for movement. The Clerk reported that the Insurance Claim for an injury to a minor is being handled by the Council's Insurance company.

13. Annual Meeting Agenda

The meeting will be held remotely on Wednesday 28th April, the Clerk to contact Mr Ahmed Chilton School Head teacher, Mr Rogers Harwell Campus, and a representative from RAL if they would like to attend the Meeting.

14. Correspondence

From the circulated list it was noted:-

- (i) Jennifer Billings of the Chilton Scarecrows group had written saying the group would like to fund raise for some new play equipment, the Councillors liked this idea and would like to see a working group set up once it is possible to have face to face meetings. The Clerk will write to Jennifer Billings and ask if she would like to be part of a working group.
- (ii) Mr Groves had written regarding the strip of land adjacent to Church Hill outside East House as the land has had some planting on it. There has also been another complaint regarding the planting, which has been reported to Oxfordshire Highways. As the strip of land appears to belong to Highways it was decided to let Oxfordshire Highways follow it up.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 10.05pm