

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	
	Ms H Gascoigne	District Councillor
	Mrs M E Morris	Parish Clerk
	1 member of the public	

1. **Apologies for Absence** Mr J Lewis , Ms S Medley District Councillor and PCSO Deane.
2. **Declarations of Interest** None.
3. **Election of Chairman**
Mr Broad was proposed by Mr Urso-Cale, seconded by Ms Bent and accepted by all. The Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed.
4. **Election of Vice Chairman**
Mr Girling was proposed by Mr Urso-Cale, seconded by Ms Bent and accepted by all.
5. **Councillors Responsibilities**
Footpaths - Mr Broad
Transport - Mr Dumbleton
VHMC - Mr Dumbleton, Dr Berry
Site Stakeholders Group - Dr Druce
OALC - Rotate between Councillors
AONB - Mr Dumbleton
Planning - Full Council
Neighbourhood Plan - Dr Druce, Mr Broad
Chilton Field Maintenance - Mr Urso-Cale
6. **Minutes of the last meeting and the Annual Parish Meeting** were signed as true record.
7. **Area Beat Officers Report**
No report as Annual Report given a week ago.
8. **Open Forum**
Mr Urso-Cale noted that there is some very poor behaviour of children and adults in the wooded areas on Chilton Field. A note to be kept of incidents and passed to PCSO Deane.
9. **District Council Report**
From the previously circulated report it was noted:-
 - (i) The Community Support Hub continues to be available.
 - (ii) The vaccination programme is continuing and there is a slight drop in Covid-19 infection rates.
 - (iii) Public testing is being rolled out.
 - (iv) Grants for transportation schemes are available.
 - (v) The Test and Trace £500 payment scheme is being expanded.
 - (vi) Restart Grants are available for businesses.
 - (vii) It is hoped to open the outdoor pools for the summer season.
 - (viii) Applications for Sec 106 funding are re-opening.

- (ix) The Town & Parish Forum on Climate action will be on Monday 24th May.
- (x) The Assets of Community Value online event takes place on 12th May.
- (xi) Polling stations on 6th May will be kept Covid safe.
- (xii) The three Great Western Park community centres are now open.
- (xiii) There is a new High Sheriff of Oxfordshire.

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

Ms Gascoigne noted that Biffa are responsible for clearing litter on the A34, but it has to be done at night. She will check the schedule for the work.

Ms Gascoigne reported back on the Joint Local Plan proposal; the Plans need to be reviewed every five years and the cost of the examination is the same whether it is a new plan or a review. Dr Druce said he finds it difficult to accept there will be a real cost saving once internal costs of planning officers and consultations are fully accounted for, and that a joint Vale/SODC plan is likely to be more involved than a review of the existing Vale plan that is valid up to 2031. Dr Druce opined that if costs are driving the decision then a cost comparison should be made between preparing a joint plan when originally required for the Vale with preparing a joint plan at an earlier date. The implication is the current Plans have policies that the newly elected councillors in the Vale and SODC don't agree with. If the Local Plan is changed then this could have implications for Chilton's Neighbourhood Plan. What is the extent of the review? Definitions of smaller/larger villages and associated policies are key to the Local Plan and the Council would not want to see any changes that could affect Chilton badly. The Parish Council is challenging the implications and does not agree that costs are the real reason.

Ms Gascoigne said that she is aware of our concerns now and she will keep raising them and asking questions.

10. **Planning**

(i) Applications to be considered by the Parish Council

Amendment to application P21/V0157/HH, work at Ridgeway Farm Chilton.

Comments

The Parish Council would also like a condition attached to any permission that The Cottage cannot be sold as a separate dwelling but kept as part of Ridgeway Farm.

Amendment to application for Solar Photovoltaic Carport System. South Car Park RAL P21/V0429/FUL.

Comments

No objections.

Amendment to application for Solar Photovoltaic Carport System. Avon Road Car Park RAL P21/V0430/FUL

Comments

It is good that the Glint & Glare assessment was carried out however it only takes into account the ground floor of the affected properties. There needs to be further mitigation of the glare for the upper stories of the house in Severn Road and Chilton Field. Further consideration must be given to reducing the glare to the first floor of the affected houses. More screening needs to be provided.

Amendment to application for conference centre ESA, Fermi Ave, P21/V0212/FUL

Comments

No objections.

Application for Erection of a Class E Workshop and new access of Fermi Ave, P21/V0875/FUL

Comments

No objections

Application for replacement of existing conservatory and garage conversion, 3 Spa Road, P21/0946/HH

Comments

No objections.

(ii) Applications determined by the Vale

Permission for removal of Conditions 5 (Garage Accommodation) on application P20/V1034/HH. Demolition of existing garage and conservatory, erection of two storey side extension. 22, The Orchids P20/V2807/HH

Permission for removal of earth mound. Land south of Diamond Synchrotron P21/V00095/FUL

Permission for demolition of external stairs to B65 and erection of Class E building to be known as NQCC.

Building R12, RAL P20/V3332/FUL

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

(iii) The Lower Road Appeal was heard on 8th April. Mr Broad spoke on behalf of the Parish Council.

11. Matters Arising

(i) Chilton Field

Mr Urso-Cale is looking into an opening event for the Work of Art.

(ii) Donation of strip of land adjacent to Church Path

The transfer is progressing slowly.

(iii) Footpath Work

Still chasing the Landscape Group.

(iv) Church Hill

Clerk has contacted Highways for a response. The Clerk has asked twice re the Police Operation signs but had no reply.

(v) Remote Meetings

A final ruling has been received; remote meetings cannot be used after 7th May.

(vi) Correspondence

The Clerk replied to Jennifer Billings re setting up a working group for improving the play equipment, she said she would be interested in being part of the group. More arrangements to be made when face to face meetings can take place.

The Clerk wrote to Mr Groves re the Church Hill verge.

12. Finance

(i) Expenditure

Cheques

90. Thames Water - water allotments Lower Road	7.35
91. Nuture - Trees for play area	3019.45
92. Nuture - Dead tree by Chilton Field allotments	756.00
93. Mrs Morris - April salary	354.79
95. Castle Water (Mrs Morris) – water Chilton Field allotments	11.36
96. Nuture - March POS work	2216.30
97. The Landscape group Oxford – March grass cutting	160.98
Total	<u>6526.23</u>

Petty Cash

2 weeks litter clearing 20.00

(ii) Income

SA Clothing Bank 24.63

1st payment Precept 9498.00

CIL Payment 5220.32

SSE Wayleave 43.22

14786.17

Balances

Treasurers Account 500.00

Instant Access 165696.09

Business Account 143731.32

Petty Cash 100.00

(ii) Castle Water should be sending a refund for foul water charges.

13. Village Hall Management Committee Report

Balances: Main a/c 1,620.45; Savings a/c 41,000; Social a/c 215.03

Dr Berry reported that the Village Hall is open for well-controlled groups – supervised children, exercise classes and ‘educational’ classes. The Community Room remains closed until the 6-person rule is relaxed.

A problem has been highlighted that young people are ordering pizzas etc. for delivery to the Community Room carpark and then leaving their rubbish behind. The VHMC feels that they cannot unlock the bins as

they have been set on fire previously. There are apparently no landfill or recycling bins in this area and it was felt that, in addition, the new amphitheatre area would attract a significant number of people 'eating out' with nowhere to leave their refuse. In other words, the problem will get worse.
The next VHMC meeting is scheduled for June 21st and is the AGM and open to the public.

14. Play Equipment Inspection

Mr Girling carried out the Chilton Field inspection; a comment had been received re the hydraulics on one of the pieces of equipment. Ms Bent carried out the Recreation Field inspection; some comments had been received re the swings. All the comments have been passed to Sawscales who are due to do an inspection.

15. Correspondence

From the previously circulated list it was noted that the Vale are holding a remote session on Assets of Community Value. Dr Druce agreed to register for the meeting.

16. Meeting Dates for 2021/22

The list of dates were circulated prior to the meeting and accepted by all. The Chronicle dates are to be added to the list and the list published on the website. It is hoped that the meeting on 23rd June will be able to be held in the Village Hall.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.45pm.