

Present	Mr C Broad	Chairman
	Mrs L Amstead	
	Dr JA Berry	
	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
	3 members of the public	

1. **Apologies for Absence** None
2. **Declarations of Interest** None
3. **Minutes of the last Meeting** were signed as a true record.
4. **Area Beat Officer's Report**  
PCSO Deane emailed a report that a parcel had been stolen from outside a house in Roman Fields.
5. **Open Forum**  
Mr Roots-Petty reported that there are 12 lights not working on Chilton Field; as the roads have still not been adopted by the County Council replacing the lights are the responsibility of the developers. Mr Roots-Petty noted that the lights in front of the School are out and some of the wooden bollards are damaged. The Clerk will contact the Campus as they are responsible. He also said speeding is a problem on the roads. Mr Roots-Petty said he had put in a pre-application advice to convert his garage, which was rejected, he wanted to know what he could do to get the application accepted. Mr Broad explained that the Parish Council are only consultees on applications, the Vale does not have to accept comments from the Council. Ms Gascoigne asked Mr Roots-Petty to email her the details.
6. **District Council Report**  
Prior to the Meeting the monthly reported was circulated and put on the website. Ms Gascoigne highlighted the Warm Spaces in the area and the Vale has a new fund to help those struggling with the cost of living. The developer of Valley Park has submitted a document relating to solar panels on the roofs of the first parcel of homes.  
SODC had written suggesting a request for a boundary review between SODC and the Vale at Great Western Park. Further consideration may be given after the local elections in May. It was noted that the decision for Phase 1 of Valley Park is due to be decided in January but with the submission of the document on solar panels it may be delayed.
7. **County Council Report**  
Mr Urso-Cale noted that he was waiting for a response from Ms Povolotsky, Ms Gascoigne said that there has been a problem with Ms Povolotsky's emails recently.
8. **Planning**
  - (i) **Applications considered by the Parish Council**  
Application for a garden room. 1 The Paddocks P22/V2924/HH  
**Comments**  
No objections.  
Application for erection of two Class E buildings (known as DEB1 and DEB2) ancillary to the Diamond Synchrotron with link between the two buildings. Diamond Synchrotron Fermi Ave P22/V2864/FUL

### Comments

The Parish Council has no material objections to this application. The Council wants clarity on the working hours when construction will take place, the routes that the construction traffic will use and also engagement with the local community, particularly Chilton Field.

Application for installation of a Liquid Nitrogen Vessel, retaining walls and relocated cycle shelter. Land adjacent to Building R108 RAL P22/V2926/FUL

### Comments

No objections.

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

Appeal for Warehousing former Esso Research Centre. Appeal withdrawn

Permission for post and rail fence. Place Farm House The Lane P22/V2425/HH

Permission for new projecting timber-framed balcony with spiral staircase. Ridgeway Farm P22/V2632/HH

Permission for new timber workshop. Kilbo P22/V2733/HH It was noted that the Parish Council's request to have the workshop for domestic use only was not applied. The Clerk to contact the Vale for the reason.

Application Withdrawn for proposed new office/research and development premises (Class E) Land east of Horticulture House P22/V2096/O

## 9. Matters Arising

### (i) Open Forum – Warm Spaces

Warm Spaces has started on every Tuesday in the Morris Room. Uptake is a little low at the moment, posters have been put up.

### (ii) Sensors at Townsend

Sensors are working correctly but the design is wrong, the Parish Council's comments have been passed to Sean Rooney OCC.

### (iii) Play Equipment Working Group

Mr Urso-Cale reported following the public consultations there have been about 120 responses. The clear winner is Option 2 with a few minor changes. It was explained that a MUGA is high on the list, so the equipment will be on the old Village side to make best use of the existing MUGA. Mr Urso-Cale proposed that Option 2 be accepted and when the minor changes have been made planning permission should be applied for. It was seconded by Mr Broad and accepted by all. The Clerk said the total sum of money available is £123,587.07; this is £72,644.58 from Chilton Field Sec 106, £43,650.49 from Pegasus Close Sec 106 and £7292.00 as balance from earlier play equipment.

### (iv) Chronicle/Broadsheet

Combined edition to start in February.

### (v) Hagbourne Hill

The Clerk wrote to Mr Cotton at OCC regarding the new cycling crossing at the top of Hagbourne Hill, Ms Povolotsky copied in, an acknowledgement has been received. Mr Dumbleton was thanked for being proactive over the Hagbourne Hill repair.

### (vi) CIL Form

CIL form completed and returned to the Vale.

## 10. Finance

### (i) Expenditure

#### Cheques

51. Citizens Advice - Oxfordshire South & Vale donation	175.00
52. Nurture Landscapes - Bollards	336.00
53. Nurture Landscapes - Weed spraying	757.16
54. Nurture Landscapes - Church Path work	3276.00
55. Mrs Morris - December salary + expenses	411.59
56. Landscape Group - September grass cutting	461.16
57. Nurture Landscapes - December POS	2216.30
58. Mrs Morris - Chron 495	99.36
59. Thames Water - Lower Road allotments	51.50

60. SLCC - Membership renewal	112.00
61. CPRE - Membership renewal	36.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>7932.07</b>

Petty Cash

15 weeks litter clearing 150.00

(ii) Income

SA Clothing Bank 41.42

Balances

Treasurers Account	500.00
Instant Access	94677.44
Business Account	160667.18
Petty Cash	50.00

(iii) Precept for 2023/24

Prior to the meeting the Budget papers for 2023/24 were circulated, following a discussion the Budget was proposed by Mr Broad, seconded by Mr Urso-Cale and accepted by all that the Precept for 2023/24 should be £23597 giving a figure of £34.08 per Band D house.

The Councillors discussed how to fund the maintenance of the public open space in Chilton Field as the commuted sum is not finite, further discussion is needed.

A discussion was had regarding how to mark the King's Coronation in May, it was agreed that as part of the new play equipment the Parish Council would purchase a bench. It would be funded by using the Charity Fund.

(iv) The Clerk has written a formal letter to Ms Boot & Mr Williams asking them to reinstate the paddock, the letter has been posted and emailed.

(v) A quotation for the repair of the potholes at the carpark entrance has been received, weather permitting they will be repaired in the next few days.

(vi) During the recent spell of freezing weather one of the taps at the Lower Road allotments burst. The tap has been replaced and the water supply turned off at the stopcock but it is difficult to turn off the water completely, the Clerk to contact a plumber.

**11. Village Hall Management Committee Report**

Ms Goodenough, Chair VHMC, reported that Andrew Coate had recently stepped down as Treasurer and Bookings Clerk. Debra Dewhurst is temporarily doing the bookings, but Ms Goodenough asked if it is possible for Treasurer and Bookings to be a paid role. The VHMC are all volunteers and it may set a precedent if a role becomes paid, much more information is needed before any decision can be made; how would it be funded, how many hours, what rate of pay. It was suggested that maybe it could be paid as an honorarium. Ms Goodenough will get more information.

**12. Play Equipment Inspection Report**

Mr Girling carried out the Chilton Field inspection, there was nothing to report. Dr Druce did the Playing Field inspection. Sawscapes has carried out their quarterly inspection, some of the bark chippings need topping up. The Clerk will contact Sawscapes. The Clerk reported that Fenland have finally replaced the missing toe holds on the climbing wall. The Clerk has asked for a discount on the final bill as it has taken two years to complete the order.

**13. Correspondence**

From the circulated list it was noted :-

(i) Several letters were received regarding graffiti on the underpass wall, which has subsequently been painted over. A suggestion was made that at some point a mural could be painted in the underpass. The Clerk will reply to Annabel Goodall.

- (ii) OCC wrote to say that they are proposing to carry out tree planting during the winter season. They will plant a tree on highway land within our parish.
- (iii) Spanglefish who host the Parish Council website are upgrading to Spanglefish 3, it was agreed the Clerk will contact them re the upgrade.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 10.05pm