

BLEWBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes

Of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council
held in the Vale Room on Wednesday 13th September 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 Mark Blythe (MB)**Also present:** Michelle Taylor (clerk), Mr David Hollick (Lengthman), District Councillor Reg Waite, 1 member of the public.

Matters resolved:

1. Parish Partner nominated- Cllr Mrs L Inglis (LI)
2. Clerk and CL reviewed level of Parish Council Insurance Cover, and a 3year extension was agreed.
3. For the tree on the corner of Bohams and London Road to be felled (Cut down) by Jenks of Oxford.

Actions arising from the meeting	Target date
1. CL and Cllr MS to formulate a grant application.	As soon as possible
2. Clerk to confirm to Came and Company that we are accepting the Ecclesiastical quote on a 3year agreement.	As soon as possible
3. Clerk to pass details of people who wanted to plant the memorial tree to CL who will write to them.	As soon as possible
4. MS to get a quote specific to adult trim trail.	By next meeting
5. Lengthman to contact White Horse Horticulture (Jason Woodage) to get a quote on supplying and fitting new safety matting.	By next meeting
6. Lengthman to cut back Lavender and Rose bushes at TFF	As soon as possible
7. Cllr Miriam Jacobs (MJ) to circulate report from meeting.	By next meeting
8. Clerk to follow up with the Robert Kelly and Resident reference the tree on FP24	By next meeting
9. Action: CL to contact CIC.	As soon as possible
10. MS to contact Streetscape for sample matting.	By next meeting
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Urgent Actions to be followed up at next meeting	
1. Tree on FP24	
2. Safety matting	

13/09/17 1. To receive apologies for absence. Apologies Cllr Mr M Penington (MP), Cllr Mr David Lomas (DL), Cllr Ms Miriam Jacobs (MJ), Cllr Mrs Charlotte Cameron (CC), along with County Councillor Fox-Davies and District Councillor Shelley.

13/09/17 2. To record declarations of interest. No declarations were made.

13/09/17 3. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 12th July 2017 and Parish Council payment meeting held on 16th August 2017. The minutes were accepted and signed as a true record.

13/09/17 4. To receive the County Councillor's report. County Councillor's report was circulated prior to the meeting. **See Annex A.**

13/09/17 5. To receive the District Councillor's report. District Councillor Reg Waite attended the meeting and sent a report. **See Annex B.** An update was given on the Didcot Garden Town, regarding proposed changes, and issues with public transport from local villages. Cllr Waite reported changes to waste recycling centres as of the 1st October 17. It was resolved that Cllr Lydia Inglis would represent BPC as our nominated Parish Partner. Cllr Waite also reported on Charity events in the coming months, along with grants becoming available from the district council to help fund a variety of facilities and improvements within the local communities. **Action: CL and Cllr MS to formulate a grant application.**

13/09/17 6. To receive the Lengthman's report. The report was circulated prior to the meeting. **See Annex C.** Further concerns have been expressed about the safety matting underlying swing

equipment at the TTF play area. **Action: Lengthman to contact White Horse Horticulture (Jason Woodage) to get a quote on supplying and fitting new safety matting.**

13/09/17 7. Open Forum. Richard Farrell expressed his interest in continuing his duties as a licensee to serve alcohol, as and when the Melland Room is handed back over to the BPC.

13/09/17 8. Matters arising

8.1. To report back on actions arising at previous meeting. All actions were taken, apart from Safety matting.

13/9/17 9. Village hall redevelopment

9.1 To receive an update on the progress of the working party and fundraising. It was reported that a survey had been circulated around the village to residents, and awaiting responses, and a possibility of retendering for the village hall redevelopment.

9.2 To receive a report from Macfarlanes LLP. A confidential report was given.

13/9/17 10. Recreation Ground

10.1 To receive an update from the PC representative on the BVCIC. Still waiting for a meeting date to be arranged for the handover of the clubhouse. **Action: CL to contact CIC.** Information was given for the arranged meeting, to discuss ideas for the future of the clubhouse on how to make it more viable for the community. This has been arranged for Tuesday 19th Sept at 9pm.

13/9/17 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:

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13/9/17 12. Finance & Administration

- 12.1 To receive an update on S106 contributions. A short report was given confirming that £6,500.00, earmarked for MUGA has been approved by the Vale of White Horse District Council for use towards the planned outdoor fitness equipment **Action: MS to get a quote specific to adult trim trail.**
- 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	£388.62
M Taylor	Clerk's salary and expenses	£635.60
D Hollick	Lengthman's salary and expenses	£856.60
NEST	Clerk's pension	£69.99
BT Payment Services Ltd	Clubhouse line rental and Wifi	£27.00
Biffa Waste Services Ltd	Waste services	£61.39
White Horse Horticulture	Grass cutting contract for Pound and Churchyard	£200.00
BVCIC	Grant from BPC towards the Clubhouse	£1,000.00
Be Free Young Carers	Grant from BPC towards Young Carers within the community	£50.00
Edward Abbey	Grant from BPC towards Blewbury Milestone	£50.00
Came & Company	Insurance Renewal for BPC -3 Year Agreement	£5,027.69
Lister Wilder Ltd	Machinery Parts	£7.67
TOTAL		£8,374.23

13/9/17 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. No quote has yet been received for the replacement of safety matting (**Action brought forward Lengthman**). Matters raised referring to alternative matting which may be used to replace the current matting in the Play area. **Action: MS to contact Streetscape for sample matting.**
- 13.2 13/08/17 To approve payment for the Parish Council Insurance cover. It was resolved that the BPC would continue with a further 3year insurance policy cover through Came and Company. **Action: Clerk to confirm to Came and Company that we are accepting the Ecclesiastical quote on a three year agreement.**

13/9/17 14. To receive an update on any issues relating to the Environment. Concerns relating to overgrown lavender and rose bushes at TFF were raised. **Action: Lengthman to cut back.**

13/9/17 15. To receive an update on any issues relating to Footways, Footpaths, rights of way and open spaces.

- 15.1. Update on FP24. Clerk reported back. Awaiting return of tree surgeon to carryout work.
- 15.2. Update on felling of Bohams Road Tree. Quotation's received, reviewed and agreed. Work to commence on the 15th September 17
- 15.3. Village clean up day. Date set for Sunday 3rd December 17. BVS, BPC and Blewbury Primary School to participate.

13/9/17 16. To receive an update on the outdoor Gym Equipment.

Planning and bidding for the outside gym area is continuing, along with obtaining quotations for approval. See also item 12.1

13/9/17 17. To receive an update on any issues relating to roads, road safety and public transport. Email received from County Council regarding a survey for Bus users. Action: Clerk and CL to consult the transport representatives.

13/9/17 18. Village Hall Management Committee. *To receive an update from the VHMC. -Nothing to report.*

13/9/17 19. Correspondence

19.1 Items requesting a reply & consultations

19.1.1 Request for Memorial tree-To agree a reply. **Action: Clerk to pass details of people who wanted to plant the memorial tree to CL who will write to them.**

19.1.2 Barclay's Bank Signatory- No longer required.

19.2 Items for information that have been circulated

19.2.1 Harwell Site Stakeholder Group Meeting 7th September 2017.**Action: Cllr Miriam Jacobs (MJ) to circulate report from meeting.**

13/9/17 20. Any other business. *Exceptionally to deal with business received too late for inclusion in agenda.*

Nothing discussed.

13/9/17 21. To set the date of the next meeting. The next Parish Council meeting will be on 11th October 2017.

Meeting closed 20:59pm

Annex A:

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

GENERAL OCC REPORT

KEY PROJECTS AROUND GROWTH AND INFRASTRUCTURE REACH CRITICAL POINTS

Key projects informing how Oxfordshire grows and develops in the coming years will reach critical points in September. They are:

The Oxfordshire Infrastructure Strategy - led by Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) on behalf of the Oxfordshire Growth Board, the strategy will be considered for board approval on 26 September by Oxfordshire's six councils, who collectively deliver projects from the government's City and Growth Deals. Public consultation on the strategy's prioritisation framework concludes on 3 September.

Housing Infrastructure Fund - bids totalling up to £500m will be made by OCC, with the support of the Growth Board, to the government's HIF by 28 September.

Oxfordshire Growth Board will decide on the business case for a spatial plan for Oxfordshire.

Place Based Proposal – negotiations are underway with government to agree a package for Oxfordshire that will help unlock housing and increase productivity through a number of freedoms and flexibilities. The initial proposal is due to be with DCLG by 6 September and an MP briefing session will be arranged to provide an overview of the proposal.

The National Infrastructure Commission establishes governance in the region around major infrastructure projects and connectivity through the `first and last mile` principle.

CONGRATULATIONS AND SUPPORT FOR YOUNGSTERS AFTER EXAMS

Congratulations to all students who achieved their objectives after receiving GCSE, AS and A-Level exam results last month. For those who got their desired grades, and those who would like support, OCC is giving advice for 16 to 19-year-olds about staying in learning, finding a job or starting an apprenticeship. Information can be accessed via a dedicated page on the Oxme website www.oxme.info/resultsday

CHANGES TO DAYTIME SUPPORT

As demand for social care grows, OCC needs to make sure there is a secure core service in place for the future. To achieve this OCC is introducing a new daytime service. This follows a review of adult daytime support and a public consultation. From 1 October OCC's Health and Wellbeing and Learning Disability Daytime Support Services will be replaced by a new Community Support Service. This will be delivered from eight centres: Abingdon, Banbury, Bicester, Didcot, Oxford, Wallingford, Wantage and Witney. Everyone with eligible care needs for daytime support is guaranteed to receive a service and can choose to receive this from OCC. Most day services in Oxfordshire are provided by community groups - three-quarters of these receive no council funding and continue to flourish. By introducing these changes OCC is making sure that the services are in place for the people that need them most. Further information is available at <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/news/2017/mar/changes-daytime-support>

HOUSEHOLD WASTE RECYCLING CENTRE UPDATE

As detailed in the July Parish Report, OCC has signed a new Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) contract that secures all seven sites in the medium term, with no change to the sites opening hours or days. Banners and leaflets are now on site at all seven HWRCs, informing local residents that there will be a change in non-household waste charges from the 1st October. The existing DIY 1,2,3 for free scheme is being replaced by a small fixed fee per item of £1.50 for non-household waste. Tyres and plasterboard will also be charged for at an affordable rate. Residents can still dispose of all their household waste free of charge at any of the county's HWRCs. Also new in October 2017 will be a bin for recycling hard plastics. PCs may want to remind residents that all HWRCs are open until 8pm on Thursdays until 1 October 2017. More information about the changes is available online at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/chargeablewaste and <http://news.oxfordshire.gov.uk/new-household-waste-recycling-centre-contract-for-oxfordshire-announced/>

SOUTH OXFORDSHIRE HOME CARE AGENCY RATED "OUTSTANDING"

A home care provider in Oxfordshire has been rated as "Outstanding" by the Care Quality Commission (CQC), confirming that the county is ahead of national averages. George Springall Homecare is a domiciliary care (home care) agency providing support and care to people in their own homes in the South Oxfordshire area - currently with clients in Wallingford, Botley, Steventon, Shippon, Standlake, Abingdon and Berinsfield. Following an inspection earlier this year it has been given the CQC's top rating of "Outstanding" - which is rarely awarded. The other possible ratings following an inspection are "Good", "requires improvement" or "inadequate". A total of 86 per cent of local agencies are rated "good" compared to 82 per cent nationally.

£6.2M GOVERNMENT FUNDING TO 'HELP UNLOCK 15,000 NEW HOMES' IN DIDCOT

Housing and Planning Minister Alok Sharma has announced that Oxfordshire is set to benefit from thousands of new homes and improvements to local transport networks thanks to a £6.2 million government cash injection awarded to South Oxfordshire District Council. This will accelerate delivery of Didcot's Northern Perimeter Road, a vital piece of local infrastructure and key to the success of Didcot Garden Town, where over 15,000 homes are expected to be built by 2031. A mix of affordable and private rented homes will be supported not only by new roads but by a host of other new facilities, including new cycle paths, a leisure centre, new schools, shops and more green spaces. Guided by residents, this development promises to rejuvenate the area while retaining the unique character of Didcot town.

OXFORD TRANSPORT STRATEGY: DEMAND MANAGEMENT OPTIONS CONTINUE

As part of the Oxford Transport Strategy (OTS), work continues around the potential introduction of demand management measures, including consideration of a workplace parking levy, congestion charging and access restrictions in Oxford. The strategy also includes ambitious proposals for rapid transit, mass cycling and a much stronger emphasis on place and better air quality across the city. September sees the next stage of a programme of work including research with businesses in Oxford and residents across the county, using focus groups and individual interviews, to gather attitudes and views on transport, congestion, and demand management options. Wider consultation on demand management options will be vital to help shape proposals and this is expected to take place between next February and April.

NIC CYCLING ADVISER VISITS OXFORD

The Sunday Times journalist Andrew Gilligan was in Oxford on 7 and 8 August in his newly appointed role of cycling adviser to the National Infrastructure Commission (NIC). Mr Gilligan has been asked to write a report, by 11 September, on cycling across Oxford, Milton Keynes, Cambridge and the Growth Corridor and how to make it "world class". Discussions covered the Local Transport Plan, recent infrastructure achievements, plans for the future including provision for cycle commuters (who account for 19% of all commuter journeys in the city), how to get more people into cycling and cycling's health benefits.

Annex B:

District Notes for Parish Councillors on Wednesday, 13th Sept 2017
from Cllr Janet Shelley & Cllr Reg Waite

Apologies:

Cllr Janet Shelley tenders her apologies for absence due to her being summoned to a Planning Meeting.

Enforcement Investigations:

VE17/494 – Chailey House, Bessels Way, Blewbury

Reported: 24 August 2017

Alleged breach: Landscaping not undertaken in accordance with the scheme approved by P15/V0471/FUL.

Case Officer: Heather Rowe

6 week target date – 5 October 17. 12 week target date – 16 November 17.

Site visited: 7 September 17. Under investigation.

VE17/451 – Chailey House, Bessels Way, Blewbury

Reported: 8 August 2017

Alleged breach: Breach of condition 12 of P15/V0471/FUL – no occupation of dwellings prior to completion of access and highway works.

Case Officer: Heather Rowe

6 week target date – 19 September 17. 12 week target date – 31 October 17

Site visited: 15 August 17 and 7 September 17. Under investigation

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.

Site visited: 21 July 17. Case closed – no breach..

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 Officer: Anne Wilkinson

Site visited: 8 June 2017. Case closed.

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

Retrospective planning application submitted 14 Aug 17 – P17/V1951/FUL/

Consultation 23 Aug – 27 September. Target decision date 4 October 17.

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.

Didcot Garden Town proposed changes discussed:

The latest changes to the Didcot Garden Town plans were taken into consideration by South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Council at the Joint Scrutiny meeting last night.

Following a six-week consultation, earlier this year, the councils received good responses with many suggestions including the following –

- increasing the number of public toilets and ensuring any facilities built are fully accessible for people with disabilities.
- proposals to complete a feasibility study Cow Lane bridge will include an option for two-way cycling and walk traffic rather than just pedestrianising the area.
- the consultation responses suggested that the specific needs of young people should be given more consideration when planning new community buildings and plans should also consider including a running track for Didcot.
- Greater prominence should be given to Hakka's Brook in East Hagbourne to increase its biodiversity with similar plans to Moor Ditch in Didcot.

I have not yet heard of the outcome of last night's meeting.

£175,000 available to improve local facilities – apply now!

Communities across the Vale of White Horse that are looking to improve local facilities can benefit from a share of £175,000 that is available from the district council.

The money can help fund a variety of facilities and improvements like building new skate parks or play areas, upgrading sports pavilions, improving a community hall or purchasing life-saving defibrillators.

The current round of applications closes at 4pm on 15 October and awards will be confirmed within 12 weeks.

Earlier this year the council awarded nearly £25,000 in grants, including more than £21,000 towards improvements to four village halls, and nearly £1,500 to Grove District Guides for camping equipment.

This money is put aside to help communities thrive and can go toward all kinds of projects – big and small, we'd love to hear from as many groups as possible to help give their local area a boost.

If a local facility in Harwell, such as skate park or sports pavilion could benefit from some improvement work, speak to whoever looks after it, as they may be able to apply to us for a grant.

For more information, visit www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/grants or contact the team at grants@southandvale.gov.uk or on 01235 422405.

Parish Partner Invitation:

Has Chilton nominated anyone to attend? Strongly recommended. The Vale wishes all Parish & Town Councils to attend since it should permanently assist PC's.

Further to the Vale's e-mail sent out to PC's several weeks ago, may we please have details (name, address and contact information) of the Councillor appointed as your Parish Partner. The only remaining date for the launch session is Thursday, 28th September 6.30pm – 8.30pm at The Beacon, Wantage. Ideally please register by phone beforehand.

Waste:

With the introduction of the new fleet, the Council is 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.

As you are aware from 1st October 17 charges will be made for certain non-household and DIY items taken to Drayton and other refuse centres. This could lead to an increase in fly-tipping and it would be appreciated if councillors and residents could be on the alert and report any cases promptly. Vehicle registration numbers should be noted.

Recycling advisers coming to a town near you for Recycle Week 2017:

Recycling advisers will be out and about in Southern Oxfordshire speaking to residents and answering questions as Recycle Week gets under way later this month.

Advisers from South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils will be manning information stalls to coincide with the national week of recycling celebration, which runs from September 25 to 1 October.

These are taking place at:

- . Charlton Park Garden Centre, Wantage: Monday 25 September, 10am-3pm
- . Waitrose in Faringdon: Tuesday 26 September, 10am-3pm
- . Tesco in Henley: Wednesday 27 September, 10am-3pm
- . Asda in Wheatley (run jointly with Oxford City Council): Thursday 28 September, 10am-3pm
- . Waitrose in Wallingford: Friday 29 September, 10am-3pm
- . Market Place, Abingdon: Saturday 30 September, 9am-2pm

It will be the 14th Recycle Week organised by WRAP as part of the Recycle Now national recycling campaign for England. This year's theme is 'Recycling – It's Worth It' with an emphasis on the benefits of recycling items from all around the home.

More information about waste and recycling can be found at www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/recycling. Further details about Recycle Week can be found at www.recyclenow.com

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Science Vale UK surpasses the rest of the Thames Valley:

Science Vale UK and Oxford are outperforming other locations in the Thames Valley for new businesses moving into the area according to an independent report.

Throughout last year and the first quarter of this year, Science Vale UK covering Culham, Milton Park and Harwell Campus, proved very popular for the life sciences and space technology sectors within Lambert Smith Hampton's 2017 Thames Valley Office Market Report.

According to the report, take-up remained solid at 258,000 square foot for both Science Vale and Oxford, of which 42,000 was at Milton Park and 14,000 was occupied at Harwell. Both of these sites are set to continue to attract more businesses by speculatively building new office and laboratory space. Immunocore Ltd, a world-leading T-cell receptor company, recently announced further expansion at Milton Park with an extra 53,000 square foot.

Science Vale UK has the highest concentration of science research facilities and development activity in Western Europe and this report clearly demonstrates that organisations are excited to move here.

Within the Science Vale UK region, are two enterprise zones. The zones offer discounted business rates and can help a qualifying organisation to save up to £55,000 a year in business rates for five years. This, along with fast-track planning approval, have been the important foundations of success for the whole region.

There are many benefits to living and working in and around the Science Vale UK region. The business parks have a highly skilled workforce, good transport links to Oxford, London and Heathrow and are situated on the edge of two Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Didcot Garden Town is the gateway to the Science Vale UK region and has proposals to improve cycle paths and roads from the town to the business parks. It also has renewable and sustainable energy options integrated into its plans. The market report said that during the second quarter of this year, demand for new premises will continue and is 'a testament to the robust investment in the knowledge economy of Oxford and South Oxfordshire.' This backs up the Science Vale UK and Didcot Garden Town predictions that 20,000 new jobs will be created in the next 20 years.

Notes of interest:

Science Vale UK is a global hotspot for enterprise and innovation. The region contains enterprise zones, Milton Park, Harwell Campus and Didcot.

The enterprise zones attract world-class research, development and manufacturing in space, energy, pharmaceuticals and advanced engineering.

The enterprise zones cover 216 hectares of development opportunity and have superb connections with academia, research institutes and likeminded professionals.

Qualifying businesses can save up to £55,000 a year on business rates for five years (maximum of £275,000) when they move into the zone.

The enterprise zones awarded by government in 2012 and 2016, will directly benefit the area and its residents through helping to create jobs, enhance services and build new infrastructure. The Business Rate Discount is a fully funded government scheme.

All of the business rate increase is retained by the council for 25 years, provided it is spent on developing the enterprise zone including new infrastructure such as roads and bridges.

More information on the Science Vale UK region can be found at www.sciencevale.com

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.

Abbey Gardens awarded Green Flag status for the ninth year running:

Abbey Gardens has again been recognised by the Green Flag Award Scheme – the international mark of quality for parks and green spaces, the ninth year in a row that the popular site in Abingdon has achieved this distinction.

The Green Flag award is a sign to the public that the space boasts the highest possible environmental standards, is beautifully maintained and has excellent visitor facilities.

Abbey Gardens, owned and maintained by Vale of White Horse District Council, is a quiet retreat near Abingdon town centre and just a short walk from the River Thames. The historic site was once home to the 7th Century Abingdon Abbey. The area includes a formal garden area with flower beds, herbaceous borders, seating and Italian walkway; and open parkland with a number of mature trees, an ornamental lake and a Folly that stands near a statue of Queen Victoria.

International Green Flag Award scheme manager Paul Todd said: "Each flag is a celebration of the thousands of staff and volunteers who work tirelessly to maintain the high standards demanded by the Green Flag Award. The success of the scheme, especially in these challenging times, demonstrates just how much parks matter to people." Well worth a visit.

Chairman's Community Awards:

Applications sought please by mid-October please. Award ceremony on Saturday, 4th November at the Beacon, Wantage.

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 final launch session at the Beacon, Wantage on Thursday, 28th September 6.30pm – 8.30pm by return.

JS & RWW 13 September 2017

Annex C:
Lengthman's Report
August 2017

Footpaths

No issues

Cemetery
No issues

TFF & Car Park
No issues
Hedge cutting has started.

Play Areas
KAP play equipment has now been painted and looks good for a few years hopefully. Some holes have been filled and grass seeded then taped off.
TFF equipment has the on going exposed mats issue.
There has been a considerable litter issue around the Skate Park area. Hopefully this will lessen when the holidays are over.
BMX Track seems to be in use after the re-profiling without any adverse comments.

Recreation Ground
Cricket season has finished so just the footballers now.

Buildings & Equipment
One or two minor repairs to mowers otherwise all OK.

Annex D:

Planning report for Parish Council – October 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.

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Decisions from the District Council:

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Proposed single-storey rear extension to the existing kitchen and internal alterations.
Granted.

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P17/V1316/HH Fairview, Bessels Lea Road

Loft Conversion with raised roof and porch (Amended by drawing numbers 05051702-2_v2 and 05051702-1_v2, received 2 August 2017). Granted.

P17/V1914/FUL Huntsgrave Farm

Variation of condition 2 of Planning Permission P15/V2356/FUL (approved November 2015 - for 2 houses). Making southern house (plot 2) a bit smaller. Granted.

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. Granted.

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. Granted.

P17/V2088/HH Bakers Cottage, Westbrook Street

Demolition of existing aluminium greenhouse and replacement with timber greenhouse.
Granted.

P17/V2110/HH Mandalay, Westbrook Street

Single storey front and infill extension, porch, and alterations to roof to create additional accommodation at first floor level.
Granted.

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