

Present	Mr C Broad Dr J A Berry Mr F Dumbleton Mr R Girling Mr M Urso-Cale	Chairman
	Ms H Gascoigne Mrs M E Morris	District Councillor Parish Clerk

1. **Apologies for Absence** were received from Ms L Bent, Dr S Druce, Dr M Hansard and Ms S Povolotsky.
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 had emailed to say that there had been a report of shop lifting and a report of a mobile phone stolen from a handbag.
5. **Open Forum** None
6. **District Council Report**
Ms Gascoigne reported that new carparking charges come into force in the Vale from 4th April. The Council Tax rebate will be applied automatically on Band A -D households if they pay by direct debit. The permission for the Valley Park development has now been issued. The Vale is trialling an electric vehicle waste truck, there is only one at the moment.
Mr Urso-Cale asked if something could be done about the carpark entrance at Sainsbury's in Didcot, it is causing cars to back up to the station. Ms Gascoigne noted that it is a private carpark, but she will speak to a Didcot councillor.
Mr Girling asked if there was an update on the new medical centre, not yet.
7. **County Council Report**
There was no further news re Hagbourne Hill or the adoption of Chilton Field roads.
8. **Planning**
The Vale had written explaining why the application for an office block by Horticulture House would be allowed. The Parish Council are concerned about this decision, and it was agreed to forward the comments made by Dr Druce.
9. **Matters Arising**
 - (i) **Queen's Platinum Jubilee**
A note has been put on Facebook and the Chronicle and a small group will be meeting to get some ideas together, the Clerk will go to the meeting. It was agreed that if needed money could be used from the Charity Fund.
 - (ii) **Play Equipment Working Group**
Mr Urso-Cale reported that there will be a meeting with Jupiter 6th April.
 - (iii) **Chilton Field Way footpath**
Mr Girling reported that OCC have contacted the developers but not heard back. It is possible that once the roads are adopted the path may be installed.
 - (iv) **Church Path trees**

The trees have been cut down but the far end has been left rather untidy with tree debris. Nurture has visited and they will rectify the work. They have been asked for a quote for the removal and stump grinding of 2 other trees in the area.

10. Finance

(i) Expenditure

Cheques

78. Mrs Morris - February salary & expenses	354.79
79. Mrs Morris - Chron 485	99.36
80. Mrs Morris - 2 nd Class stamps	5.76
81. Nurture Landscapes - January POS work	2216.30
82. Nurture Landscapes - February POS work	2216.30
Total	4892.51

Petty Cash

13 weeks litter picking 130.00

(ii) Income

3 allotments 40.00

SA Clothing Bank 12.83

52.83

Balances

Treasurers Account 500.00

Instant Access 128670.14

Business Account 154565.41

Petty Cash 50.00

- (iii) The new pay scales for 2021/22 have finally been agreed, the new rate is now £13.48 (£13.24 previous rate) per hour back dated to April 2021. The new figures are, 298 hrs, £334.75 per month, £4017.04 per annum, this was accepted by all.
- (iv) Mr Urso-Cale is planning on holding a mini festival in August around the amphitheatre area, it was agreed that the Clerk would complete a form for a grant from the County Councillor Priority fund.
- (v) The Annual Return papers have been received.
- (vi) OPFA membership renewal - £45.00 agreed
- (vii) OALC membership renewal - £263.83 +VAT agreed

11. Village Hall Management Committee Report

Dr Berry reported that a note for Facebook and the Chronicle is planned and it will be very helpful to combine the hall consultation with the Play Group consultation. A glazier has been found to repair the broken window, Mr Dodds still to do the Community Room door and put in the litter bin. There have been problems with bins at both halls over locking them, the contractor has been contacted.

The Committee would like to plaster and redecorate the main hall and have suggested wood panelling up to window ledge height as it would be more robust than just plaster. The Parish Council discussed this proposal but felt that the VHMC should wait until there are more people on the committee before undertaking any new projects.

The Clerk asked if Mr Coate could send a financial statement, Dr Berry will email the last three months.

12. Play Inspection Reports

Mr Girling carried out the Chilton Field inspection, it was noted that the concrete round the new sign appears to be cracking, Clerk to contact Kingdom Signs. A sign needed for the toddler play area.

Mr Broad checked the playing field equipment, climbing wall holds still not in place, Clerk will chase HAGS.

The zip wire has been disabled until Sawscapes can fit the new wire and tyre.

Ms Bent to do the next inspection.

13. Proposed Meeting Dates for 22/23

It was agreed to move the Annual Parish Meeting to 11th May in the Morris Room, there appears to be a date in October omitted, subject to checking this, the dates were accepted.

14. Correspondence

From the previously circulated list it was noted:-

- (i) An invitation to attend the Annual D-Day Commemoration Service on 4th June has been received, Mr Girling will represent the Council, a wreath to be ordered.
- (ii) A resident slipped and fell whilst walking along F/p11 between Crafts End and Lawson Lane, the footpath does not belong to the Parish Council. The Clerk will contact OCC to see if the owner can improve the surface.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.55pm