

**Minutes of the Chilton Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 21st January 2015 at
8.00pm in the Community Room**

Present	Mr C Broad Mr R Beech Mr F Dumbleton Mr R Girling Mr B Morris Mrs J Woods	Chairman
	Mr R Waite Mr S Lilly	District Councillor County Councillor
	Mrs M E Morris 7 members of the public	Clerk

1. **Apologies for Absence** were received from Mr Candelent and Mrs Turner.
2. **Declarations of Interest** Mr Morris declared a personal interest in item 13. Lydia Thomas Chilton Gift Fund as he is a Trustee. The Register was signed.
3. **Open Forum**
 - (i) It was noted that the damaged street light on Lower Road has not been fixed and also lights 1 - 11 are not working.
 - (ii) Drink cans are being left in Lower Road.
 - (iii) Dr Gould said that cars are speeding between Horsa Lane and Diamond Way and also in Roman Fields Way. When the roads are adopted by OCC it will be possible to have no speeding signs erected.
 - (iv) Dr Gould expressed concern regarding the lack of places at Chilton Primary School. The Clerk explained that all admissions to the School were dealt with by OCC in accordance with their admissions policy. The Clerk would speak to Mrs North re a note for the Chronicle.
 - (v) Mr Woods asked Mr Waite about a report that said 12,000 voters in Oxfordshire had been lost. Mr Waite replied that not everyone wanted to go on the Electoral Roll because some people are just not interested in voting. Mr Waite will try and find out what number of people in the Vale choose not to vote.
 - (vi) The public open spaces on Chilton Field will eventually be taken over by the Parish Council, it was noted that some of the silver birches are dying.
 - (vii) A question was asked why the pavement stops at no. 54 Chilton Field Way. It was explained that road way is a shared surface and research has shown that they are safer. Signs should be put up saying shared surfaces.
 - (viii) The affordable housing on Chilton Field is the responsibility of SOHA.
4. **Minutes** of the last meeting were signed as a true record.
5. **District Council Report**
 - (i) Mr Waite said that Mrs Turner was unable to be at the meeting as her husband was ill.
 - (i) Following the serious fire at the SODC Offices on 15th January the Vale and SODC are looking for temporary premises. The Planning Department suffered most in the

fire but the Local Plan comments are being held at Abbey House so were not affected.

- (ii) Plans have been on show for the redevelopment of Didcot A Power Station. Proposals are for a mix of uses comprising around 400 new homes, employment, retail, a hotel, pub/restaurant and open space.
- (iii) There will be an opportunity for local residents who are registered to vote to undertake paid work at the forthcoming elections. The work will be available at some Voting Stations and at the counting sessions.
- (iv) The latest figures for recyclable waste show the Vale 65.89% and SODC 69%. The Vale's rejection rate has increased to 5.64% of all recyclable waste collected. So that residents can find out what goes in which bin Recyclopaedia is being put on the waste website.

6. County Council Report

Mr Lilly reported that:-

- (i) Broadband is progressing with the 90% coverage of the County on target. The infrastructure is in parts of Chilton.
- (ii) Following the recent article in the Chronicle about fostering there has been an interested applicant.
- (iii) The Local Transport Strategy – LTP4 is on line now.
- (iv) A new state of the art rescue tender has been bought for the Fire Service . It will replace the present 10 year old one which will be sold at auction.
- (v) A meeting with the A417 parishes will be held on 27th February.
- (vi) The work on the Milton interchange will take 55 weeks. The work on the Chilton Slips should be starting in February. The work on Hagbourne Hill and Featherbed Lane has been delayed as compulsory purchase orders are needed.
- (vii) OCC have released a report that proposes a unitary authority for Oxfordshire which could give savings of up to £33m. per year. The report also proposes two other options; two unitary authorities comprised Oxford City and the rest of the County or three authorities, Oxford City and the County split into North Oxfordshire and South Oxfordshire. The District Council will be commenting.
- (viii) The light at the top of Lower Road was damaged in November and lights 1 - 11 are not working . Mr Lilly will follow this up.
- (ix) There is concern about speeding on Chilton Field, it was asked that in advance of the roads being adopted by OCC is there anything that the County can do. Mr Lilly said he would look into it.
- (x) Mr Dumbleton asked if an Environmental Impact Statement was needed as land needs to be compulsory purchased for the Hagbourne Hill work. Mr Dumbleton said that in the Science Vale Transport Review a Didcot -Harwell shuttle bus is being proposed. He is worried that it will make the X32 and X1 less viable.
- (xi) Mr Lilly noted that a report is being written regarding access to medical facilities, it will take time to produce.

Mr Lilly left the meeting at 9.10pm.

7. Planning

- (i) Applications considered by the Parish Council

Application for construction of small industrial unit for cutting and milling. Provision of drop kerb and concrete slab for storage of caged gas cylinders. Land between R78 & R80 RAL P14/V2602

Comments

No objections.

Application to repair existing front door, proposed internal alterations to kitchen and bathroom and hardwood flooring throughout. Halley Apartment Chilton House.
P14/V2881/LB

Application in circulation.

(ii) Applications Determined by the Vale

Permission for construction of small industrial unit for cutting and milling. Provision of drop kerb and concrete slab for storage of caged gas cylinders. Land between R78 & R80 RAL P14/V2602

(ii) It was noted that the land in the Cutting on the left hand side of Dene Hollow is being re-instated.

8. Matters Arising

(i) Brown Bin

Will be ordered as soon as possible.

(ii) Chilton Field

Clerk has asked for a breakdown of the Play Equipment Sec 106 money, no reply yet. The Clerk wrote to DWH re bollards and the allotments. The bollards are being put in now. Mr Kirk asked if the Council were ready to start the handover process of the public open space. The Clerk to reply that the land needs to be in an appropriate state with all the landscaping finished.

(iii) Work on The Lane

Jenks have cleared the footpath but the height of the trees has not been reduced. Clerk to contact Jenks.

(iv) Good Neighbour Community Project

Mr Morris has contacted RSRL re a possible grant towards fitting out the new small hall.

(v) Buses

Mr Dumbleton contacted Tim Darch re the X32 if it was withdrawn on Sundays, would the X1 replace it. It was also noted that up to 2013 a payment of £20k per annum was made by Goodman in respect of certain improvements made to services to and from the campus. However, in the latter half of 2013, Goodman were replaced as facilities managers of the site and the payments are no longer continuing. The Clerk was asked to write to Mr Horner and ask why the subsidy has not continued.

Mr Waite left the meeting at 9.15pm

9. Finance

(i) Precept 2015/16

Prior to the meeting the Budget papers for 2015/16 were circulated. After discussion Mr Morris proposed, seconded by Mr Beech that this year the Precept would be £23084. This figure was accepted by the majority present with one abstention.

(ii) Expenditure

Cheques

05. Mrs Morris Dec salary, expenses, Norton Com. protection	377.29
06. South & Vale Carers - Donation	35.00
07. Thames Water Allotments	15.78
08. CPRE - Annual membership	36.00

09. SLCC Membership	88.00
10. OSV CAB - donation	50.00
11. L. Rees - Chron 410	62.40
12. Berinsfield - winter work	528.00
13. Pamela Dohie - printing for SaveAONB	58.75
14. B Morris - Loctite	4.99
Total	1256.21

<u>Petty Cash</u>	
3 Weeks litter clearing	30.00
<u>Balances</u>	
Treasurers Account	500.00
Instant Access	33989.93
Business Account	9543.29
Petty Cash	100.00

(iii) A request from Home Start for a donation - agreed to pay £20.00

4 members of the public left at 9.30pm

10. VHMC Report

Balances: Main a/c 607.24; Instant saving a/c 301.86; Community room a/c 228.91
Social fund 977.15; Petty cash nil.

Mr Morris reported that the Treasurer, Alex Kapp, had carried out a cost analysis on the Village Hall and Community Room. At the moment the Community Room runs at a slight loss. The current rates have been reviewed and will remain unchanged this year. A new rate for the hire of all the Village Hall and for weddings was proposed. The Parish Council agreed to the current rates and to the new proposals. Mr Morris will report back to the VHMC.

11. Report of Meetings Attended

The Clerk reported that she had attended a meeting on Campus chaired by Angus Horner to discuss School provision on and around the Campus.

12. Play Equipment Inspection

Mr Beech to inspect the equipment and then let Mr Broad have the book. The screws on the Zip Wire covering have been replaced.

13. Lydia Thomas Chilton Gift Fund

The Revd Pam Rolls had written to say that the Trustees of the Lydia Thomas Chilton Gift Fund needed to be re-appointed for another 4 years. The Trustees are; John Berry - appointed January 2011; Brian Morris - appointed February 1994; Pam Rolls - appointed June 1991; Audrey Slater - appointed 1995.

The Trustees were proposed by Mr Broad, seconded by Mr Beech and agreed by the majority present. Mr Morris abstained as he is a Trustee.

14. Correspondence

From the previously circulated list it was noted;

(i) Mr Beech had walked the authorised f/p 13 route on 14th January 2015. Mr Broad reported that he had also walked the route.

- (ii) The Clerk reported that following an article re parking in the Community Room car park an email had been received saying that Bovis had given permission for residents to use it. The Parish Council said the car park belongs to the Council, is for the use of the Community Room hirers only and not for general use by Chilton Field residents. The Clerk to reply.
- (iii) The Clerk had received a complaint regarding litter in the brick bus shelter near the Garden Centre. The email was passed to Duncan Rogers at the Harwell Campus as the shelter does not belong to the Parish Council.
- (iv) Mr Johnston had written asking to give a presentation on an oil buying club. As there is already a successful syndicate in the Village the offer was declined.
- (v) Mr Girling requested that the Parish Council endorsed a Chilton Festival on 6th June. The Parish Council agreed to the request.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 10.05pm