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Report of the Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish meeting was held on Wednesday 23rd April and attended by 24 members of the public.

The Chairman, Mr Thompson, welcomed everybody and introduced the Councillors. The Chairman referred to his report in the Chronicle and asked for any comments.

PSCO Gill gave the Area Beat Officer's Report. He noted that there had been zero crime in Chilton in the last month. A Speed Indicator Device (SID) has been purchased and has already been used.

The Chairman read a resumé of last year's minutes and said that the car park light had now been installed.

Mr Lamont gave the County Council report, and said that an important topic at the moment was the site for a waste incineration plant. Two sites have been proposed, Ardley and Sutton Courtenay.

Mrs Turner gave the first part of the District Council Report, she noted that the next phase of consultation on the Development Plans for the Vale was taking place. She thanked the Council for all their support on the Chilton Field Development.

Mr Waite said that he had had an interesting time in his first year as a District Councillor. He said that he was a member of the Shadow Cabinet with specific responsibility for Procurement and Waste.

Mr Tony Hadland, the Vale and Downland Museum Administrator, gave an extremely interesting presentation on the history of the Museum and the facilities that are available.

Mrs Dunsdon gave the Chilton School Report. The School has had a busy year with some very good events, a notable one being the visit of the Red Devils. The Football team and the Badminton players have done very well. The School Travel plan has helped to get improvements to the entrance to the School and lighting for the underpass. Pupil numbers have now topped 200. The School has extended opening hours with a Breakfast Club as well

as the 3C's After School Club and Holiday Club.

The Chairman reported that the Scout Group has proved very popular with all the places being filled. Volunteer helpers are needed to enable the Scout Group to keep on growing.

Mr Adrian Maughan and Mr Keith Woods were re-appointed as the two independent representatives on the Village Hall Management Committee.

Mr Morris referred to his VHMC report that had been published in the Chronicle and talked about the VHMC finances.

The Chairman explained about the Village Open Day on May 11th and hoped everyone would attend. There then followed a general discussion and the meeting closed at 9.50pm.



Good News

Chilton is getting a new bus service! The X32. Thanks to the efforts of Frank Dumbleton on behalf of the Parish Council and the Village, a new daily bus service has already started.

Thames Travel is a local bus company and in response to customer demand, the company has decided to launch a direct service to Castle Street, Oxford. This fast service becomes effective on the 2nd June 2008 and for a limited time will only cost £1.00 (Single fare - offer expires 21st June 2008). The service begins at Chilton Village and includes stops at Harwell Campus, Harwell Village and Didcot before departing Didcot Parkway bound direct for Castle Street, Oxford. The service will be nearly hourly with the first bus leaving Chilton at 07.56. This is a great improvement and it is very important that as many people as possible use the service – otherwise we will lose it again!

Included with this Chronicle is a copy of the timetable from Thames Travel.



Telephone Box on Corner of Crafts End

BT is proposing to remove the telephone box on the corner of Crafts End and the Parish Council would like to know how many people use this public telephone. Please can anyone who uses it contact the Clerk on 834233 or drop a note into 6 Latton Close before 16th June. Thank you.



A big THANK YOU from the Lovely Luna-tics

We did it! The Lovely Luna-tics completed the Moonwalk's gruelling 26.2 mile course in a fantastic time of 6 hrs 50 mins! The chilly wind & drizzle didn't dampen our spirits and once we were underway, the rain held off and we enjoyed the sights & sounds of London by night/early morning!

Just like last year it was challenging, both physically and mentally, but such a great achievement and worth it for all the money we have raised. With your help, we have smashed our initial fundraising target and our total is an amazing £1900, with money still coming in.

We would like to thank everyone in the village for all your support & generosity in raising such a fantastic amount of money for such a worthwhile cause, it really is greatly appreciated.

Emma Lawson & Sam Jones
Originally the Lovely Luna-tics but now the Blister Sisters!!



Date for your diaries!

Chilton Village Hall is 25 years old this year and as one of the events to mark its 25th year we are holding a Family Barn dance on **Saturday 14th June**. The evening will be at Chilton Village Hall, and runs from 6.30pm – 10.30pm. Included in the ticket price is The Mad Hatters Ceilidh Extravaganza music, calling and general guidance, whilst Dave's Fish & Chip van will provide a hot supper.

The evening is geared to provide a fun and enjoyable evening out for old and young. Tickets are £10 per adult,

£6 per child or a family ticket £25 (2 adults + 2 children) and are available from Lianne Vickers: Tel 01235 861545 (lianne.vickers@btinternet.com) or any member of the Chilton Village Hall Management Committee.



Grand Plant Sale and Coffee Morning

Chilton Wives' Group would like to thank everyone who supported the Plant Sale which raised an amazing total in excess of £1,250 for Christian Aid.

Thank you to everyone who grew and supplied plants for the sale and also for the donations of cakes and books.

We are pleased to announce that the winner of the Cryptic Quiz was Molly Farmer, Christine Druce's mother, with 48 points out of 50. Congratulations!

Judy Goodall



RSPCA Rehoming Unit, Willow Farm, Chilton

At long, long last we are almost ready to open and hope to start taking animals in from the Inspectors from the middle of June. It's been a hard struggle with all the legislation etc. but I know it will be well worth it if we can help these unfortunate creatures and give them a new start in life.

So if anyone is looking for a new pet please consider our animals. We will be opening to the public from the end of June, but it will be visitors by appointment only to avoid stressing the animals unduly. So please ring **01235 821536** and you will be made very welcome, even if it is just to look round.

If anyone has any spare cat or rabbit food, bedding, blankets or toys, we would be very grateful, and we are also always looking for volunteers to help in all sorts of ways, so if you want any information on this please ring the above number.

Ingrid Smith.
RSPCA Oxfordshire Branch
www.rspca-oxfordshire.org.uk



Chilton Bell Ringing in June

We were very pleased to see so many visitors to our 'Open Tower' held as part of the Chilton 'Open Day' on 11 May and particularly grateful to those who said how much they liked to hear our village bells ringing.

If anyone wants to have another go at ringing the bells you will be welcome at the beginning of our Thursday evening practices. Better check with the Tower Captain by telephone to make sure we will be practising in Chilton that evening.

Chilton joint evening practices with Harwell take place between 7.30 and 9pm. Practices in Chilton this month are on 12th and 26th June. Contact Alec Samler for details.

Extra ringing in June:

On Sunday 8th June visitors will be attempting to ring a peal starting at about 2pm and if successful continuing for about 3 hours. On Wednesday 25th June there will be a Branch training session lasting for an hour and a half between 2 and 3.30pm.

For further information look at our website: <http://fortran.orpheusweb.co.uk/Bells/chbell.htm> or phone Alec Samler: 01235 834589

Kate Crennell Chilton Tower Secretary
01235 834357.



Chilton W.I.

The next meeting of the Chilton W.I. will be on **Thursday 19th June** at 7.45pm in the Village Hall. The speaker will be Mr Mark Davies, "Oxford Waterways Women". The competition is a piece of painted bargeware.

New members and visitors are always very welcome.

For more information please contact Gwen Pearce on 831930



Mobile Library

From June the Mobile Library times will be changing. The Library will be at the bottom of Crafts End every other Wednesday from 10.40am until 10.55am. The next visit will be on 11th June.



Cream Teas

Did you enjoy the lovely cream teas in Church on May 11th or did you miss out? Well, in August you will be able to have another one. The Church will be serving cream teas on 10th and 24th August between 2.30pm and 5.00pm. with donations going towards Helen and Douglas House. Make a note in your diary!



Parish Council News

It has been suggested that the Parish Council should, if possible, buy a parcel of land in the Village for open use as a community woodland or wild meadow perhaps for dog walking or picnicking in the summer.

This could provide us with more open space in the Village that would be protected from possible future development and left green forever.

Any such proposal is dependent on the Village wishing to spend Parish money (capital reserves) on such a project and of course any suitable land in or on the edge of the village being available.

What do you think ?

Comments to the Clerk (in writing only please) or to any member of the Council.



The Parish Council needs to replace the three park benches in the recreation field as they are now old and damaged. It is also intended to place some picnic tables in the field, possibly at the lower end.

It has been suggested that Villagers may wish to dedicate a bench to the memory of a loved one. This would be marked by a small brass plaque with a simple inscription placed on the bench for the life of the bench.

If anyone is interested in either making a donation towards the cost of a bench or for a complete bench please contact the Clerk for more information. It is estimated the cost would be £500 - £600.



Dogs

The Parish Council has received a request asking for dog owners to keep their dogs on leads until they are past the houses in Dene

Hollow, this will prevent dogs straying into other people's gardens. Thank you.



Village Hall rates per hour from 1/04/2008:

| User | Main Hall | Meeting room | Both |
|--|-----------|--------------|--------|
| Regular village hirers | £7.00 | £4.25 | £11.25 |
| Casual village hirers | £9.00 | £5.25 | £14.25 |
| Regular non-village hirers | £11.50 | £6.25 | £17.75 |
| Casual non-village hirers | £13.75 | £6.25 | £20.00 |
| Daily rate | | | £95.00 |
| Commercial hirers (negotiable) minimum charge | £13.75 | £6.25 | £20.00 |

(Note, Minimum casual hire remains 3 hours, evenings 5 hours; this includes ½-hour for both setting up and clearing up. Hall hire includes electricity and full use of the kitchen and utensils).

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Wednesday 18th June at 8.00pm.**

Members of the public are invited to attend.

Provisional Agenda

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Declaration of Interests
3. Area Beat Officer's Report
4. Open Forum
5. District Council Report
6. County Council Report
7. Planning
8. Minutes of the last PC meeting
9. Matters Arising from the Meetings
10. Finance
11. VHMC Report
12. Play Equipment Inspection
13. Correspondence.

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Please contact our County or District Councillors if you have any problems.

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Items to be included in the next Chronicle should be sent to the Clerk (preferably by email or on a disk) by **Wednesday 2nd July**

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Do You Want to Book the Village Hall?

If so, please contact Keith Woods, Layton Cottage, Main Street 01235 831750 for details.