

**Minutes of the Chilton Parish Council Planning Meeting held on Thursday 24th April 2025
at 8.00pm in the Village Hall**

Present	Mr C Broad	Chairman
	Dr J A Berry	
	Mr C Clements	
	Mr F Dumbleton	
	Dr M Hansard	
	Mr M Urso-Cale	
	Dr J E Berry	Parish Clerk

1. Apologies for Absence were received from Mr A Candelent and Mr J King.
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. Dr JA Berry declared that items 3(e) and 3(f) related to two of his neighbours' properties so he would abstain from the discussion on these items.

3. Open Forum
One member of the public attended the meeting. Her interest was to understand the Council's views and comments on items 3(a) and 3(b).
4. Planning Applications discussed:

- a. **Reference P25/V0723/DIS**, for development work at the following location: Land to the north of Frome Road Harwell Campus Didcot. The application is for: **Discharge of condition 12 (External Lighting)** on application ref. P22/V2435/FUL (Erection of two employment buildings, with associated car parking and landscaping - Moderna).

The Parish Council considered the planning application but still has the following questions:

1. What overall percentage reduction in lighting will the proposed changes achieve?
 2. In the covering letter it is noted there will be a reduction in the number of light fittings. Will there be a reduction in both bollard and street lights?
 3. Has the use of directional lighting been considered to restrict light to the car park and prevent glare? The Council has received complaints from the adjacent Chilton Field housing estate about the level of lighting they receive from these lights.
 4. It is noted that a lighting control system is being implemented. What will be the final hours of operation? In particular, is it planned to keep the lights on throughout the night and have sensors been considered to switch lights on, especially in the car park, only as required?
- b. **Reference P25/V0651/FUL**, for development work at the following location: Land south of Rutherford Appleton Laboratory Harwell Campus Chilton Didcot. The application is for: **Reinstatement of land (levels and habitat)**. Comments to be received **by 22nd May**.

The Parish Council supports this application for the reinstatement of land (levels and habitat). Now an alternative route has been identified for construction vehicles the Council will request that the Avon Road route is not used for any future developments on Harwell Campus due to the safety implications for local residents.

- c. Amendment (no. 2), on application **P25/V0381/S73**, for development work at the following location: **Land at Upper Farm Road Chilton**. Additional and amended drainage information received 10 April 2025.

The Parish Council reviewed the additional information provided but it still does not explain why these changes in drainage are required. Further detail on the reason for the changes will be requested.

- d. Reference **P25/V0687/LDP**, for development work at the following location: **Global Innovation Centre Fermi Avenue Harwell Oxford Didcot**. Addition of a stainless steel hydrogen vent line on the south-facing elevation of the building.

The Parish Council did not object in principle but believe the visual impact could be improved.

- e. Reference **P25/V0810/NM**, for development work at the following location: **Hawkridge South Row Chilton Didcot**. Non-material amendment on application P24/V0257/HH - to alter garage building reducing height of pitched roof and changing of roof covering of link hallway (Proposed ground floor side extension, garage loft extension & conversion).

The application was discussed but no objections raised.

- f. Reference **P25/V0795/S73**, for development work at the following location: **Ardarragh House South Row Chilton Didcot**. Variation of condition 2 (Approved plans) on application P23/V2567/HH-changes to roof eaves and design of the single storey extension. (A new two storey side extension and single storey rear extension, 3No. roof dormers and insertion of a rooflight).

The application was discussed but no objections raised.

Action: Parish Clerk to send comments on the set of applications to the VWH Planning Department as noted above.

The Chairman closed the Meeting at 8:45pm.