

**Minutes of the Chilton Annual Parish Council Meeting held in the Community Room on Wednesday 4th May 2022
at 8.00 pm**

Present	Mr C Broad Ms L Bent Dr J A Berry Dr S Druce Mr F Dumbleton Mr R Girling Dr M Hansard	Chairman
	Ms H Gascoigne Ms S Povolotsky Mrs M E Morris 2 members of the public	District Councillor County Councillor Parish Clerk

- Apologies for Absence** Mr M Urso-Cale.
- Declarations of Interest** Dr Druce declared an interest in Item 9(i) Planning P22/V0832/HH as he is a friend of the applicant's neighbour, the Register was signed.
- Election of Chairman**
Mr Broad was proposed by Mr Girling, seconded by Dr Berry and accepted by all. The Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed.
- Election of Vice Chairman**
Mr Girling was proposed by Mr Broad, seconded by Ms Bent and accepted by all.
- 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
Chilton Field Maintenance - Mr Urso-Cale
- Minutes of the last Meeting** were signed as a true record.
- Area Beat Officer's Report**
PC Merritt emailed to say that off road bikes had been reported in the vicinity of the Ridgeway, the sign at Chilton Field had been stolen and a complaint from a bus driver re cars from the Spring Fair on 16th April blocking Church Hill. It is hoped that PCSO Deane will be back next month.
- Open Forum**
Mr Howard said that a TPO has been put on the trees on the entire property of Chalk Hill, so they are now unable to cutback the hedges which need maintenance and making it difficult to get out of the drive. The Clerk to write to the Vale to check if the hedges can be trimmed.
- Planning**
(i) **Applications considered by the Parish Council**
The installation of Solar PV panels on the roof of building R105 & R106 on RAL on Harwell Campus P22/V0819/N8A

The installation of Solar PV panels on the roof of building R8 & R9 on RAL on Harwell Campus.
P22/V0822/N8A

The installation of Solar PV panels on the roof of building R1 at RAL P22/V0823/N8A

The installation of Solar PV panels on the roof of building R97 at RAL P22/V0824/N8A

The installation of Solar PV panels on the roof of building R25, R61 & R68 on RAL on Harwell Campus
P22/V0826/N8A

The installation of Solar PV panels on the roof of building R22 at RAL P22/V0827/N8A

Comments on the 6 Solar Panel applications

The Parish Council have no objections but as it is in an AONB they would like non-reflective panels used as they will be seen from the Ridgeway.

Erection of new single storey rear and side extension. New roof to existing garage to tie in with new extension 1 Crafts End. P22/V0832/HH

Comments

No material objections.

Construction of a replacement building suitable to house the HRPD (High Resolutions Powder Diffractometer) instrument on the ISIS neutron source. Building R69 P22/V0308/FUL

Comments

No objections.

(ii) **Applications Determined by the Vale**

Refusal for Two-storey side/front and single storey rear extension. Additional parking to frontage with extended crossover. 7 Crafts End P21/V3317/HH

Permission for Proposed new office building, associated car parking and landscaping. Land to the east of Horticulture House P21/V3540/O

10. Matters Arising of Items not covered elsewhere on the Agenda

(i) Queen's Platinum Jubilee

The Group have met a couple of times and help has been agreed with the Scouts, WI and Fledglings. A note has been put in the Chronicle.

(ii) Play Equipment Working Group

Mr Broad reported that the Group had met with Jupiter and a date for a consultation is to be arranged. A request had been received re a bench on the Teen play area on the playing field. It cannot be put yet but could be part of the play equipment consultation.

(iii) Church Path Trees

The residual tree waste has been removed, a quote for the two remaining trees and stump grinding has been received. The quotation was to fell the two remaining trees, debris to be cleared and removed, stump grind the stumps and all the additional ones in the area: £2,100. The quotation was accepted.

(iv) Festival at Amphitheatre

A grant for £200.00 from the County Councillor Priority fund has been agreed but it can only be used for the generator or musical acts not for any food or refreshments.

(v) Proposed Meeting Dates

A date had been omitted from the previously circulated list, an updated list has been circulated.

(vi) Stone Service

The wreath has been ordered and there will also be a historic aircraft flypast.

(vii) F/p11

The Clerk contacted OCC Rights of Way, the response was that the F/p is tarmaced and as such is maintained by Oxfordshire Highways. The Clerk to contact OCC via Fix-my-Street and copy in Ms Povolotsky.

11. County Council Report

Ms Povolotsky reported that a Newbury bus service will start in September, picking up from the Garden Centre, she is looking into the possibility of the bus coming through the Village. Bus usage in general has stuck at 75%, the frequency of services maybe affected rather than cutting out routes. The Land Registry

meeting regarding Chilton Field did not take place. Chilton Village is in tranche 1 for the 20mph limit in the village, all the signs have been ordered. Ms Povolotsky asked if it was worth forming a Speedwatch team and perhaps work with North Drive, training is needed and 3 people are needed for each team; one to hold the speed gun, one to record and one to witness. The Harwell Speedwatch team are very good and are able to train people if needed. Ms Povolotsky is meeting with a Highways officer on 13th May and she will show him Hagbourne Hill to see the problems. The HGV Strategy may possibly put a weight limit on Hagbourne Hill.

Dr Berry asked if there is something that can be done about exiting from the Lower Road roundabout, it is very difficult at rush hour. Ms Povolotsky suggested the Clerk writes to Mr Francis, OCC Highways, about the problem copying her into the email.

12. District Council Report

Ms Gascoigne reported the Vale is responsible for delivering the £150 rebate for the A – D Band Council Tax payers, it will be paid automatically if the Council Tax is paid by direct debit, otherwise the Vale will contact people. Permission has been given for Valley Park and the application for the first tranche of houses has been submitted. A meeting is to be held on 9th May with GWP residents when there will be an update on the provision of the healthcare centre.

13. Finance

(i) Expenditure

Cheques

83. Mrs Morris - March salary, back pay to April 21, expenses	426.31
85. OALC - Annual subscription	316.60
86. OPFA - Annual membership	45.00
87. Mrs Morris - Chronicle 486	132.48
88. Mrs Morris - April salary	360.75
89. Mrs Morris - toner cartridge for printer	18.32
90. Mrs Morris - Chronicle 487	165.60
91. Royal British Legion - Wreath for Stone Service	17.00
92. Nurture - POS March	2216.3
93. Sawscapes Play - repair to zip wire	1334.40
94. Sawscapes Play - quarterly inspection	420.00
95. Nurture - Church Path work	9660.00
96. Thames Water - Lower Road allotments	49.55
97. Mrs Morris - replacement defibrillator pads, others were out of date	95.88
98. Mrs Morris - Chronicle 488 APM issue	198.72
Total	<u>15456.91</u>

Petty Cash

Litter clearing

(ii) Income

SSE Wayleave	41.98
1 allotment	10.00
1 st half Precept	10709.50
SA Clothing Bank	29.12
OCC CPF grant	200.00
CIL share	8096.41

	19087.01

Balances

Treasurers Account	500.00
Instant Access	132248.26

Business Account	154617.39
Petty Cash	50.00

14. VHMC Report

Dr Berry reported that Sharon Scott has offered to organise the consultation for the possible patio project at the rear of the Village Hall. Contractors are being sort to quote for more robust replacement doors at the Community Room. Quotes are being obtained for replacement heaters for the Community Room. Quotes will be sourced for refurbishing the Main Hall. Alex Capp is standing down as secretary and Fiona Goodenough will take over as Chair after the May AGM.

15. Play Equipment Report

Mr Girling carried out the Chilton Field inspection, as has previously been noted, the information sign by the play area has been removed by persons unknown. The loss has been reported to the Police. The Clerk will order a new sign plus one for the Toddler play area at the Community Room.

Ms Bent carried out the playing field inspection, the toddler area gate is not closing properly, the hole by the rocker board is getting bigger and there are rabbit holes by the goal posts. It was also noted that zip wire which has been repaired is very tight, to be monitored to see if it improves. The Clerk to ask Berinsfield if they can fill in the rabbit holes and remove some nettles at base of the tube slide. Sawscapes to check the gate closing. Dr Druce to carry out next inspection.

16. Correspondence

From the circulated list it was noted:-

- (i) Mr Tallick from Dene Lodge had written to ask about ownership of the rail that runs in front of the stream running from Dene Hollow to Blewbury. He noted that the metal rail is damaged and wondered if it could be replaced or removed. The letter was discussed and it was suggested that Mr Tallick contacts Thames Water as it may belong to them. The Clerk to reply to Mr Tallick.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30pm.