

**Minutes of the Chilton Parish Council Planning Meeting held on Wednesday 13th August
2025 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall**

Present	Mr C Broad	Chairman
	Dr J A Berry	
	Mr A Candelent	
	Mr F Dumbleton	
	Dr M Hansard	
	Dr J E Berry	Parish Clerk

1. Apologies for Absence were received from Mr C Clements and Mr M Urso-Cale.
2. Declarations of Interest

Members were asked to declare any personal interest and the nature of the interest which they may have in any of the items under consideration at this meeting.

3. Open Forum
No members of the public attended the meeting.
4. Planning Application discussed:
Amendments relating to application number P25/V0269/FUL for the 'Installation of perimeter fence, CCTV and two security kiosks' have been deposited with the District Council as Local Planning Authority. (Amended plans and documentation received 18 July 2025 and 30 July 2025).

Chilton Parish Council OBJECTS to this application for the following reasons

Chilton Parish Council maintain our original objections to this application and do not consider the small changes made address these issues.

Security Requirement

In the Amendment Covering Letter Appendix A, Carter Jonas respond to the Pre-Application Advice comment regarding the Security Requirements Report by referencing Section 5 of the Planning Statement. The Parish Council still do not believe sufficient evidence or justification is provided in this Statement. A separate letter from TVP is referenced in Appendix A to the Planning Statement but this is not included in the published document.

The Council once again note that the original application (P22/V2435/FUL) was submitted and approved without the fence in place and this application is a 'bolt-on' to the original whereas it should have been considered at that time. It is noted in the Pre-Application Advice Decision Notice for the current application, dated 27/11/2024, that: "On assessing the application for the employment buildings (ref P22/V2435/FUL), officers raised concerns about security measures and advised that additional security measures such as a security fence around the perimeter of the site would be detrimental to the character and appearance of the area. Officers were assured that no additional security measures, such as a fence, would be required. It is therefore disappointing that this is now being proposed as 'bolt on' feature that is not well integrated into the site".

It is also noted that in the Pre- Application Decision Notice "Colleagues from Thames Valley Police and Counter Terrorism Policing attended our meeting and have provided some advice in relation to the proposed security measures (comments sent separately). Whilst they are supportive of the proposed security measures of a fence, it is still necessary to consider the proposals alongside other planning policies, such as design (Policy CP37) and landscaping (Policy CP44)".

Consultation with Civil Nuclear Constabulary

In the Parish Council's original comments, we asked whether the Civil Nuclear Constabulary had been consulted. They are based on Harwell Campus and regularly patrol the whole site and are very familiar with security issues on the campus. No response has been provided.

Fencing specification

It is noted that the Moderna Head Office in Norwood, Massachusetts has a significantly less obtrusive fence demarking the surrounding public space - see attached photograph, than the proposed 'prison style fencing'.



Height of CCTV cameras

There remains a lack of clarity regarding the actual height of the CCTV cameras. The documentation and site layout plan only note they will be mounted 4-6 m above ground.

Informal Path

The informal path to allow an alternative route to the pavement alongside the A4185 for pedestrians to access the playing field is welcomed. However, it should be at least gravelled, rather than grass.

Action: Parish Clerk to submit comments on the application to the VWH Planning Department as noted above.

The Chairman closed the Meeting at 8:30pm.