

Chilton Parish Council

Minutes of the Planning Meeting held on Friday 24th March 2023 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall

Present:	Mr C Broad	Chair
	Mr R Girling	
	Dr J A Berry	
	Dr S Druce	
	Dr M Hansard	
	Mr F Dumbleton	
	Mr S Sensecall	Head of Planning & Development Carter Jonas
	Mrs M E Morris	Parish Clerk

1. Apologies for Absence were received from Mr Urso-Cale and Mrs L Amstead
2. Mr Broad welcomed Steven Sensecall from Carter Jonas. Mr Sensecall said it has now been announced that Moderna will be building a Vaccine Research and manufacturing site. Government has placed stipulations on the development, particularly with regard to the timescale and at the moment the Project is 10 weeks behind. National Highways had raised concerns about the impact on the A34 on the north off slip, as a result further modelling was carried out which resulted in the Parish Council putting in an objection to the Vale. Objections were also raised regarding the Catapult Pit and the County Archaeologist asked for comments from the Vale Conservation Officer and Historic England for more information regarding the Site. Historic England say that the Site has high historical significance but not of national importance. Parts of the concrete will be kept and there will be markers in the ground showing the position of the Catapult Pit, there should also be a site interpretation explaining the history of the Pit.
3. The Parish Council said although National Highways and OCC are happy with the mitigations that have been proposed it does not take into account the ingress and egress problems that will arise. It is already difficult to exit both side of the Village at the start and end of the working day, this will just make it even more difficult. A lengthy discussion then followed.
The Parish Council would like to be actively involved prior to submission of planning applications, on any traffic modelling or traffic considerations that potentially impact Chilton Parish and that reasonable measures will be made to mitigate the impact of traffic arising from future planning applications. If the Council can be guaranteed that their conditions will be met then the objection will be withdrawn.
The Parish Council voted for a conditional withdrawal of the objections. 5 voted in favour and 1 abstained.

Comments

Chilton Parish Council (CPC) will withdraw its objection to planning application P22/V2435/FUL, contingent upon the following items being guaranteed in writing by both the Vale of White Horse District Council and Oxfordshire County Council:

1) That CPC will be proactively involved, prior to submission of planning applications, on any traffic modelling or traffic considerations that potentially impact Chilton Parish now and in the future. This is to cover planning applications from within both Chilton Parish and the Parish Councils within the surrounding area.

2) That reasonable measures will be made to mitigate the impact of traffic arising from future planning applications.

Whilst CPC continues to support in principle the sustainable and managed development of the Harwell campus, it remains concerned over; (i) the impact from traffic levels on the various ingresses/egresses with Chilton village, with Chilton Field and with the A34, plus (ii) traffic levels on Hagbourne Hill, the A4185/Newbury Road and the A34, and (iii) the impact to public transport services serving the parish arising from increased traffic levels.

Mr Sensescall suggested that the comments were sent to Vale Head of Planning, Vale Head of Development Management, Case Officer for Project Resilience, OCC Head of Planning and OCC Growth Manager South and Vale. Mr Sensescall thanked the Parish Council for their constructive feedback and said his advice to the Harwell Campus Management will be that, going forward, they must engage with the Parish Council at an early stage on any applications that are likely to have an impact on ingress to and egress from Chilton Village.

The Chairman thanked Mr Sensescall and the Councillors for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9.30pm.