

Present	Mr C Broad	Chair
	Dr J A Berry	
	Mr F Dumbleton	
	Mr C Clements	
	Mr J King	
	Ms H Gascoigne	District Councillor
	Dr D Dewhurst	District Councillor
	Mrs F Goodenough	VHMC
	Mrs M E Morris	Parish Clerk
	5 members of the Public	

1. **Apologies for Absence** were received from Mr R Girling, Dr Hansard, Mr M Urso-Cale and Ms S Povolotsky County Councillor.

2. **Chairman's Annual Report**

Mr Broad reported that in the past year two Councillors, Mr Chris Clements and Mr Josh King, had joined the Parish Council, he thanked them for volunteering. He noted that the Village Hall Management Committee needed more volunteers as there is only a small number of people trying to keep the halls running now.

The recent heavy rainfall has caused problems not only with the underpass being flooded and closed now but with sewage overflow in The Lane due to the excess groundwater entering the sewer. Thames Water are continually pumping out at the pumping station but the heavy tankers are causing damage to Dene Hollow.

Mr Broad noted that regular meetings are held with Campus regarding the developments on Site. Planning application comprise a significant part of Council work with the application for a sixty bed motel at the northbound A34 slip being refused.

It seems likely that Gigaclear will be bringing faster broadband to the Village.

This year has seen the completion of new play equipment by the Village Hall. The Project involved a lot of work by a group of volunteers led by Mr Urso-Cale.

Finally, Mr Broad said that Liz Morris, the Clerk, is retiring after 35 years.

The full report will be printed in the next Chronicle.

Mr Smith asked how Gigaclear would be connected – it will probably be ducting and overhead cables.

Dr Druce thanked the Clerk for all her service and thanked Mr Urso-Cale for all his hard work on the new play area.

Dr Druce asked how would the maintenance of Chilton Field open space be paid for when the commuted sum is finished? The Council is considering how to do this.

Dr Berry also congratulated Mr Urso-Cale on the play area.

3. **Minutes of the Last Annual Parish Meeting**

The Clerk read a brief summary of the previous year's meeting.

4. **Matters Arising**

None.

5. **Annual Finance Report**

Copies of the Annual Statement of Accounts were handed out, the Statement to be included in the next Chronicle.

What is the area of grass cut in Chilton Village compared with Chilton Field open space. The Clerk did not know the different areas.

Has the whole of Chilton Field been adopted, no the roads are still to be adopted by Oxfordshire County Council.

**6. Area Beat Officer Report**

None.

**7. County Council Report**

Prior to the meeting a report was circulated and placed on the website. The report mentioned the monthly Saturday market and the accessible roundabout in the play area that was funded by a grant from OCC.

**8. District Council Report**

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There was an update on the progress of the medical centre on Great Western Park. Two major milestones have been reached in the last two months. Buckingham, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West Integrated Care Board (BOB ICB) have agreed the business case for the health centre to be in Great Western Park. Woodlands Medical Centre will run the surgery and the ICB have selected and are working with a third party developer. A deed of variation to the Sec 106 allowing the third party developer has been signed and CIL money will also be used to fund the Centre. It is hoped that a planning application will be submitted in the next three to four months.

Valley Park has separate funds for health care but it is not clear how it will be used. The NHS has to approve a business case for a health centre in Valley Park.

Mr Smith asked if the Vale was involved with dentistry as the Campus has been promising a dentist for over a year and it should have opened six months ago. The Vale is not involved with dentistry.

The Joint Local Plan will determine how planning is handled in the District, there are no new large housing sites in the Joint Local Plan.

The Corporate Plan sets the Council's objectives for the next four years.

Mr Launchbury asked if the Joint Local Plan specifies that new homes are built with solar panels and heat pumps. They will be environmentally friendly; the Plan will also have protection for the night skies.

**9. Village Hall Management Committee Report**

Mrs Goodenough said that there had been a lot of changes in the last 12 months, some new members who joined in 2023 did not stay. Bookings are healthy with a diverse range of classes but some casual hirers have had to be turned down. The hall rates were competitive in 2023. Mr Smith and Mr Maughan are helping on the VHMC as a temporary measure and Mr Broad and Mr Smith have carried out a detailed Annual Inspection of the Hall and Community Room. There have been some offers of volunteers. Mrs Goodenough thanked Dr Dewhurst for her work as treasurer and bookings, without her the hall would probably have closed. Once the Committee is reformed again then there are several projects that can be progressed. Dr Dewhurst thanked Mrs Goodenough. There will be a VHMC meeting on Monday 22nd April. Mr Broad thanked Mrs Goodenough.

**10. General Discussion**

- (i) It was noted that a sign on the roundabout at the bottom of the off southbound slip had been damaged. A car came down the slip road too quickly and hit the sign. It has been reported to Fix-My-Street.
- (ii) A question was asked regarding the salt bins; OCC will check them before next winter.
- (iii) The Clerk read a report from Mr Urso-Cale on the Play Area. The money for the equipment came from Sec 106 funds for Chilton Field and Pegasus Close. Additional funds were donated by Magnox and OCC. The equipment has now been installed and the interactive wall is proving to be very popular. The wall operates from 8.00am to 8.00pm but once the nights get lighter and dependent on usage the time can be changed. All the other items are being well used.
- (iv) Ampifest: there will be music in the Amphitheatre on 3<sup>rd</sup> August. If anyone would like to sponsor the event, provide an act or a stall please contact Mark Urso-Cale.

The Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.10pm