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| Present | Mr C Broad | Chairman |
| | Dr J A Berry | |
| | Mr F Dumbleton | |
| | Dr S Druce | |
| | Mr R Girling | |
| | Dr M Hansard | |
| | Mr M Urso-Cale | |
| | Ms H Gascoigne | District Councillor |
| | Mrs M E Morris | Parish Clerk |
| | 5 Members of the public | |

1. **Apologies for Absence** Ms L Bent, Ms S Povolotsky County Councillor.
2. **Declarations of Interest** None
3. **Minutes of the last Meeting** were signed as a true record.
4. **Area Beat Officer's Report**
PC Merritt's report noted that there had been a dog out of control and some anti-social behaviour between neighbours. It was also noted that her email address and Tim's had changed. The Clerk will update the address in the Chronicle.
5. **Open Forum**
 - (i) Mr Woods noted that Ms Povolotsky's website was not up to date. Ms Gascoigne will let her know.
 - (ii) Mr Woods asked if the sarsen stone by the access to The Blenheim's could be moved to The Green if it has to be moved.
 - (iii) Mr Softley said that the lights are now being switched on at the Avon Road car park, they are completely wrong. He said that he has already raised the matter with the Vale and will be contacting SCF.
 - (iv) Mr Hillier reported that an HGV driver is parking his vehicle by the garages in Elderfield Crescent at the weekends and blocking access to the garages. Sovereign Housing has been contacted and he has 28 days to remove his vehicle.
6. **District Council Report**
The monthly District Council was previously circulated and is on the website. Ms Gascoigne said that the Vale oppose the proposed new reservoir at Steventon. Cabinet is to pass a new Climate Action Fund that will be available for applications from end of February.
Dr Druce asked if there is any clarity in the change of the number of houses in the new Local Plan, are we at risk of going below the 5 year figure? Ms Gascoigne will check and let Dr Druce know.
7. **County Council Report**
Prior to the meeting Ms Povolotsky had circulated a report. Mr Dumbleton had attended a virtual Transport Meeting with Ms Povolotsky when the Oxfordshire Comet service was discussed. This service utilises vehicles that take children to school and adults to day care centres. They can be booked between 10.00am and 2.00pm. when the vehicles are not in use.
8. **Planning**
 - (i) **Applications considered by the Parish Council**
Application for proposed new office building, associated car park and landscaping. Land east of Horticultural House, Chilton. P21/V3540/O

Comments

Chilton Parish Council object to this application for the following reasons. 1. It is outside of the village boundary as shown in the Neighbourhood Plan. 2. It is on a green field site. 3. It is outside the employment zone as shown in the Neighbourhood Plan. It is therefore contrary to the Neighbourhood Plan and should be refused.

9. Queen's Platinum Jubilee

The Clerk reported that the WI had suggested that a Big Lunch could be held on Sunday 5th June as part of the Jubilee celebrations. It was proposed to use the area round the amphitheatre and the Community Room. The Scouts are willing to support the event as well. It was agreed that the Parish Council would support the event and any funding needed to come from the Chilton Charity Fund. The Clerk will liaise with the WI and a note to go in the Chronicle.

10. Matters Arising

(i) Play Equipment Working Group

Mr Urso-Cale reported that the tenders had been issued with a 22nd January deadline. The Scarecrow Trail before Christmas raised £385.75 towards new play equipment.

(ii) Tenders for tree work

These tenders to be discussed under Finance.

(iii) 20mph in Village Survey

172 responses were received from email and Facebook, 138 were in favour of the speed limit and 34 were against. The Clerk will let OCC know the results.

11. Finance

(i) Expenditure

Cheques

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| 63. Mrs Morris - December salary & expenses | 354.79 |
| 65. Mrs Morris - Chronicle 484 | 132.48 |
| 66. Mrs Morris - SLCC annual subscription | 98.00 |
| 67. Oxfordshire South & Vale Citizens Advice - Donation | 150.00 |
| 68. Kingdom Signs - Chilton Field play area sign | 423.05 |
| 69. Thames Water - Lower Road allotments | 45.11 |
| 70. Nurture Landscapes Ltd - December POS | 2216.30 |
| 71. The Landscape Group Oxford - Winter work | 1164.00 |
| 72. Mr Urso-Cale - Replacement Event Shelter, damaged opening of Work of Art | 223.69 |
| Total | 4807.42 |

Petty Cash

7 weeks litter clearing 70.00

(ii) Income

SA Clothing Bank 41.18

SA Clothing Bank 33.30

74.48

Balances

Treasurers Account 500.00

Instant Access 135006.86

Business Account 153616.13

Petty Cash 110.00

(iii) Tenders for tree work - Prior to the meeting the two tenders for the Church Path work from Crosscut and Nurture were circulated. After a discussion 5 Councillors agreed to accept the tender from Nurture and 2 Councillors were against. The Nurture tender was accepted, the Clerk to check when they will start work.

Nurture had also quoted for work on two trees on Chilton Field. It was agreed to have the tree in Spa Street pollarded as it overhangs a householder's garden but the tree at The Rookery would be left as it is in good condition. The Clerk to notify Nurture and the householders.

- (iv) Prior to the meeting the Budget papers for 2022/23 were circulated, following a discussion the Budget was proposed, seconded and accepted by all that the Precept for 2022/23 should be £21419 giving a figure of £30.28 per band D house.
- (v) Annual subscription for Friends of The Ridgeway - £15.00 agreed
- (vi) CPRE subscription renewal - £36.00 agreed

12. Village Hall Management Committee Report

Dr Berry reported that bookings continue to be good. The heaters in the Morris Room continue to be monitored. Contractors are being chased for quotes for replastering the Main Hall. Glaziers are being sort for the broken window and also the Community Room door where the glass has slipped. There have been discussions re the Queen's Jubilee. There have been further discussions re the patio but replastering, the heaters and curtains have a higher priority.

The Clerk will write a note explaining what funds are held by the Parish Council and VAT.

13. Play Equipment Report

Mr Girling reported on the Chilton Field equipment, the Clerk will pass on the highlighted areas to Sawscapes. Kingdom signs will be erecting the sign on 20 January. Dr Berry carried out the Playing Field equipment. Mr Dumbleton to do the next inspection. The Clerk to contact HAGS again re the missing climbing holds.

14. Correspondence

From the circulated list it was noted :-

- (i) Mrs Clements had asked about ownership of land behind 44 Chilton Field Way. It is probably Housing Association.
- (ii) Mr Jenkins had written asking for a footpath to join up two stretches of footpath along Chilton Field Way by the visitors parking. The strip of land does not belong to the Parish Council but will eventually be transferred to Oxfordshire Highways when OCC adopt the roads. Mr Girling will write to the Adoption Engineer with an explanation of the problem and ask for a footpath to be considered when they own the land. The Clerk will reply to Mr Jenkins.
- (iii) The Clerk reported on an instructive Zoom meeting held by OALC explaining Operation London Bridge. This is the set of protocols that will be put into place when the Monarch dies.

The Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.25pm