

Minutes of the Meeting of Chilton Parish Council held on Wednesday 9th September 2009 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall.

Present: Mr B Morris Chairman
Mr C Broad
Mr F Dumbleton
Mr T Garrett
Mrs M Launchbury
Mrs A Swannell

Mrs M E Morris Clerk

Mr S Lilley County Councillor
Mr R Waite District Councillor
PCSO T Deane Area Beat Officer

2 members of the Public

1. **Apologies for Absence** were received from Mr Thompson and Mrs Turner.
2. **Declarations of Interest** None
Mrs Launchbury had previously informed the Council that she was resigning as a Councillor. Mr Morris thanked her for all her work for the Council and the community during her 6 years on the Council.
3. **Area Beat Officer's Report**
PCSO Deane said that following the theft of vegetables from the allotments in August, patrols of the area had been increased. It was noted that a strimmer had been stolen from Lower Road and hare coursing is causing a problem again.
There has been a large increase in burglaries in Blewbury and it was agreed that a note would be put in the Chronicle about locking doors, sheds, vehicles and protecting valuables. PCSO Deane was asked if there were still people who would come out and advise the elderly re crime prevention. The best way is to contact the Police on 0845 8 505 505 and ask for advice.
4. **Open Forum**
Mrs Haines complained about the disgusting state of the Village particularly the footpath between Crafts End and Lawson Lane where garden refuse had been dumped. She said that Mark Sumner from the OCC was coming out on 11th September to have a look at the problem. Mr Lilly said he would contact Mr Sumner to ask for information. A note to be put in the Chronicle regarding the disposal of garden refuse.
5. **Minutes** of the last Meeting were signed as a true record. A note to be put in the Chronicle that the minutes are on the Village Hall website.
6. **District Council Report**
Mr Waite reported that:-
 - (i) On Thursday, 3rd September the Notice of Outline Permission for the Chilton Field development was signed by Adrian Duffield, Head of Planning; Cllr Richard Gibson, Chair of Development Control Committee; and Cllr Reg Waite. The contents of the Section 106 Agreement appeared to be identical to those previously discussed.

- (ii) The Vale of White Horse District Council is supporting the launch of Oxfordshire Waste Partnership's new fly-tipping campaign. The local authorities in Oxfordshire, Berkshire and Buckinghamshire have all teamed up to encourage residents and businesses to help reduce this problem. A series of road shows is being held across the counties over the next few weeks.
- (iii) People are being urged to make sure they register their right to vote by completing the electoral registration forms that have been recently delivered.
- (iv) Scottish Widows Investment Partnership (SWIP), a leading property investment manager, is the new owner of the Abbey Shopping Centre, formerly known as The Bury Street shopping precinct in Abingdon. SWIP has been instrumental in attracting new retail stores of the highest calibre to the centre.
- (v) Despite a few adverse press comments, the new waste collection system in South Oxfordshire District Council (SODC) is operating very successfully. Work in the Vale will be commencing shortly on the changes to be introduced with effect from October 2010. Parish Councils will be asked for information regarding, for example, narrow lanes, isolated dwellings. Every six or so Parishes will be requested to send two Councillors to attend a team meeting and work together.
- (vi) Further information relating to the Great Western Development can be obtained from SODC's website under the application reference no. P02/W0848/O in a folder named Discharge of Conditions. At Didcot Library there will also be copies which should be available for 3 weeks from Friday, 4th September.

7. County Council Report

Mr Lilly reported that the County Council had nominated a provider for the waste incinerator before planning permission is granted. The chosen company is Viridor who would be based at the Ardley site. WRG have confirmed that they will not be withdrawing their application for the Sutton Courtenay site.

The preliminary results of the SCOTS report are being presented to the Cabinet on Tuesday 15th September. The Cabinet is being asked to endorse the draft proposals to enable Officers to come forward with a final proposal. Mr Lilly explained how the proposals would affect Chilton. It is proposed that a new road should run from the Kingswell Restaurant across to the Fermi Avenue roundabout, running parallel with the A34 on the Harwell side. There would be a partial by-pass at the Rowstock roundabout and an upgrade of Featherbed Lane. The Parish Council considered the draft proposals and felt that the County had listened to Chilton's requests. Mr Dumbleton suggested that there should be traffic lights at the new roundabout and traffic calming measures over Hagbourne Hill and a Green Lane status. Mr Garrett asked if there would be roundabouts at the new junctions at the Kingswell – there would be.

Mr Lilly said that Revd Stott and Mr Rae had been re-appointed as Governors at Chilton School. The work on Didcot Parkway forecourt is due to start soon. Mr Lilly was asked if he would enquire about the progress of the Chilton Field section 106 at County.

8. Planning

(i) Applications considered by the Planning Committee

Application for loft conversion into existing roof space with roof lights and juliet balcony. Meadow Way South Row CHI/14775/1

Comments

The Parish Council had no objections to this application.

Retrospective application for erection of chiller pump enclosure Land adjoining Building R46 RAL. CHI/20899

Comments

The Parish Council had no objections to this application

Application for proposed ground floor rear extension, loft conversion including new dormer windows and front extension. New detached garage. 45 Crafts End
CHI/20929

Comments

The Parish Council had no objections to this application.

Application to erect a rear conservatory. 30 Crafts End. CHI/4908/2 Application in circulation.

(ii) Applications Determined by the Vale

Permission for integral garage into a home office. Amberwood South Row
CHI/19443/3

Permission to demolish Fairlawne, The Store and associated outbuildings. Erection of two detached dwellings with detached double garage, parking and access of South Row. Fairlawne South Row CHI/6625/1

(iii) The Vale signed the Section 106 agreement on 3rd September.

(iv) A complaint regarding unauthorized building work at Angel Brook Stud (Ridgeway Farm) had been received. The farm to be checked and the Vale notified accordingly.

9. Matters Arising from the Last Meeting

(i) Playing Field Fence

Item to be held over until Mr Thompson present.

(ii) Footpath – Lawson Lane

Mr Sumner to visit.

(iii) Light

The light by 9 Hillpiece has been repaired. Councillors were asked if they could check lights in their area and report any dirty or obscured ones to the Clerk who will notify the OCC.

(iv) Pavement Elderfield Crescent

The pavement has been reported and also the surface of Church Path by the Churchyard. Details have been passed to Mr Lilly.

(v) Crafts End Green

No reply has been received from Wates. It was agreed that Mr Morris would make a follow up telephone call at the end of September.

10. Finance

(i) Expenditure

Cheques

NALC magazine subscription	13.50
L Rees - Chronicle 354	75.99
Berinsfield -July grass & extra cuts for 11 July	342.61
Mrs Morris - August salary & expenses	293.00
PlaysafetyLtd - play equipment inspection	89.70
PM Willoughby - install benches	845.25
Berinsfield - August grass cutting	236.23
Total	<u>1896.28</u>

Petty Cash

5 weeks litter clearing 50.00

(ii) Receipts

VAT refund 541.61

- (iii) Request for a donation from Multiple Sclerosis Therapy Unit has been received; it does not meet the Council's criteria.
- (iv) The Clerk asked if a copy of the updates for the Clerk's Manual could be purchased at £12.75. It was agreed.
- (v) The proposal to grant up to £5,000 to the Playbuilder Project was discussed after the Playbuilder report.

11. Playbuilder Report

Following a meeting on 5th August with Howie Watkins it was agreed to use Wicksteed as the single supplier but some of the design will need to be changed as they do not meet the Playbuilder requirements. A landscape architect with Playbuilder experience has also been approached. The Parish Council agreed to send a letter of appointment to Carolyn Place of Anthony Stiff Associates. The Constitution for the group has been approved by the Parish Council and the Playbuilder Group. The Contract is to be signed and returned to OCC when the Clerk has received the Minutes of the acceptance meeting.

Mrs Swannell said that she had been approached regarding a top up grant so that the equipment was disability compliant. Before applying for the grant it was suggested that Mrs Swannell contact Ms Place to see if it is required.

At the previous Parish Council meeting it was suggested that the Council should make a grant of up to £5,000 from capital reserves. However the design is now being changed and the cost may be lower, so after discussion it was agreed that the Council will consider providing additional funds if it is necessary after the design and budget have been re adjusted.

Mr Broad volunteered to replace Mrs Launchbury on the Playbuilder Committee.

12. VHMC Report

The Chilton Active weekend accounts have been received and the cost for the VHMC will be about £600, to come out of the Social Fund.

During the weekend a large gazebo lent by and belonging to Mr & Mrs Oliver was damaged. It was agreed that as this was a community event the Parish Council would re-imburse them £115.

13. Play Equipment Inspection

Mr Broad noted that there is a large depression in front of the cricket pad on the Wall. To be filled in. The spring dog is still to be renovated, Mr Cooper quoted £150 for the work which was accepted.

The RoSPA report has been received, it was noted that the overhead cables on the Multiplay Unit need to be taped over; this was a low/medium priority. Also noted was the overhead cable as a hazard. Mrs Swannell will check with Roger Davies of OPFA as some of the new play equipment area will also be under it.

14. Correspondence

From the circulated list it was noted:-

- (i) A thank you letter for the invite to Chilton Active had been received from Cllr Alison Rooke.
- (ii) The invitation to attend the annual forum of the North Wessex Downs AONB Office on 15th October has been received. Mr Dumbleton to attend.
- (iii) The Minutes of the Parish Transport representatives meeting on 19th August had been received. To be circulated. Mr Dumbleton reported on the meeting that there had been a small budget underspend in 2008-09 and there will be a small budget reduction in 2009-10. The legal requirement for bus emissions to comply with the Euro V standard in Oxford City centre from 2013 may cause problems for Thames Travel. There are

grants available for bus shelters and a bid has gone in for Kick Start funding of a Newbury - Oxford service.

- (iv) Mrs Swannell asked if there was any news about the new dog waste bin. The Clerk will check if it is in place and if not, then chase it up.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 10.15pm.