

Present                      Mr C Broad                      Chairman  
   Ms L Bent  
   Dr J A Berry  
   Dr S Druce  
   Mr F Dumbleton  
   Mr R Girling  
   Dr M Hansard

   Mrs M E Morris                      Parish Clerk  
   5 members of the public

1. **Apologies for Absence** were received from Ms Gascoigne and Ms Medley, District Councillors.
2. **Chairman's Report**  
Mr Broad welcomed everyone and expanded on his Report that had been published in the Chronicle. He noted that it was good to be able to have physical meetings again and hopefully now more people will attend Council meetings. Mr Broad said the Council has been donated the strip of land alongside Church Path and we need to produce some ideas for its use. He thanked Mr Lewis who had stepped down after 6 years as a Parish Councillor and welcomed Dr Hansard who was co-opted in his place. Mr Broad concluded by thanking the Councillors for all their work.
3. **Resumé of the last Meeting**  
The Clerk read a brief resumé of the last meeting.
4. **Matters Arising from Previous APM**  
None.
5. **Comments on Items in the Chronicle**  
Mrs Woods asked if Ms Povolotsky could provide a report for the Chronicle instead of the links that are in the Chronicle. It was suggested that Mrs Woods contact Ms Povolotsky directly. Mr Broad noted that at the last Parish Council meeting Ms Povolotsky said starting in September there would be a bus service to Newbury; that Chilton Village is in the first tranche of villages to get the 20mph speed limit; the Neighbourhood Watch speed team are encouraging teams to be set up.
6. **County Council Report**  
Mr Broad read out the highlights of the Annual Report, which can be found on the Parish Council website. He noted that the proposed reservoir is much larger than had been originally proposed.
7. **District Council Report**  
Mr Broad read out the highlights of the Annual Report which can be found on the Parish Council website. He noted that because of the Valley Park development there will be a new parish of Harwell East.
8. **Neighbourhood Plan Report**  
Dr Druce thanked the Working Group, several of whom were present at the meeting. It had been a long haul; a lot of people had contributed to it and the Village is now seeing the Vale using the Plan when evaluating planning applications. It is very important that there is a defined clear boundary to the Village and good the Vale were persuaded that it was needed.
9. **Village Hall Management Committee Report**  
Dr Berry expanded on his report that was previously circulated in the Chronicle. He noted that the finances are looking healthy and the Committee are looking to get the main hall redecorated. Mrs Alex Kapp, who has stepped down from the committee, was thanked for all her work as Secretary. New members are

needed to join the committee. Mr Broad thanked the VHMC for all they do and repeated the need for more volunteers.

**10. Appointment of two Independent Representatives to the VHMC**

Mr Andrew Coate was proposed by Ms Bent, seconded by Mr Girling and agreed by all. There is one vacancy which may be filled at the VHMC AGM on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May.

**11. General Discussion.**

Dr Hansard said that so far, he was enjoying being a Parish Councillor.

Mrs Woods asked what will happen when the commuted sum of money for the maintenance of Chilton Field runs out, will there be a sudden almost doubling of the precept? Mr Broad explained that initially there have been high costs as a lot of work was needed to get the land up to standard. The fund will not be allowed to run out, but it will be built up by gradually increasing the precept.

The Chairman thanked the members of the public for attending and closed the meeting at 8.50pm