

Minutes of the Chilton Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 13th December 2023 at 8.00 pm.

Present	Mr C Broad	Chairman
	Dr J A Berry	
	Mr C Clements	
	Mr F Dumbleton	
	Mr R Girling	
	Dr M Hansard	
	Mr M Urso-Cale	
	2 members of the public	
	Mrs M E Morris	Parish Clerk

1. **Apologies for Absence** were received from Mr J King, Ms H Gascoigne District Councillor, Dr D Dewhurst District Councillor, Ms S Povolotsky County Councillor.
2. **Declarations of Interest** None
3. **Minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting and the Planning Meeting** were signed as a true record.
4. **Area Beat Officers Report**
None
5. **Open Forum**
 - (i) Mr Hale thanked the Parish Council for all they do. He referred to the new application for a hotel at the A34 interchange and said that it was yet more urbanisation of the Village in the AONB. He did not think that it would give rise to much employment and that the increase in traffic could be a problem. He objects to the application.
 - (ii) Mr Maughan said he agreed with Mr Hales comments. He said that the lighting along Church Path to the car park is very poor, is it possible to have another light put in. He asked if the Parish Council will get CIL on the eight houses that have recently been applied for. CIL will be payable on the application but the amount will not be calculated until the Reserved Matters stage of the application.
 - (iii) Mr Maughan asked if a pathway like a cycleway could be put in along the side of Church Hill to make it safer to walk up the hill. He offered to write a report on the request for the Clerk to forward it to Oxfordshire Highways, the offer was accepted.
6. **District Council Report**
Monthly report had been circulated and put on the website.
7. **County Council Report**
Monthly report had been circulated and put on the website.
8. **Planning**
 - (i) **Applications Considered by the Parish Council**
Application for Outline permission for a proposed new 60 bedroom motel, associated access, car parking and landscaping with all matters reserved. Land adjacent to A34 interchange P23/V2684/O
Comments
Chilton Parish Council objects to this application for the following reasons.
The site has an extensive planning history and previous service-related applications have been refused. Pre-Application advice has been given and the summary conclusion is that Officers cannot offer support for a hotel or employment use on this site.

Chilton is classed as a small village in an AONB. A 60 bed Motel in this location is considered by the Parish Council to be a Major Development under the NPPF paras 176 and 177 apply and this application should be refused as it does not demonstrate exceptional circumstances or public interest.

The Local Plan supports development of facilities at Chieveley and Milton with no developments between these points. This proposal therefore does not comply with the Local Plan.

The Chilton Neighbourhood Plan defines residential areas and areas for business development. The proposed development site is outside the areas identified for business development and therefore does not comply with the Chilton Neighbourhood Plan.

Traffic in the immediate area has been identified as an issue particularly at the roundabout from which access is proposed and the slips to the A34, where collisions have occurred. This development would exacerbate an existing and growing problem.

The application attempts to show that there are no hotel facilities between Tothill south of Newbury and Oxford. This is at best misleading as there are large hotels at Chieveley, Milton and in Abingdon which are easily accessed from both sides of the A34.

The site is surrounded by roads on all three sides with the A34 in close proximity on the longest side. This means that the site is subject to high levels of noise and air pollution; issues raised in the Chilton Neighbourhood Plan.

(ii) Applications Determined by the Vale

Permission for extension and conversion of a detached garage to form residential annex. 51 Chilton Field Way P23/V2064/HH

Permission for change of use of existing garden shed to site for dog grooming business, to include works to insulate and board the interior, add suitable lighting, and water source. 18 Elderfield Crescent P23/V2071/FUL

9. Matters Arising

(i) Open Forum

The Treasurer of the Toddler Group has not contacted the Clerk.

(ii) Play Equipment Working Group

The Vale Cabinet has approved the Sec 106 application, a Letter of Intent has been sent to Jupiter. Dr Dewhurst emailed from the Vale meeting to report that the Full Council had approved the Sec 106 money.

(iii) Trees

Jenks will come in the New Year to cut back the trees.

10. Finance

(i) Expenditure

Cheques

35. TFM Ltd - September bin emptying	77.33
36. TFM Ltd. - October bin emptying	77.33
37. Nurture - October POS	2216.30
38. Landscape Group Oxford - September grass cutting	204.78
39. Mrs Morris - payment Sawscapes Inspection	420.00
40. Mrs Morris - Chron 505	231.84
41. Mrs Morris - October salary and padlock	397.58
42. Mrs Morris - November salary	385.59
43. Nurture - November POS	2216.30
44. Mrs Morris - Castle Water CF allotment water	53.56
45. TFM Ltd - V Hall car park line marking, pothole filled	2628.00
46. TFM Ltd - November bin emptying	96.66
47. Mrs Morris - Chron 506	231.84
48. Dr Dewhurst - Hallmaster subscription for Village Hall bookings	265.20
Total	9502.31

Petty Cash

Nil

(ii)	<u>Income</u>	
	SA Clothing Bank	49.50
	P Boot	<u>450.00</u>
		<u>499.50</u>

Balances

Treasurers Account	500.00
Instant Access Account	72745.93
Business Account	178319.06
Petty Cash	50.00

- (iii) Alternative bank accounts report. Dr Hansard reported that the Business account should be split between 2 banks, one for 1 year and one for 2 years. The RCI Bank and the Co-op both offer good rates of interest. The split for the Instant Access account needs some more looking into. The Parish Council is happy in principle for Dr Hansard to continue investigating suitable accounts.
- (iv) The Precept form for 2024/25 has been received.
- (v) CPRE subscription renewal is due - £36.00 – agreed to pay
- (vi) Friends of The Ridgeway subscription is due - £15.00 - agreed to pay.
- (vii) SLCC membership due - £112.00 – agreed to pay
- (viii) A request for a donation has been received from Home Start Southern, they are supporting 1 family in Chilton. Agreed to donate £45.00.
- (ix) Citizens Advice have written asking for a donation – 20 clients with 71 issues were helped last year, agreed to donate £175.00
- (x) Lower Road paddock, another quarter rent has been paid. Clerk to email and ask for re-instatement of paddock.
- (xi) Annual CIL return to be completed by 31 December.
- (xii) NALC have published the new salary scales for 2022/23 back dated to 1st April 23. The Clerk works 298 hours per year, the new rate is £15.48 per hour. This works out at £4613.04 per annum, £384.42 per month. It was agreed to pay the new scales back dated to 1st April.

11. VHMC Report

Mr Broad prepared a draft Code of Conduct and Constitution for the VHMC which is with Mrs Goodenough, Mr Broad is going to draft a code for GDPR. Mr Coates will get the books ready for audit as there hasn't been one for 4 years. Mr King has agreed to join the VHMC and maybe his wife as well. It was agreed that there should be a meeting in early January with Mr King, Mr Maughan, Dr Dewhurst, Mrs Goodenough, Mr Dumbleton, Mr Broad and the Clerk. Sue Granger said she had never stepped down from the committee and is prepared to help in some way. The Parish Council agreed to pay Kate Adams to clean the Community Room at £15.00 per hour/ £30.00 per week and she is to be paid back to the beginning of November. The amount outstanding is £210.00. The Parish Council to be invoiced monthly with receipts for any supplies purchased.

The Toddler Group owes nearly £600.00 in unpaid hire charges, this is far higher than the Council thought, and the Council is now not prepared to give a donation to cover the cost of the arrears. It was decided that the Group must look at their finances and decide how to cover their costs for each meeting. The Council would like to know by the end of January how these costs will be covered and then put to the Council in February, a plan for paying off the arrears. The Group need to take into consideration how much they charge, will it cover costs, if not then find a sum that will and also come up with some fund-raising ideas. The Clerk will write to Mrs Goodenough.

Warm Spaces has also not paid any hire charges. Last winter when the Government initiative was set up because of the very cold weather it was agreed to cover the cost of the hire of the Morris Room from the

Charity Account. The VHMC did not invoice the Parish Council for these charges. This was only meant to be a short-term measure and Warm Spaces should have been paying hirer charges once the Government initiative ended and the weather improved. The Clerk will speak to Mrs Goodall about starting to pay hire charges from January.

12. Play Equipment Inspection

Mr Broad reported that a dog has mutilated the seats on the Rota Play. The Clerk to contact Sawscapes and order 2 new seats. Mr Girling carried out the Chilton Field play equipment inspection.

13. Correspondence

From the circulated list it was noted:-

- (i) Street light not working on Chilton Field, reported to DWH.
- (ii) AONB's have been re-named National Landscapes.
- (iii) Mr Urso-Cale asked about having an event at the Amphitheatre on 3rd August next year. It was agreed in principle.
- (iv) Mr Girling noted that the June Stone Service next year is the 80th anniversary of D-Day which will be a major anniversary.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.40pm