

**Minutes of the Chilton Parish Council Meeting held in the Community Room on Wednesday 14th December 2022
at 8.00 pm**

Present	Mr C Broad	Chairman
	Mrs L Amstead	
	Dr S Druce	
	Mr F Dumbleton	
	Mr R Girling	
	Dr M Hansard	
	Mr M Urso Cale	
	Ms H Gascoigne	District Councillor
	Mrs M E Morris	Parish Clerk
	1 member of the public	

- Apologies for Absence** were received from Dr J A Berry and Ms S Povolotsky.
- Declarations of Interest** Mr Dumbleton declared an interest in item 8(i) Planning as he is a neighbour, the Register was signed.
- Minutes of the last Meeting** were signed as a true record.
- Area Beat Officer's Report**
PCSO Deane had emailed to say that there had been a report of off road motor cycles at Chilton Waste Prospect Farm and a theft of a parcel from Roman Fields.
- Open Forum**
Mrs Goodall said she had come to talk about setting up a Warm Spaces in Chilton. Two exploratory meetings have been held, one in the Village Hall when eleven people attended and one in the Community Room when no one attended even though there is a need in both parts of the Village. Lack of communication seems to be a problem although it was advertised in the Chronicle and on Facebook. Leaflets and posters need to be displayed round the Village, Mr Girling offered to get some posters printed and Mr Broad said he would laminate them. It was agreed that costs could be covered by using funds from the Chilton Charity Fund. Mrs Goodall has met with Ms Povolotsky and it was noted that hot meals cannot be provided as there are no relevant Food Hygiene certificates, but tea, coffee and cake can be. The Clerk will forward the link for Warm Spaces that is in the District Council report. Mrs Goodall agreed to get a poster designed and sent to Mr Girling.
- District Council Report**
Prior to the meeting the monthly report had been circulated. From the report Ms Gascoigne noted that the Strategic Design Code had been approved for Valley Park and a new application for the first 246 houses has been submitted. Following a consultation the area presently known as East Harwell will become Western Valley Parish and a new Parish Council with 8 Councillors will exist from next May. A new Leader of the Council has been appointed, Cllr Bethia Thomas, as Cllr Smith has stepped down. It was agreed at the last Council Meeting that those residents on Council Tax Support will pay no Council Tax from May next year. Mr Girling asked if there was an update on the provision of medical facilities on Great Western Park. It is even more important now as new residents are unable to sign on with the existing practices. There is no update but there should be one in January. Ms Gascoigne was asked to inform the Vale that the Council is very concerned and would like the Vale to put more pressure on the Local Health Providers. Ms Gascoigne reported that the Valley Park houses do not impact on the 5 year housing supply. Ms Gascoigne was asked to find out about the position of the application for the 47 houses on Upper Farm Road.
- County Council Report**
Ms Povolotsky had circulated a monthly report prior to the meeting.

8. Planning

(i) Applications considered by the Parish Council

Application for new projecting timber framed balcony with spiral staircase. Ridgeway Farm P22/V2632/HH
Comments No objections.

Application for new timber workshop. Kilbo South Row P22/V2733/HH

Comments Chilton Parish Council does not object to this application but would like to see a condition attached that use should be restricted to personal and domestic use only.

Application to demolish existing prefab garage and erect a larger garage and workshop 2 Lavender Cottages Main Street P22/V2738/HH

Comments Chilton Parish Council does not object to this application but would like to see a condition attached that use should be restricted to personal and domestic use only.

(ii) Applications determined by the Vale

Refusal for erection of up to 31 dwellings with associated means of access, car parking, new footpath links, public amenity space and landscaping Land off Hagbourne Hill P22/V1847/O

Permission for installation of an air source heat pump to the NE elevation of the property. 43 Limetrees P22/V1648/HH

Mr Dumbleton noted that a number of objections had been received for the recent application on Harwell Campus. Also, the application for the office building by Horticulture House had also received two letters of objection.

9. Matters Arising

(i) Open Forum - Sensors at Townsend

The Clerk has sent a note to Ms Povolotsky.

(ii) Play Equipment Working Group

Mr Urso Cale reported that Jupiter had sent a summary of the consultations and three designs. The Working Group have met and discussed results which showed that the majority of the development will be on the recreation field behind the Church. There is to be a further public consultation on Saturday 7th January in the Village Hall and the Community Room on the three designs. The Clerk to find information on the existing sports wall.

(iii) North Wessex Downs AONB Annual Forum

Mr Dumbleton attended the Annual Forum, there were several interesting talks including one on ecological farming. He also met Henry Oliver, Director of NWD AONB and Rebecca Davis, the Planning Officer. The 50th Anniversary of the AONB was celebrated and the meeting concluded with stargazing.

(iv) Chilton Chronicle/Ridgeway Broadsheet

The next edition of the Chronicle will have the page from the Church. The Church will be invoiced for the extra page.

(v) Correspondence

The Clerk sent in the comments on 20mph consultation.

(vi) Didcot Area Travel Plan workshop.

Mr Dumbleton attended the Workshop and reported that the Plan covers all aspects of travel from private car journeys, cycling, freight, bus, and rail journeys and includes ambitious targets such as: By 2030 replace or remove 1 in 4 car journeys in Oxfordshire, Mr Dumbleton asked if this included the A34

Increase the number of cycle trips in Oxfordshire from 600,000 to 1 million trips per week. Reduce fatalities or life-changing injuries by 50%. It was noted that there have been six fatal collisions in the Didcot study area between 2017 and 2022 – one of them on Hagbourne Hill which means 16% of fatal accidents have occurred on Hagbourne Hill.

Councillors discussed the new cycle crossing at the top of Hagbourne Hill, the VAS (vehicle activated sign) has made the crossing more dangerous as cars won't slow down. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to Bill Cotton, Director of Environment and Place at OCC with the Council's comments.

(vii) Campus Report

Mr Broad reported on a meeting held at the Campus recently with Jason Stafford, Stewart Lilly, Mike Fox-Davies and STFC. It is hoped that the meetings will be held quarterly. Items discussed were the amount of new building being carried out and the Highways modelling of the A34 as here will be significant construction in 2023. East Hendred have applied for a Section 6 for the Esso/ Milton Hill planning appeal.

10. Finance

(i) Expenditure Cheques

44. Nurture Landscapes - October POS	2216.30
45. The Landscape Group Oxford - October grass cutting	186.18
46. Nurture Landscapes - November POS	2216.30
48. Mrs Morris - November salary & back pay to 1 st April	533.47
49. Mrs Morris - Stamps & NWD AONB Forum	23.04
50. Mrs Morris - Chron 494	207.00
Total	5382.29

(ii) Income

SA Clothing Bank 52.90

Balances

Treasurers Account	500.00
Instant Access	107875.11
Business Account	160396.57
Petty Cash	200.00

(iii) Lower Road Paddock

The Clerk has written and reminded Ms Boot about the Tenancy condition clauses. It was agreed that a further letter would be sent after Christmas, if there was no further action to re-instate the paddock then the tenancy may have to be terminated.

(iv) The broken bollards have been replaced on Chilton Field , a quote for the tree is still to come.

(v) The Precept form has been received.

(vi) SLCC membership renewal is due - £112 It was agreed to renew it.

(vii) CPRE membership is due - £36.00 It was agreed to renew it.

(viii) The pothole at the entrance to the car park needs to be filled in. The Clerk will check with John Smith what was used before.

11. VHMC Report

Dr Berry reported that Debra Dewhurst will take over as Secretary, but someone is needed to take over Bookings and Treasurer from May as Andrew Coate is stepping down. It was noted that 2-3 bonfires had been held behind the Village Hall. Bookings continue to be very good. Wi-Fi installation in the Village Hall is due to be completed by Mr Dodds, a replacement for him is still being sought. Redecoration of the kitchen and toilets in the Community Room is being arranged. Blinds for the Community Room emergency exit door still to be replaced. The heater in the Morris Room has been re-programmed and is working again but more heating is needed, so 2 free standing heaters have been purchased.

12. Play Equipment Inspections

Mr Girling carried out the Chilton Field inspection, there was nothing to report. Mrs Amstead did the Playing Field, the climbing frame has loose bolts, the Clerk will let Sawscapes know. Dr Druce to do the next inspection.

13. Correspondence

From the circulated list it was noted:-

(i) That there are tours of the waste facilities in 2023.

(ii) The CIL form has been received.

(iii) Dr Hansard noted that in about 6 months time the 500th edition of the Chronicle will be due, perhaps there should be a celebration issue.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.40pm