

Minutes of the Chilton Parish Council Meeting held in the Community Room on Wednesday 22nd February 2023 at 8.00 pm.

Present	Mr C Broad Dr JA Berry Dr S Druce Mr F Dumbleton Mr R Girling Dr M Hansard Mr M Urso Cale	Chairman
	Mrs M E Morris Mrs D Dewhurst	Parish Clerk VHMC

1. **Apologies for Absence** Mrs L Amstead and Ms H Gascoigne.
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 reported there was a report of criminal damage to a car in Chilton Field Way, some suspicious males with rucksacks seen in Limetrees and the recent Police activity around the Campus was searching for a vulnerable adult.
5. **Open Forum**
None
6. **District Council Report**
The monthly report had previously been circulated.
7. **County Council Report**
The monthly report had previously been circulated.
8. **Planning**
 - (i) **Applications considered by the Parish Council**
Application for erection of 8m mast with CCTV camera RAL, Harwell Campus, P23/V0195/FUL and P23/V0196,98,99/01,02,03
Comments
The Parish Council have no objections in principle, the CCTV must be restricted to overlooking RAL land only. Amendments to application for development work, land north of Frome Road. P22/V2435/FUL
Comments
Chilton Parish Council continue to be concerned about the traffic and are seeking to have another meeting with the Campus. Heavy construction traffic must come via the A34 and not over Hagbourne Hill. Has the Royal British Legion been consulted as the Annual Stone Service in June will be greatly impacted.
Application for erection of single storey amenity building together with a 3 bay equine building providing a treatment centre and secure storage. Skippets Stables Dene Hollow. P23/V0252/FUL
Comments
No objections
 - (ii) **Applications determined by the Vale**
Permission for garden room. 1 The Paddock P22/V2924/HH
Permission for installation of liquid nitrogen vessel. Building R108 RAL P22/V2926/FUL
Application withdrawn 2 Lavender Cottages Demolish existing garage and erect large garage and workshop. P22/V2738/HH
Refusal for outline permission for up to 47 houses. Land off Upper Farm Road. P22/V2002/O

9. Matters Arising from the last Meeting

(i) Open Forum

The Clerk contacted the Campus re the lights and the bollards. When the land was sold to the Developers the lights were included in the sale but not Downside which still remains in UKAEA's ownership. The Clerk will write to David Wilson Homes re the lights.

(ii) Planning - Kilbo

Reason why PC request was not included in permission 6.7 *Other considerations* The request from the parish council to include a condition restricting the workshop to personal and domestic use only is noted. However, the inclusion of such a condition is not considered reasonable given the size of the workshop. If it were subsequently to be used for a business purpose this may require planning permission and a new application would need to be submitted accordingly.

(iii) Play Equipment Working Group

Mr Urso-Cale reported that the Group had met and asked Jupiter for costings, what equipment will be kept and the effect on the budget. Jupiter are yet to reply. Planning permission to be applied for once there is a response from Jupiter.

(iv) Hagbourne Hill

Response received from OCC and circulated.

(v) Correspondence

(vi) Annabel Goodall reported that Highways Agency said a mural cannot be painted on the underpass as the Highway would be responsible for maintenance.

(vii) OCC have sent a schedule showing where they will plant a tree in Chilton, it is to go on Crafts End Green.

(viii) The Clerk has started work on upgrading the website but it's not live yet, the old one is still active.

10. Finance

(i) Expenditure

Cheques

62. Mrs Morris - Jan. salary + expenses	385.59
63. Sawscapes Play Ltd - Play equipment inspection	420.00
64. Mrs Morris - Chronicle 396	231.84
Total	<u>1037.43</u>

Petty Cash

Nil

(ii) Income

SA Clothing Bank	32.09
22 Allotments	<u>388.34</u>
	<u>420.43</u>

Balances

Treasurers Account	500.00
Instant Access	93640.01
Business Account	161087.61
Petty Cash	50.00

(iii) Friends of The Ridgeway renewal due - £15.00 - agreed

(iv) It was agreed that a small finance group to be set up after the elections in May.

(v) Tactical Facilities Management (TFM) have repaired the potholes at carpark entrance.

(vi) TFM have quoted to repaint the carpark markings, a second quote to be obtained. The size of car park spaces to be checked as cars are getting larger.

(vii) TFM can empty litter/dog waste bins on Chilton Field. There was discussion regarding the sitting of any bins at Chilton Field. The Clerk to check if there is a minimum number of bins they will empty.

(viii) No reply from Ms Boot re the reinstatement of the paddock.

(xi) A plumber has been contacted re the allotment tap, waiting to hear back.

- (x) Fenland agreed to a 10% discount for the long-awaited repair, the invoice is still to be sent.
- (xi) Sawscapes have quoted to replace the bark chipping under the Log Stack and the flat top roundabout, £2,700, it was agreed. The Clerk will contact Sawscapes.

11. Parish Transport Representative Report

Mr Dumbleton reported on the recent meeting he had attended. In Hook Norton there is the Hooky Car Club that owns electric cars for rental. Oxon4Buses wants to make sure that the interests of bus users are at the centre of all decisions about buses. Bus usage is up to 80 – 85% of pre-covid usage. The Bus Recovery Grant extended for 3 months, to 30 June. The £2.00 fare cap has been extended. There are 159 electric buses for urban service in Oxford. Service alterations in the Didcot area are expected in June. The 94 service will run until July and the start of the school holidays. The Demand Responsive Transport that will replace the route 94 is still being developed. The expected Didcot to Newbury service is not officially confirmed. Discussions between OCC and West Berkshire are still ongoing. It is not clear whether the service will go through Chilton en route to Harwell Campus. The 20mph speed limit might affect the timings of buses in some villages.

The Clerk was asked to write to Dave Harrison, Principal Public Transport Planner, to clarify the position regarding the Didcot to Newbury bus service. Also, with the impending withdrawal of the 94 service in July, and the Demand-Responsive Transport replacement still uncertain, the Parish Council wants a bus service maintained in Chilton.

12. Village Hall Management Report

Dr Berry, prior to the meeting had circulated a report. He noted that Mr Coates had re-joined the Committee as Treasurer. Mrs Dewhurst said that she had contacted Hallmaster re on line bookings and a new system is being trialled for 3 months. A new handyman has been found and the possibility of a key safe for the doors is being looked into, this would mean that hirers would not have to go and collect a key.

13. Play Equipment Inspection

Mr Girling inspected the Chilton Field equipment and noted that the surface under the large swings is a bit uneven. The Clerk will check the Sawscapes report. Dr Berry inspected the playing field equipment. Mr Dumbleton to do the next inspection.

14. Correspondence

From the previously circulated list it was noted :-

- (i) The Clerk will re-circulate the information from the Vale re the Elections in May.
- (ii) The Garden Centre have asked for a meeting regarding the boundaries of the Garden Centre land and the Charity land. Mr Broad is to meet with the Garden Centre on Thursday morning.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.45pm