

**Minutes of the Meeting of Chilton Parish Council held on Wednesday 13 January 2010 at
8.00pm in the Village Hall.**

Present:	Mr I Thompson Mr C Broad Mr F Dumbleton Mr T Garrett Mr B Morris	Chairman
	Mrs M E Morris	Clerk
	Mr S Lilley PCSO C Johnson	County Councillor

1. **Apologies for Absence** were received from Mr Waite and Mrs Turner.

2. **Declarations of Interest** None

3. **Area Beat Officer's Report**

PCSO Johnson reported that Operation Migrate had been in action at the weekend. As there is considerable snow at the present time, the Police Land Rover is very busy going around villages helping to check on vulnerable residents.

Mr Morris noted that work had started on the new play equipment and asked if the PCSO's would keep a check on it. It was agreed.

4. **County Council Report**

Mr Lilly said that he was aware the bus route through the Village had not been gritted and he would try and get it done. It was pointed out that because of the snow the bus had not been able to get through the Village for a week, whilst other villages appeared to have been gritted.

Two workshops are to be held on the Local Transport Plan; 29th January 5.00pm at SODC Offices, Crowmarsh Gifford and 11th February 5.00pm at Abbey Room, Abingdon. Councillors were recommended to go to one of the meetings.

Mr Lilly asked if he could have a copy of the Council's comments on the SCOT report made last year. The Clerk will email them.

At the Harwell Parish Council meeting, North Drive residents complained about the proposed 400 houses at North Drive.

Mr Lilly reported that there will be spending cuts in the budget for 2010/11. One of the services that will be affected is Youth Services. The responsibility for funding the concessionary bus fare scheme is to be transferred from the District to the County. Mr Thompson said he was worried that cutbacks in the Fire Service funding will lead to slower response times in the rural areas.

Mr Morris said that the street lights had all been changed to low energy ones, they looked very good.

5. **District Council Report**

From the written report it was noted:

Waste collections have now recommenced and it is hoped that all outstanding collections will have been completed by Sunday 17th January.

Due to the snow the Vale Core Strategy Additional Consultation meeting at Harwell was postponed from 7th January to 28th January.

Councillors were reminded to nominate people for the Community Awards Lunch.
The Vale's Draft Executive Budget has been published on their website for consultation.

6. **Planning**

(i) Applications Considered by the Parish Council

Application for erection of 10 free standing signsboards Harwell Science and Innovation Campus HAR/CHI/20130/1-A

Comments

The Parish Council had no objection to this application. Presumably these signs will be replacing the present ones and not adding to the signs already present.

(ii) Applications considered by the Planning Committee

Application for single storey extensions to front and rear of existing dwelling.
Hawthorns South Row CHI/21048

Comments

The Parish Council had no objections.

(iii) Applications Determined by the Vale

Permission to demolish and remove existing conservatory to the rear of existing property with addition of a two storey extension. Extension to provide extended living room, new bedroom, new shower room, dressing room and veranda. 23 The Orchids CHI/17401/2.

Temporary permission for siting of mobile home (retrospective) Hillview CHI/16163/3 HAR/2571/14 Provision of car parking spaces HPA Centre for Radiation. Application withdrawn.

(iv) Applications in Circulation

CHI/5465/27, CHI/5465/28-LB. Application for proposed extension of Flat B to create an additional bedroom. Chilton House.

(v) Your Vale Your Future additional consultation - Comments need to be in by 29th January, day after reorganized meeting in Harwell. It was agreed that Mr Morris would draft a reply for the consultation.

7. **Matters Arising**

(i) Age Concern Storage Container

Mr Sell, Director of Day Services, has written to say that they do not hold any papers dating back to 1999. It was agreed that the Council would write and ask them to apply for retrospective planning permission for the storage container.

(ii) Allotments

Mr Thompson said that it is proposed to create 10 new allotments as 8 out the 12 people on the waiting list still want one. Three tenders have been put out and replies are waited. Mr & Mrs Hillier have been notified of the proposal.

(iii) Trees on Crafts End Green

Quotes still to be obtained.

8. **Finance**

(i) Expenditure

Cheques

Mrs Morris - Dec salary, back pay, expenses	371.66
Mr Morris - Keys cut for Playbuilder	11.70
SLCC - 2010 subscription	82.00
Friends of The Ridgeway - 2010 subscription	10.00
L Rees - Chronicle 357	63.99
South & Vale Carers Centre - donation	35.00
Abingdon & District CAB - donation	40.00
Oxon Assoc for Blind - donation	30.00

Burdens Ltd - tap for allotment	49.45
Total	693.8

Petty Cash

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| | 9 weeks litter clearing | 90.00 |
| (ii) | <u>Receipts</u> | |
| | 5 allotment rentals | 47.50 |
| | Playbuilder grant | 7600.00 |
| (iii) | Prior to the meeting Mr Morris had circulated a proposal to replace the bench on Townend and buy 3 more grit bins from OCC. It was agreed to replace the seat with one matching the seat on The Green. It was agreed that the money should come from the Charity Account. The Clerk to contact Streetmaster. It was agreed to buy 3 more grit bins; to be placed at top of Manor Close, top of Latton Close and one at the entrance to the car park; this last one was requested by the VHMC. The Clerk to contact OCC. | |
| (iv) | It was agreed to renew the membership of the Open Spaces Society - £40.00 | |
| (v) | Prior to the meeting the papers for the Budget for 2010/2011 had been circulated. After discussion Mr Thompson proposed that the Precept for 2010/11 should be £12,400, seconded by Mr Morris and accepted by all present. | |

9. Playbuilder Report

Mr Broad said that work had started on 4th January but was being held up by the snow. The Terms of Reference for Mr Pearce had been drawn and signed. Mr Broad was asked if the question over the purchase of safety fencing for use during construction had been resolved and also if there was a retention clause in the contract. Mr Broad will check.

10. Local Stakeholder Group Meeting Report

Mr Broad reported that:-

The European Space Agency is now established on the campus as its first UK office. Currently there is less than 10 staff but they plan to grow.

Diamond Light Source is currently building the longest beam line in the Western Hemisphere at 250m. There are 16 already in operation.

There is to be an exhibition at North Wall, Summertown, Oxford 11-29 Jan and it will include the WI tapestries.

Science Vale UK. This is an informal partnership promoting science in an area that includes Harwell Campus, Milton Park and Culham. This has the potential to be significant for Chilton. They already claim to have got local transport on the high priority list.

11. VHMC Report

Mr Morris reported that the Committee proposed the new rates below to come into effect 1st April.

User	Main Hall	Meeting room	Both
Regular village hirers, per hour	£7.75	£5.25	£13.00
Casual village hirers, per hour	£9.75	£6.25	£16.00
Regular non-village hirers, per hour	£12.25	£7.25	£19.50
Casual non-village hirers, per hour	£14.75	£7.25	£22.00
Daily rate (non-commercial)	-	-	£105.00
Daily rate (commercial)	-	-	£200.00

The new rates incorporate a small rise which reflects increases in running costs (heating, lighting, cleaning etc), and fabric maintenance/renewal as the Hall gets older. The Parish Council accepted the proposed new rates. The rates to be put in the Chronicle. The Committee urgently need a new Treasurer as the present one has stood down. At the moment Mr Smith, the Chairman, is acting as Treasurer.

A letter had been received from the Oxfordshire Theatre Company saying that the Vale is proposing to cut their annual grant. This would mean that it would be unlikely that the VHMC would be able afford to book OTC for future theatre productions. The VHMC have already written to the Vale asking them not to cut the grant, it was agreed that the Parish Council will also write in support. Mr Thompson to write.

12. Play Equipment Report

Inspection delayed due to the snow.

13. Correspondence

From the circulated list it was noted that:-

- (i) A letter had been received from Science Vale UK with an invite to a Breakfast meeting. Mr Broad to go.
- (ii) A letter had been received from Mrs Stevens asking for an extra dog faeces bin on the recreation field. It was agreed to ask the Environment Warden to come and talk to the Council about the recreation field before making a final decision.
- (iii) Mr Webber had written to say that there was a clump of Dogwood at the foot of Jubilee Bridge; the Clerk to ask Berinsfield to cut it back.

Under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and the Local Government Act 1972 the public were excluded from the following two items at 10.00pm.