

BLEWBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes

Of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council
held in the Vale Room on Wednesday 12th July 2017 at 7.30 p.m.

Councillors present: Mr C Lakeland (CL) (Chair), Mrs J Gibson (JG), Mr M Shayler (MS), Mrs L Inglis (LI), Mr M Penington (MP), Ms Miriam Jacobs (MJ), Mr David Lomas (DL), Mr Mark Blythe (MB), Mrs Charlotte Cameron (CC). **Also present:** Mrs Elaine de Ridder (clerk), Michelle Taylor (clerk), Mr David Hollick (Lengthman), County Councillor Fox-Davies

Matters resolved:

1. BMX sign to be installed and KAP refurbishment to be undertaken before September.
2. Allotment lease extension signed.
3. It was resolved to form a working party to make recommendations to the Parish Council about the future of the Clubhouse
4. Annual maintenance to the skate ramp was carried out and completed.
5. It was resolved that the Clerk should apply for Land Registry documents to ascertain if one of the abandoned vehicles was on Parish Council land
6. All payments were approved.

Actions arising from the meeting	Target date
1. Clerk to forward Councillor Fox-Davies the B4016 correspondence	As soon as possible
2. Lengthman to put up sign at BMX Track.	By next meeting
3. Lengthman to complete KAP area before September meeting.	Before September Meeting
4. Lengthman to contact WHH re Safety Matting	As soon as possible
5. Cllr Blythe and Cllr Lomas to form a working party	Before September Meeting
6. Clerk to email Chiltern PC wishing them well on CNP	As soon as possible
7. CL to email Richard Farrell reference trading licence for clubhouse	As soon as possible
8. Clerk & CL to arrange meeting with CIC to review clubhouse	As soon as possible
9. Clerk to follow up with the Robert Kelly and Resident reference the tree on FP24	By next meeting
10. LI to circulate response from Didcot Garden Town consultation	By 31 st July
11. Clerk & CL to find out what a Parish Partner is.	As soon as possible
12. CL & Clerk to review the level of Insurance cover for the Parish Council. Clerk to check when multi-year agreement ends.	By September meeting
13. Clerk to obtain land registry documents.	As soon as possible
14. Clerk to email Sovereign Vale re Dibley's hedge. Clerk to ask St Michaels PCC to cut back hedge on Playclose.	As soon as possible
15. Clerk to circulate email to arrange meeting for August to cover payments.	By end of July
16. Clerk to email BlewTube reference serving alcohol in the Clubhouse.	As soon as possible

- 07/17 1. To receive apologies for absence.** Apologies District Councillors Waite and District Councillor Shelley.
- 07/17 2. To record declarations of interest.** No declarations were made.
- 07/17 3. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14th June 2017.** The minutes were accepted and signed as a true record.
- 07/17 4. To receive the County Councillor's report.** County Councillor Fox-Davies attended the meeting and sent a report. See Annex A. Concerns about the B4016 was brought to Councillor Fox-Davies attention. He was also asked if the A417 meeting would continue. And the need of a cycle route was emphasised. Action: Clerk to forward Councillor Fox-Davies the B4016 correspondence.
- 07/17 5. To receive the District Councillor's report.** District Councillors Waite and District Councillor Shelley were unable to attend the meeting. A written report was circulated. See Annex B.

- 07/17 6. To receive the Lengthman's report.** The report was to be circulated after the meeting. See Annex C. The Lengthman will meet with CIC along with Cllr Penington and Cllr Lomas to review the Clubhouse. It was resolved to install the new BMX Track sign and complete work in the KAP area prior to the September meeting (Action Lengthman).
- 07/17 7. Open Forum.** -Nothing discussed.
- 07/17 8. Matters arising**
- 8.1. To report back on actions arising at previous meeting. All other actions were taken. The Vale has not responded to the tree issue on footpath 24. The Clerk produced a document to be signed for the allotment lease to be extended. It was resolved for the Chairman and Clerk to sign.
- 07/17 9. Village hall redevelopment**
- 9.1. To receive an update on the progress of the working party and fundraising. The refurbishment working party intends to send out a survey to canvas opinion about reduced scope.
- 9.2. To receive a report from Macfarlanes LLP. A confidential report was given.
- 07/17 10. Recreation Ground**
- 10.1. To receive an update from the PC representative on the BVCIC. Work almost completed on the plant room. Negotiations are ongoing as to a joint management structure for all the village facilities. It was resolved to form a working party to make recommendations to the Parish Council about the future of the Clubhouse. Action: Cllr Blythe, Cllr Cameron and Cllr Lomas to form a working party to advise the PC re Clubhouse. A survey has been suggested to be drafted and circulated to all villagers to gather ideas for future venture interests in the Melland Room. Ongoing events currently held in the Melland Room. Action: Clerk to email BlewTube reference serving alcohol in the Clubhouse.
- 07/17 11. Planning & Housing**
- 11.1. To receive the planning committee report. See Annex D for the planning report.
- 11.2. To approve responses to current applications:

P17/V1915/LB

Winding Way, South Street - *Removal of concrete slab to sitting room and replacement with limecrete floor. Removal of existing flue liner, replace with new, increase height of stack.*
Parish Council has no objections

P17/V1913/HH

Winding Way, South Street - *Removal of concrete slab to sitting room and replacement with limecrete floor. Removal of existing flue liner, replace with new, increase height of stack.*
Parish Council has no objections

P17/V1792/LB

2 Bacon Almshouses, Church Road - *Proposed single-storey rear extension to the existing kitchen and internal alterations.*
Parish Council has no objections

P17/V1791/HH

2 Bacon Almshouses, Church Road - *Proposed single-storey rear extension to the existing kitchen and internal alterations.*
Parish Council has no objections

Planning Item Received too late for Agenda

P17/V1914/FUL

Hunts Grave Farm, Woodway Road - Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of Planning Permission P15/V2356/FUL Demolition of existing structures. Erection of two dwellings, with gardens including boundaries, and parking areas.
Parish Council has no objections

07/17 12. Finance & Administration

12.1. To receive an update on S106 contributions. A short report was given and a decision is being awaited about using the money earmarked for a MUGA for fitness equipment.

12.2. To approve payments to be made under ancillary powers and within budgeted amounts

All payments were approved.

PAYEE	Description / Power to spend	Amount
E de Ridder	Clerk's salary and expenses	£964.56
M Taylor	Clerk's salary and expenses	£320.66
D Hollick	Lengthman's salary and expenses	£545.30
NEST	Clerk's pension	£78.00
BT Payment Services Ltd	Clubhouse line rental and Wifi	£27.00
Biffa Waste Services Ltd	Waste services	£83.06
White Horse Horticulture	Grass cutting contract for Pound and Churchyard	£200.00
Oxfordshire County Council	KAP Rent	£210.08
Post Office Ltd	PAYE & NI	£543.16
Graham Nye	Plant Room Repairs	£1500.00
Kingdom Signs Ltd	BMX Track Sign	£42.25
RADII Skatepark Repairs	Skate Ramp Repairs	425.00
Blewbury Hall Executive Management Committee	Grant towards Post Office rent	£300.00
TOTAL		£5,239.07

07/17 13. Risk Management

13.1. 05/01/17 To decide on a course of action for resurfacing and replacement of safety matting at the Play Space. To receive an update re the Skate ramp and BMX track. No quote has been received for the replacement of safety matting (Action brought forward Lengthman). The work on the skate ramp has been completed. The Parish Council thanked Cllr Shayler and the Lengthman for their hard work in making good the BMX track.

13.2. 14/06/17 To receive an update re the extension of the allotment lease. The Clerk produced a document for Councillors to sign, to then be forwarded to Anthony Alan. Item Closed.

13.3. 12/07/17 To review the level of Parish Council Insurance Cover. Action: Clerk and Cllr Lakeland to review.

07/17 14. To receive an update on any issues relating to the Environment. The tree on the corner of Bohams and London Road was briefly discussed. Concerns about two abandoned cars were also mentioned. It was resolved that the Clerk should apply for Land Registry documents to ascertain if one of the abandoned vehicles was on Parish Council land. Action: Clerk.

07/17 15. To receive an update on any issues relating to Footways, Footpaths, rights of way and open spaces. It was reported that Sovereign still has done nothing about the overgrown hedge alongside Dibley's. Action: Clerk to follow up. The overgrown hedge in the Playclose was also mentioned. Action: Clerk to contact the PCC. The dead tree on FP24 was discussed, and the Vale hasn't taken any action apart from severing the ivy. Action: Clerk to follow up with Robert Kelly

and Resident. It was resolved that the Clerk would contact residents and or fixmystreet about overgrown hedges and shrubs.

07/17 16. To receive an update on any issues relating to roads, road safety and public transport.

It was reported that the 94 Bus will continue until March 2018.

07/17 17. Village Hall Management Committee. *To receive an update from the VHMC.* The VHMC was due to meet in a couple of weeks' time.

07/17 18. Correspondence

18.1. Items requesting a reply & consultations

18.1.1. To agree the response to the Didcot Garden Town consultation. Action: Cllr Inglis to draft and circulate response to Didcot Garden Town Consultation.

18.1.2. To agree the response to the Chilton Neighbourhood Plan: Area Designation. Action: Clerk to email CPC expressing our support.

18.2. Items for information that have been circulated

18.2.1. OALC update. Noted

18.2.2. To report on exchanges of emails ref: BT Phone boxes. Noted.

07/17 19. Any other business. *Exceptionally to deal with business received too late for inclusion in agenda.*

Nothing discussed.

07/17 20. To set the date of the next meeting. The next Parish Council meeting will be on 13th September 2017. Action: Clerk to circulate Doodle poll to arrange August Payment & Planning meeting.

Meeting closed 21h25

Annex A:

**REPORT TO BLEWBURY PARISH COUNCIL JULY 2017
FROM CLLR MIKE FOX-DAVIES**

GENERAL OCC REPORT

OCC FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE STATEMENT ON FIRE SAFETY IN HIGH RISE TOWERS

Simon Furlong, Director of Community Safety and Chief Fire Officer of OCC Fire & Rescue Service, made the following statement on 26 June 2017 :

"I would like to reassure residents of Oxford's five high-rise towers that Oxford City Council has taken all the necessary fire safety measures to ensure they are safe in their home. Oxford City Council followed our advice to introduce a number of fire safety improvements as part of the recent refurbishment work. This includes the installation of a new sprinkler system in flats and communal areas and a fire and smoke detection system connected directly to the fire service.

"As the owner of the buildings, Oxford City Council carries out regular fire risk assessments, which are audited by Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service. These audits are up-to-date. In the event of a fire at any high-rise tower in Oxford, we have the resources in place to ensure a rapid response within our target response times."

NEW HOUSEHOLD WASTE RECYCLING CENTRE CONTRACT ANNOUNCED

Oxfordshire County Council has confirmed that it will keep its entire network of seven Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs) in the county open in the medium term (with no change to opening hours or days they are open) due to a new management contract that has been awarded to W&S Recycling. The Dorset based firm already manages five of Oxfordshire's HWRC sites which means there will be minimal disruption to residents when the new contract starts on 1 October 2017. W&S Recycling will manage the HWRC sites at Alkerton, Ardley, Drayton, Oakley Wood, Redbridge, and Stanford in the Vale. Dix Pit HWRC will continue to be managed by FCC Environment. Residents will continue to be able to dispose of all household waste free of charge at any of the county's recycling centres. Oxfordshire has had a system of charging for non-household waste which includes soil, rubble and DIY waste for 15 years and has not increased the charge of £1 per item over that time. When the new contract starts on 1 October, W&S Recycling will increase the charge for non-household waste items to £1.50 which is less

than other authorities who charge for this service. In the HWRC public consultation carried out in summer 2016, 91% of Oxfordshire residents favoured charges for non-household waste over site closures.

INSPECTOR BACKS OXFORDSHIRE MINERALS AND WASTE STRATEGY

OCC's new minerals and waste core strategy, which outlines the planning strategy and policies for the supply of minerals and the management of waste in Oxfordshire until 2031, is set to be adopted following support from the Government's Planning Inspectorate. Following an independent examination of the strategy, the Inspector concluded that the strategy, with modifications, meets legal requirements and provides a sound and appropriate basis for the planning of future quarrying and waste management in Oxfordshire for the next 15 years. Minerals include sand, gravel, limestone, ironstone and clay, which are all naturally occurring materials dug from the ground, and recycled concrete and ash. For more information, see here: <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/minerals-and-waste-core-strategy>

MULTI-MILLION POUND BROADBAND BOOST TO BENEFIT THOUSANDS MORE

Nearly 3,000 more of Oxfordshire's most remote households and businesses will get access to high-speed broadband thanks to a £4 million boost for the Better Broadband for Oxfordshire programme. OCC and BT have announced parts of Ardington, Barford St John, East Hendred, Lockinge, Lyford, Swalcliffe and many more communities will be included in the ambitious roll-out. The funding has come from cost savings made earlier in the roll-out and BT making £2.56 million available for reinvestment in the programme due to a 'Gainshare' mechanism in the contract, which has been triggered by strong demand for the new fibre technology from local households and businesses. With more than 45 per cent of households and businesses already opting to use the new high-speed service provided by the Better Broadband programme, Oxfordshire ranks among the best-connected counties in the country. OCC has also announced that communities not yet able to get superfast fibre broadband through any public or private sector roll-out can benefit from a new scheme – in addition to the £4 million, a separate fund of up to £600,000 from programme efficiency savings has been set aside for co-funding projects where communities are willing to share the costs of the installation work. Under the scheme, the council will contribute up to £1,700 per premise (terms and conditions apply). See <http://www.betterbroadbandoxfordshire.org.uk/cms/content/co-funded-fibre-broadband-partnerships-cfp>

FUNDING FOR OPEN-ACCESS CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Start-up funding for a further ten community schemes to run open access services at children's centres has been approved by OCC. The proposals, which stand to receive a total of £258,458, are the latest to be considered as part of the transition from council-funded to community-led services at children's centre locations. Community services will complement the council's new service for 0-19 year-olds, which will meet the needs and aspirations of children at risk of abuse and neglect in Oxfordshire, and ensure that families who need extra help are identified at an early stage. When added to previously considered applications, the approval of these latest proposals would give a total of 25 funded community schemes for services such as 'stay and play' to continue at children's centres across the county. On top of this, open access sessions are continuing at the Children and Family Centres and satellite centres at the heart of the council's new Children's Service.

COUNTY TRADING STANDARDS SAVE £250,000 FOR VULNERABLE VICTIMS

OCC's Trading Standards Service, working in partnership with Thames Valley Police, banks and other agencies, have saved over £250,000 for the victims of rogue traders in the last 12 months. This is the largest amount of money ever saved by the Doorstep Crime team since it was established 12 years ago. The team targets rogue traders who prey on the vulnerable and elderly and claim to be legitimate companies. The doorstep crime team in OCC's Trading Standards Service includes three Trading Standards Officers and a seconded Police Officer from Thames Valley Police. Banks and other financial institutions have also been instrumental in securing these savings, by reporting suspicious large cash withdrawals, allowing the doorstep crime team to intervene and protect vulnerable adults from a wide range of financial abuse. The team also deliver presentations and educational events to community groups to raise awareness amongst both those people who might be targeted, and their friends and family. Those who are concerned that they might have been targeted by a rogue trader, or are concerned that a neighbour or family member has been, should report it to Trading Standards via 03454 04 05 06.

ADULT DAYTIME SUPPORT CHANGES

OCC is now implementing a new, sustainable model of daytime support for vulnerable adults in Oxfordshire. There are over 200 voluntary and community daytime support services provided across Oxfordshire. The vast majority of the 47 services that are currently funded by OCC are set to continue and have applied for and been awarded grant funding to support their move to more self-sustaining models. OCC is continuing to fund the Wellbeing and Employment Support Service and the Dementia

Support Service, and is investing an additional £25,000 per year in increasing the capacity of these services to support people with autism and to train other services in dementia support. County Council provided Health and Wellbeing Centres and Learning Disability Daytime Support services will be replaced by a new council-provided Community Support Service from 1st October 2017. This service will provide flexible, person-centred support to meet a wide range of people's needs, delivered from 8 building bases across the county. Service users will not see any change before August 2017. And before anything changes, everyone using current services will be offered an individual assessment and/or review and support to explore their options. For people who are assessed as not having eligible needs, there will still be a range of options, for example joining a local group, attending community and voluntary sector provided services or purchasing support from the new Community Support Service.

SPECIFIC REPORT FOR BLEWBURY

Bus Service

Contact made with the County regarding the tender for the new bus service, which may be introduced from GWP and include Blewbury. The existing service 94/95 has been extended by several months, so more time to progress possible options for an alternate service

Oak Tree

Met with the Chair and Janet Shelley to understand the issue regarding the dead oak tree at the road side alongside the entrance to the village from the Upton direction. Contacting the relevant department and will update when more information is gathered.

Annex B:

District Notes for Parish Councillors on Wednesday, 12th July 2017 from Cllr Janet Shelley & Cllr Reg Waite

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Enforcement Investigations:

VE17/360 – Bankside, South Street, Blewbury

Reported: 27 June 2017

Alleged breach: Removal of tree contrary to landscape maintenance condition 13 of planning permission P12/V2554/FUL.

Case Officer: Zoe Spring

6 week target date – 8 June 17. 12 week target date – 19 September 17.

Under investigation.

VE17/303 – Red Lion Pub, Chapel Lane, Blewbury OX11 9PQ

Reported: 5 June 2017

Alleged breach: Erection of play structural/raised platform within the curtilage of grade II listed building without planning permission.

Case now closed.

Case Officer: Anne Wilkinson

Site visited: 8 June 2017.

VE17/289 – The Red Lion, Chapel Lane, Blewbury OX11 9PQ

Reported: 25 May 2017

Alleged breach: Without planning permission the erection of a building.

Case Officer: Anne Wilkinson

Site visited: 8 June 2017

6 week target date – 6 July 2017. 12 week target date – 17 August 2017

Still under investigation

VE17/223 – Unit 3, Eastfield Farm, Woodway Road, Blewbury

Reported: 21 April 2017

Alleged breach: Unauthorised change of use of an agricultural building to B2 industrial use.

Case Officer: Robert Cramp

Site visited: 4 May 2017

6 week target date – 2 June 2017. 12 week target date – 14 July 2017

Still under investigation.

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Taylor Wimpey, Great Western Park:

In the past I have had close connections with Mary Beck, who has been Senior Technical Manager, Taylor Wimpey Oxfordshire.

I learned from Mary yesterday morning that she is leaving on Friday to take up a new challenge as Technical Director for Taylor Wimpey West Midlands.

For GWP Rebecca Bowker, Project Manager, Taylor Wimpey Oxfordshire will be our point of contact for the future.

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Mark Stone appointed as Acting Chief Executive:

South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils have appointed Mark Stone as their Acting Chief Executive following the resignation of David Hill from 30th June.

Mark was the councils' Interim Chief Operating Officer and has over 20 years of local government experience, which has included positions in Devon, Wiltshire and Enfield councils, in addition to working in the civil service.

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Parish Partner Invitation:

Please let me have details (name, address and contact information) of the Councillor appointed as your Parish Partner and the date of the launch session they wish to attend, i.e. Wednesday, 19th July 10.00am – Noon or Thursday, 28th September 6.30pm – 8.30pm by return. Both are being held at The Beacon, Wantage.

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GO Active Walking Football:

This is becoming a very welcome growth sport for the over-55's and GO Active Gold would like to see our villages and Parish Councils in the Vale promoting this game.

As Chairman of the Vale Reg attended a Walking Football tournament in East Hagbourne last week when 20 teams from villages as far away as Birmingham, Southend, Portsmouth, Eastleigh and Gloucester fought for the regional cup. Two local teams from Abingdon and Didcot participated. Their players would like to see far more villages in the Vale establishing teams which would then provide local friendly games on a regular basis and even a league or two.

Reg and GO Active Gold would be delighted to meet those in Blewbury interested and to explain this sport further. At present practically all teams are for males but a few female ones are being formed.

GO Active Gold have set up other physical activities for the over-55's in rural areas in the Vale and South Oxfordshire. Since launching in 2016 the scheme has reached over 1,500 people across 48 southern Oxfordshire communities.

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New waste and recycling trucks on their way:

£6.5m has been invested in a brand new fleet of waste and recyclable trucks, providing new and improved collections in households across Oxfordshire.

The trucks – due to hit the roads in the autumn – will replace the old vehicles which are becoming unreliable.

The new vehicles, managed by the Vale and South Oxfordshire District Councils' contractor Biffa, will carry out the waste, recycling and recycling collection services for all 115,000 households across the districts.

Residents can stay informed about waste and recycling collections via the councils' websites, including arranging bulky waste collections and reporting missed bins.

Biffa would like to assure residents that they are doing all they can to make collections as scheduled, and apologise to any residents who have been affected by the problems with their vehicles. The new fleet will make a real difference, and will help us to deliver the service that residents in South Oxfordshire and Vale expect and deserve.

Please note –

With the introduction of the new fleet, the Council is also advising residents of a change to the way their waste, recycling and rubbish is collected. At present, food waste and recycling are collected in separate compartments within the same truck. From the autumn, when the new fleet is introduced, these collections will be carried out by two separate vehicles – one for food waste, another for recycling or rubbish.

The change is being made to improve the service and ensure collections are carried out as efficiently as possible.

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Didcot Garden Town proposed delivery plan and consultation published:

South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Council published the Didcot Garden Town proposed delivery plan and consultation last month . The consultation will run from 19 June to 31 July 2017.

The plan proposes significant new public open spaces, leisure facilities, schools, health centres and an upgrade to the station with improved access to the railway museum. Infrastructure, such as roads, cycle paths and utilities are planned alongside a mix of affordable and private rented homes.

- The Didcot Garden Town Delivery Plan will be finalised and published in the autumn. It will help to secure funds for feasibility tests for a number of ambitious development projects, including new infrastructure including transport needs for future generations.
- The delivery plan and appendices are available via the [South Oxfordshire](#) and [Vale of White Horse](#) District Council's websites. Subject to local opening times, paper copies are available from district council offices on Milton Park and at Abbey House, Didcot Library, Didcot Civic Hall, Cornerstone and Didcot Wave.
- The formal consultation will last for 6 weeks with opinions and comments received by 31 July 2017.

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Grants available to boost rural economy in Oxfordshire:

Grant funding is being made available by the Oxfordshire LEADER Programme for farmers, foresters, rural business and communities involved with projects that create jobs, bring visitors to the area or provide essential community services to local people.

Applications for up to £75,000 in grant funding are administered by South Oxfordshire District Council and will be assessed by a Local Area Group (LAG), a non-political group that brings together public, private and community representatives to support, fund and monitor the projects.

Projects must contribute to one or more of the following priorities:

- increasing farm productivity
- supporting micro and small businesses and farm diversification
- boosting rural tourism
- providing essential rural services
- providing cultural and heritage activities
- increasing forestry productivity.

The Oxfordshire LAG is particularly keen to see applications that will revive local waterways, support local food markets, create vibrant villages, or unlock the potential of woodlands.

Potential applicants can find out if their project is in the Oxfordshire LEADER Programme area by visiting www.oxfordshireleader.org.uk This link will take you to an external website...

The Oxfordshire LEADER Programme is open to applicants until March 2019. Anyone with a viable idea is being urged to contact Oxfordshire LEADER Programme Manager Sophie Milton by calling 01235 422245 or via oxfordshire.leader@southandvale.gov.uk.

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Chairman's Awards for Volunteers and Achievers in the Vale:

Full details will be announced in the coming weeks but please start considering the names of those people of any age in Blewbury who should be worthy of an award.

The date for the awards presentation will be Saturday, 4th November 2017 in The Beacon, Wantage.

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Chairman's Charities:

As Chairman of the Vale I have chosen two charities I wish to support - The Children's Air Ambulance and Alzheimers Society.

The Children's Air Ambulance:

When a child is fighting for their life, the speed at which they receive treatment is vital. When every second counts this can be a matter of life and death.

There are more than 6,000 cases each year for critically ill children, mainly babies, but the service has only been able to transfer around 2,000 children each year.

Two new air ambulance helicopters have been ordered and one will be based at Oxford Airport in Kidlington. This will enable far more children to be transferred from one hospital to another to the intensive specialist care they need.

The Alzheimers Society:

The number of people of all ages suffering from the range of dementia is increasing at a rate of knots and it is estimated that deaths will exceed those from cancer and heart within the next 10 years.

Those suffering in the Vale is very high and the number of family members, relatives and friends required to undertake caring duties in this district is increasing.

I am organising a range of fund raising activities in the Vale in the coming months and I do hope that residents throughout the Vale, but particularly in our Blewbury & Harwell Ward, will support me during my year of office. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you or anyone from Blewbury would like to discuss matters further.

I will be sending out a personal Children's Air Ambulance and Alzheimers Society Newsletter to keep you up to date in the near future.

JS & RWW 12 July 2017

Annex D

Planning report for Parish Council – July/August 2017

Planning Applications

All Blewbury planning applications, decisions and Parish Council responses, including items under consideration, can be found in the 'Parish' section of the Blewbury website (<http://blewbury.co.uk/parish/planning/>), which is updated once a week. Links are also provided to the main Vale Planning site, where full details can be obtained.

Responses from the Parish Council:

P17/V1643/LB 2 Bacon Almshouses Church Road

Replacement of rear elevation, sitting room and bedroom window frames. Strip roof beams in sitting room and entrance hall to original wood and Sitting room/entrance hall - replace cracked, shallow concrete slab floor with limecrete floor.

Parish Council has no objection.

P17/V1218/LB Cottrills London Road

Demolition of existing 20th Century garage. Construction of new garage with room above on same footprint.

Parish Council has no objection.

P17/V1217/HH Cottrills London Road

Demolition of existing 20th Century garage. Construction of new garage with room above on same footprint.

Parish Council has no objection.

P17/V1429/LB Blewbury Pre-school Playgroup, The Old School, Church Road Insertion of reversible mezzanine floor and access stair structure to part of main range.

Parish Council has no objection.

P17/V1316/HH Fairview, Bessels Lea Road

Loft Conversion with raised roof, and porch.

Parish Council has no objection.

P17/V0883/FUL AMENDED King William House London Road

Erection of a 3 bed detached dwelling with integral garage on land adjacent to King William House.

Parish Council objects. The amended plans address the PC's concerns about the boundary treatment, but Council stands by its original comment regarding the scale of the proposed house. (Council is aware that previous planning decisions are material. An unopposed application for a two bedroom dwelling was granted in the past; in terms of mass within the plot, a two-bed dwelling remains Council's preference for this site.)

Decisions from the District Council:

P17/V0535/FUL Hunts Grave Farm Woodway Road

Demolition of existing structures. Erection of three dwellings, with gardens including boundaries, and parking areas .

Refused.

P17/V0798/LB Hall Barn Close Chapel Lane

Strip wooden beams and doors to sitting room to remove existing stain and varnish.

Granted.

P17/V0885/FUL Greenlea, Bessels Lea Road

Demolition of existing dwelling. Development of 2 new dwellings.

Granted.

P17/V1001/HH Linnets, South Street

Proposed loft conversion and extension. Proposed ground and first floor extensions. Proposed new detached garage.

Granted.

P17/V0334/FUL Land at Pound Furlong London Road

Development of a new 2 Bedroom Chalet Bungalow with dormer features.

Granted.

Enquiries regarding planning in the parish may be sent to blewburypc@gmail.com