

BLEWBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes

Of the Meeting of the Parish Council

held in the Vale Room on Wednesday 10th January 2018 at 7.30 p.m.

Councillors present: Mr C Lakeland (Chair), Mrs J Gibson (JG), Mr Mark Shayler (MS), Mrs L Inglis (LI), Mr M Penington (MP), Mr David Lomas (DL), Ms Miriam Jacobs (MJ) **Also present:** Michelle Taylor (clerk), Mr David Hollick (Lengthman), District Councillor's Reg Waite and Janet Shelley.

Matters resolved:

1. All payments were approved.
2. Budget and Precept approved for 2018-2019.
3. New Internal Auditor approved.
4. Company appointed for repairs at TFF Playspace approved.

Actions arising from meeting	Target date
1. Clerk to complete and sign precept application and return.	By 25 th January
2. Clerk to email IAC Auditor and approve quotation for works to be carried out at financial yearend.	As soon as possible
3. Clerk to email appointed company to approve quotation for repairs to be carried out at TFF Playspace.	As soon as possible
4. Clerk to email other companies that provided quotations for TFF Playspace to thank them for their time and quotations.	As soon as possible
5. Cllr Lakeland to contact owner adjacent to Coffin Way to remove type and to fix fence.	By next meeting
6. Cllr Lakeland to contact Parish transport rep to confirm funds budgeted for local bus services.	By next meeting
7. Cllr Inglis to put an update in the bulletin ref Oxford Cambridge Expressway.	By 17 th January
8. Cllr Lakeland and Clerk to contact PCSO ref cars parking on footpaths along London Road.	As soon as possible
9. Cllr Lakeland to send an entry ref planned closure of TFF Playspace to 'Stop Press' when start date is confirmed for work to commence.	By confirmed start date
10. Cllr Gibson to inform BVS that they should complete online application for financial support for future local community festivals or events at www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/grants	By next meeting
11. Cllr Lakeland and Clerk to assess tree hanging towards the A417 next to the cricket pitch.	By next meeting
12. Cllr Lakeland and Cllr Gibson to follow up on salt bins for new developments, and to ask the residents association if they require a salt bin at Chailey Gardens.	By next meeting
13. Cllr Lakeland to contact Bellway re Chailey Gardens clear-up	By next meeting
Urgent Actions to be followed up at next meeting	
1. Review and update emergency plan.	
2. Cllr Shayler to finalise the company who will supply and fit outdoor gym equipment at TFF	
3. Clerk to follow up OCC re Church Lane tree	
4. Clerk to contact Highways re schedule for road sweepers	

- 10/01/18 1. To receive apologies for absence.** Apologies Cllr Blythe, Cllr Cameron and County Councillor Mike Fox-Davies.
- 10/01/18 2. To record declarations of interest.** No declarations were made.
- 10/01/18 3. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 13th December 2017**
The minutes were accepted and signed as a true record.
- 10/01/18 4. To receive the County Councillor's report.** County Councillor's report was circulated prior to the meeting. **See Annex A.**
- 10/01/18 5. To receive the District Councillor's report.** District Councillor's report was circulated prior to meeting. **See Annex B.** It was announced grants from £250-£1,000 will be available from the Vale of White Horse District Council via their website for any festivals or events within the community planned for after March 2018, Deadline 4pm 28th February 2018. **Action:** Cllr Gibson to inform BVS that should they wish to complete online application for financial support for future local community festivals or events at www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/grants
- 10/01/18 6. To receive the Lengthman's report.** The report was circulated prior to the meeting. **See Annex C.** It was reported that a branch was hanging towards the A417 next to the cricket pitch. **Action:** Cllr Lakeland and Clerk to assess tree and branch, then report back to parish members. Concerns over the sinking of graves due to extreme weather conditions were raised. It was reported that the undertakers were contacted, and did fill in the plots, and they will continue to be monitored.
- 10/01/18 7. Open Forum.** Nothing discussed.
- 10/01/18 8. Matters arising**
To report back on actions arising at previous meeting. All actions were taken apart from finalising the company who will be supplying and fitting the outdoor gym equipment at TFF, and awaiting response from Highways ref road sweepers. Concerns were raised over the large metal gates in the bridal way at Chailey gardens. **Action:** Clerk and Cllr Lakeland to contact the developers and ask when they will be moved.
- 10/01/18 9. Village hall redevelopment**
9.1 To receive an update on the progress of the working party and fundraising if available. Steve White has arranged for a meeting to discuss future plans with West Waddy and one of the original bidders. It was confirmed that the BPC has to date paid £42,000 towards the village hall redevelopment.
- 10/01/18 10. Recreation Ground**
10.1 To receive an update from working group on the future of the clubhouse if available. Meeting has been organised for the end of the month to discuss the lease of the clubhouse with the CIC. Report will then be sent to BPC members.
- 10/01/18 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/V3390/LDP

Laurel Bank London Road Blewbury DIDCOT OX11 9PD

Replacement of existing windows on the front and sides of the original property, predominantly dating from 1950s, or so, with replica Georgian style double glazed wooden window. **Parish Council has no objections.**

P17/V3063/LDE

Flat Favonia Churn Estate Blewbury DIDCOT OX11 9HE

Continued use of building as a single separate dwelling house. **Parish Council has no objections.**

P17/V3004/LB

Orchard Dene House Watts Lane Blewbury DIDCOT OX11 9PS

Replace current front door to East elevation. This is unsecure and ill fitting and is an oak internal panel on two hinges which has been adapted to suit the entrance. The joints have failed in places with the wood having aged and now allowing water penetration. Replace with a custom made secure door of sufficient thickness (45mm) on three hinges manufactured from European Oak to an identical image from the exterior view. Existing door furniture to be re-used. **Parish Council has no objections.**

P17/V3302/HH

7 Millbrook Close Blewbury DIDCOT OX11 9QL

New timber shed. **Parish Council has no objections.**

10/01/18 12. Finance & Administration

12.1 To receive an update on S106 contributions. Nothing to report

12.2 To receive a report from the finance committee meeting, and approve the budget and the precept for 2018-2019. Increase of 4% was agreed due to an increase of new properties in Blewbury, and the amount of work being carried out within the village. Budget and Precept approved for 2018-2019. **Action:** Clerk to complete and sign precept application and return.

12.3. To approve quotation for new Internal Auditor. Quotation approved. **Action:** Clerk to email IAC Auditor and approve quotation for works to be carried out at financial yearend.

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

All payments were approved.

PAYEE	Description / Power to spend	Amount
M Taylor	Clerk's salary and expenses	£635.40
E F de Ridder	Clerk's Salary	£233.17
D Hollick	Lengthman's salary and expenses	£191.99
NEST	Clerk's pension	£66.02
BT Payment Services Ltd	Clubhouse line rental and Wifi	£27.00
Biffa Waste Services Ltd	Waste services	£76.74
Farol Limited	Tractor Repairs	£438.07
Lister Wilder Ltd	Machinery and Repairs	£16.36
Blewbury Hall Executive Management Committee	Post Office Grant	£300.00
HM Revenue and Customs	PAYE & NI	£833.77
New Total		£2,818.52

10/01/18 13. Risk Management

13.1 05/01/17 To receive an update on resurfacing and replacement of safety matting at the Play Space. It was confirmed three companies have provided quotations for the repairs that need to be carried out at TFF Playspace. Decision was made to appoint Playground services. **Action:** Clerk to email appointed company to approve quotation, and arrange a start date. **Action:** Clerk to contact the other two companies and thank them for providing quotations and for taking the time to do so. **Action:** Cllr Lakeland to send an entry ref planned closure of TFF Playspace to 'Stop Press' when start date is confirmed for work to commence.

13.2 11/10/2017 To receive an update on our Emergency Plan. Ongoing. (**Action brought forward Clerk, Cllr Gibson and Cllr Lakeland**)

10/01/18 14. To receive an update on any issues relating to the Environment. Nothing to report.

10/01/18 15. To receive an update on any issues relating to Footways, Footpaths, rights of way and open spaces. It was discussed that the tree that fell during the high winds along the bridal way towards the chalk pits has been reported to Oxfordshire Highways, and will be cleared as soon as possible.

Concerns were raised over the tape across the broken fence along Coffin Way. **Action:** Cllr Lakeland to contact owner adjacent to Coffin Way to remove tape and to fix fence.

15.1 08/11/17 Update on trees along Church Lane, Blewbury. Clerk confirmed an email has been sent to the OCC requesting a meeting on site- Still awaiting reply. **Action:** Clerk to follow up.

10/01/18 16. To receive an update on the outdoor Gym Equipment.

16.1 13/12/17 Update on quotes for supplying and fitting the Gym Equipment at TFF. (**Action brought forward: Cllr Shayler to finalise which company will supply and fit the Gym Equipment at TFF by next meeting**)

10/01/18 17. To receive an update on any issues relating to roads, road safety and public transport.

Councillors were informed that the public transport rep for Blewbury wrote to the Parish Council with regards to the grant that BPC issues annually for funding for the DVTG local bus. It was agreed at the finance committee meeting that the grant would be increased to £400 to cover costs. **Action:** Cllr Lakeland to contact Blewbury transport representative to confirm increased grant for the coming year. Concerns were raised over cars parking on the paths along London Road. **Action:** Cllr Lakeland and Clerk to contact PCSO re cars parking on footpaths along London Road.

17.1 08/11/17 Update on the Oxford Cambridge expressway group. Studies are ongoing and Cllr Inglis will continue with updates. **Action:** Cllr Inglis to put an update in the Blewbury Bulletin re Oxford Cambridge Expressway.

17.2 13/12/17 Update on Salt bins in and around the village. It was confirmed a map of the Salt bins has now been outlined. **Action:** Cllr Lakeland and Cllr Gibson to follow up on salt bins for new developments, and to ask residents association if they require a salt bin at Chailey Gardens.

10/01/18 18. Village Hall Management Committee. *To receive an update from the VHMC.* Nothing to report.

10/01/18 19. Correspondence

19.1 **Items requesting a reply & consultations**

19.1.1 To sign acceptance letter from Vale of White Horse- Grant offer for Trim Trail VCap 2017-18. All agreed

19.1.2 Chairman's Charity Valentines Dinner-Invite from VWHDC. It was confirmed Cllr Lakeland would attend.

19.2 **Items for information that have been circulated**

19.2.1 Play Area ground repairs quotations. Playground services Ltd quotation has been approved.

10/01/18 20. Any other business. *Exceptionally to deal with business received too late for inclusion in agenda.*

Nothing discussed.

10/01/18 21. To set the date of the next meeting of the PC. The next Parish Council meeting will be held on the 14th February 2018.

Meeting closed 20:55pm

Annex A:

**REPORT TO BLEWBURY PARISH COUNCIL JANUARY 2018
FROM CLLR MIKE FOX-DAVIES**

GENERAL OCC REPORT

COUNCIL PROPOSES FUTURE BUDGET FROM A RESILIENT POSITION

OCC is planning to set a new budget having made difficult choices in previous years to manage a combination of squeezed budgets and the fact that more people need council services. Since 2010 the council has managed reductions in finances available at the same time as rises in demand for services – especially in children’s social care and adult social care. At the same time the council has in recent years been involving communities ever more in services for their locality – ranging from support for older people and those with learning disabilities to library volunteers. The net result is that the council’s finances are in a resilient position looking ahead to the 2018/19 financial year and planning for years up to 2022. The council has used its agreed vision for the future – supporting thriving people, a thriving economy and thriving communities – as the basis on which proposals have been made for the 2018/19 financial year and the plan for the three financial years which follow. Although proposed budget changes are not as extensive as in many previous years since 2010, like any organisation the council still has rising financial pressures that need to be matched by new savings so that a balanced budget can be proposed. At the time of writing, plans are based on a Council Tax rise of 4.99% (1.99% referendum limit plus 3% social care precept). However, in December, Central Government announced councils could add an additional 1%, should they so choose. This is currently under consideration. The Budget has to be approved by Cabinet, then Full Council on February 13th. The Budget consultation can be found here: https://consultations.oxfordshire.gov.uk/consult.ti/Budget_1819/consultationHome

CRIMINALS TARGET PUBS AND CLUBS TO PEDDLE ILLEGAL TOBACCO

Trading Standards are warning licensees and pub-goers to be on-the-look-out for criminals selling smuggled and counterfeit cigarettes and hand-rolling tobacco. The call for vigilance follows recent research revealing that nearly half (43%) of illegal tobacco customers use pubs and clubs as their main source of supply. Cheap illegal tobacco is attractive to some smokers because it is often sold at half the price of the legal equivalent but its availability helps children to start smoking, brings communities into contact with organised criminals and undermines legitimate local businesses. In October HMRC released figures showing illegal tobacco made up 15% of all cigarettes and 28% of hand-rolling tobacco smoked in the UK. Taxpayers lost around £2.5 billion from the illicit trade in 2016-17. This money, for example, could be used to fund over 50,000 new NHS nurses for a year. Anyone with information relating to illegal tobacco being bought or sold, can report this to Trading Standards by anonymously via the Illegal Tobacco Hotline, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week on 0300 999 6 999 or online at <http://www.stop-illegal-tobacco.co.uk/>

1 MILLION TONNES OF RUBBISH TRANSFORMED INTO ENERGY AT ARDLEY PLANT

OCC and its partner Viridor have marked the one millionth tonne of residual waste received at Ardley during December. The Ardley plant converts waste into electricity, rather than burying it in landfill. It produces enough energy to power 38,000 homes and can export up to 27MW per hour of electricity to the grid.

Annex B:

Blewbury Parish Council

**District Notes for Parish Councillors on Wednesday, 10 January 2018
from Cllr Janet Shelley & Cllr Reg Waite**

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Apologies:

None.

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Enforcement Investigations:

VE17/627 – Pilgrims Way, The Pilgrims Way, Blewbury OX11 9NG

Reported: 25 October 2017

Alleged breach: Breach of conditions 3 & 4 of P16/V0888/HH

Case Officer: Claire Merritt

Site visited: 2 November 17

6 week target date – 6 December 17 12 week target date – 17 January 2018

Still being monitored.

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 and 13 October 17. 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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Permanent chief executive appointed

South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils have appointed Mark Stone as their permanent Chief Executive. Mark has spent a successful six months as Acting Chief Executive. His appointment was approved by councillors at Vale of White Horse District Council's full council meeting on 13 December and South Oxfordshire District Council's full council meeting on 14 December, following a rigorous interview process with the two councils' Joint Staff Committee.

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Waste has never bin so easy with a new smartphone app:

Waste collection information is now just a screen tap away in South Oxfordshire and the Vale of White Horse. The two district councils have launched a brand-new smartphone app, which is available free of charge for iPhone and Android phones right now.

The app is called Binzone – by simply tapping their postcode in and selecting their address, residents can find out which bin is being emptied this week, and what day it's being emptied.

The app will also send users a notification if their waste collection day changes due to a bank holiday – very handy for keeping track of what day bins will be emptied over Bank Holiday periods.

It will also let residents know if collections are disrupted by snow or icy conditions.

That's not all though – residents can also use Binzone to look up what bin their rubbish goes in. Ever been confused as to what bin an empty aerosol can goes in? Not any more – residents can simply search for it in Binzone and find out.

It's the green recycling wheelie bin, by the way.

The app is so easy to navigate and will save residents time by having all the information needed right at their fingertips, especially the changes to collection days around bank holidays.

If the weather worsens again this winter the Binzone app will come into its own by keeping our residents informed on what is happening to their collections. It is very handy to have the information in one place.

Binzone is available to download free of charge on the iPhone Appstore and the Google Play Store.

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Council support for Syrian refugee families highlighted

In September 2015 the Government committed to resettling up to 20,000 Syrian refugees in the UK. We pledged to resettle six families in the Vale.

Any refugee family arriving in the UK requires intensive support from the moment they get here. They have no possessions or financial resources and many also do not speak English.

To ensure families moving to the Vale were able to quickly settle here we worked with the British Red Cross to provide a suitable environment with access to a support network.

Last month a BBC Sunday Politics featured the story of one family who have settled in Abingdon.

Cllr Matthew Barber, Leader of Vale of White Horse District Council said: "When a family arrives in the UK, it is vital that they are resettled into a suitable environment and with the support they need to adapt to life here. That means finding appropriate private rented accommodation, arranging health and education, and providing translation and language services as well as ongoing support. However, it is often the little things, the tasks that people take for granted, such as organising bus passes to ensure the family can get to local services, which are most important.

"I'm very proud of the support that we and British Red Cross have provided for the families. Voluntary groups and residents across the Vale have also been very supportive, offering donations and welcoming the families to the local area and helping to make them feel a part of the Vale community."

Rose Haines, operations manager for refugee support at the Red Cross said: "We are proud to be working alongside the South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils and our voluntary sector partners to welcome refugees to the area and help them settle into their new home. With more displaced people in the world than at any point since the Second World War, we welcome the fact that the UK is playing its part in offering a place of safety to those fleeing the conflict in Syria."

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Helping residents keep warm and healthy this winter

Residents in southern Oxfordshire concerned about keeping warm and managing their energy bills are being encouraged to contact an advice service for help.

The Better Housing Better Health service, funded by South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils alongside the county's other district councils and Oxfordshire County Council, helps people who are vulnerable to the effects of living in cold homes over the winter period.

The advice service offers free, impartial advice on staying warm and managing energy bills. Residents can find out if they qualify for a grant to install energy saving improvements to their homes or a free home energy visit to look at ways to save energy to bring their bills down.

The service is run by the Affordable Warmth Network, which all local councils are part of. It offers direct referrals to a growing network of support organisations, including the fire service, falls prevention service and befriending and advice services. All of which aims to ease the pressure on other health services during the winter months.

With increasing energy costs, it is a worrying time for some and we would encourage anyone concerned to make the most of the service. Pick up the phone or visit the website today and find out about the help and support you, or someone you know, can receive immediately.”

Cold weather and homes can directly affect people’s health and we are proud to help fund this advice service which widens the support we already provide for our residents who are in most need.

If you or someone you know is struggling to keep warm and well this winter call the free BHBH hotline on 0800 107 0044 or visit the website www.bhbh.org.uk.

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Put your real tree to good use after Christmas – recycle it!

Now the festivities are all done, residents in the Vale are being encouraged to make sure their real Christmas trees are put to good use by recycling them.

Garden waste customers simply need to leave their real tree next to their brown bins on their usual collection day:

• week commencing Monday 9 January in Vale of White Horse

However, residents do not have to be signed up to garden waste collections to recycle their real trees. They simply need to take it along to one of the drop-off points being set up by Vale of White Horse District Councils.

Details of the drop-off locations are available on the councils’ website here.

Last year a total of 2,384 real Christmas trees were collected and recycled from the various drop off points in Southern Oxfordshire. This is in addition to the trees that were left next to the brown garden waste bins.

Householders can obviously compost their real Christmas trees at home but we understand not everyone will want, or have a garden, to do this. We’re very pleased to give all householders the chance to recycle their trees and hope as many people as possible take advantage of this.

The drop-off locations for real Christmas trees are:

Before Tuesday 9 January

- Buckland Village Hall
- Childrey playing field
- East Challow Village Hall Car Park

Before Friday 12 January

- Kennington - Forest Side and Playfield Road playing fields car park

Before Sunday 14 January

- Frilford - Millets Farm Garden Centre
- Hinksey - The Oxford Garden Centre
- Wantage - Charlton Park Garden Centre

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Over £100,000 awarded in the Vale of White Horse area

Communities from Hinksey to Hendred and Botley to Blewbury have benefited from over £107,000 in grants awarded by Vale of White Horse District Council this month.

Out of the total amount, the district council has given £55,306 to communities close to where new homes have been built. We are delighted to be able to give so much support to local community groups, parish councils and clubs throughout the district – it’s particularly important that we’re supporting communities that are growing due to new developments in the Vale.

£10,833 was awarded to Stanford in the Vale Parish Council towards removing a large electricity pylon from a 19-acre site so they can start using the space as a recreation area. There are plans to build a new community building, sports pitches and play areas for the whole community to enjoy.

Grants totalling £6,050 have been awarded to refurbish the Royal British Legion clubs in Abingdon and East Challow – a popular venue for lots of community events for residents.

A spokesperson from Challow Royal British Legion said, “Being awarded this grant will allow the committee to agree the necessary roof repairs sooner than expected. This well-used hall is a social hub for the area and the improvements to the club will be appreciated by all club users.”

Kennington Parish Council received £4,750 to help them to forge ahead with new plans and designs for a brand-new pavilion, a much-needed facility which will be used by local clubs for sports and recreational activities.

Other donations include:

- St Peter and Paul Church in North Hinksey who were given £4,088 to improve the heating, toilets and windows for community use,
- Snells Hall in East Hendred received just over £1,000 to help upgrade their lighting,
- Botley Bridges were awarded £1,518 to support three ten-week family improvement courses and,
- Blewbury Parish Council had £6,257 for installing a ‘trim trail’ – a range of equipment offering physical activity for the whole community on their recreation ground.

- Watchfield Parish Council received £11,146 to improve their play area and to buy a defibrillator to be placed nearby.

The cash came from two funds, both of which are available to not-for-profit organisations for one-off projects that benefit the wider local community.

The district council also provides financial support for community festivals and events happening in the local area. For more information on all the grants the district council offer, visit www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/grants.

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Oxfordshire getting physical to support people with diabetes

Oxfordshire has a new county-wide project to support people with diabetes into physical activity.

The project is being delivered by five district councils, including South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils and Oxfordshire Sport and Physical Activity and is funded by the Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning group. Adults with Type 1 or Type 2 diabetes can sign up to receive motivational coaching sessions, subsidised activities and ongoing telephone support and advice on managing their diabetes. They can also sign up to take part in 12 week StepWatchers programmes where they receive free pedometers and motivation to increase their step count. There are currently more than 28,000 people registered as having diabetes in Oxfordshire and about 2,200 are newly diagnosed each year.

With type 2 diabetes, physical activity is an important component of your treatment plan. Not only does exercise affect your heart health and lower your blood glucose levels, but it can improve your confidence and sleep quality.

We are very pleased to be able to help deliver Go Active, Get Healthy which is a programme targeted specifically for people with diabetes and aims to help motivate and support those who need it to become more physically active.

We hope that through this programme, those who need the help will take advantage of the free coaching sessions, long term support and access to a range of great classes and opportunities.

Ed Nicholas, Physical Activity and Sport Manager at Oxfordshire Sport and Physical Activity added: "The prevalence of diabetes amongst the population of Oxfordshire means that it is time to provide interventions to support them with their condition."

"I am delighted that we are in place to support people into activity. I am also delighted to see all the districts across Oxfordshire continue to support their respective residents. We hope that residents welcome this scheme and take sustainable physical activity into their lives."

If you are interested in this scheme, simply complete our Diabetes Survey here <https://www.getoxfordshireactive.org> and a member of our team will be in touch. Alternatively, you can call us on 01235 422226 or email us hendriette.knouwds@southandvale.gov.uk.

Call to action. Go Active Get Healthy is a programme designed to support people with diabetes with physical activity interventions. Please visit the scheme website for further information and to self-refer onto the programme and find out more about activities taking place across the county

<https://www.getoxfordshireactive.org/>

Please also follow the scheme on social media

<https://www.facebook.com/goactivesouth/>

<https://www.facebook.com/goactive.vale/>

JS & RWW 10 January 2018

Annex C:

LENGTHMAN'S REPORT DECEMBER 2017

Very quiet month with no grass cutting.

All areas are looking good except for the work needed on TFF Play Area.

I have had two Playground specialist companies visit for inspection and to quote for the work needed and have had one quote back so far which I have passed on to Michelle and Chris. Mark S has also visited with another contractor and is awaiting a quote.

The Ferris has been collected from RTM without any work being done as it was too expensive. Hopefully we can keep it going for some time.

There has been a problem with the tractor (electrical) and after a full investigation by Farol's engineer two faults found and corrected. Now working well.

That's about it for this year except for me to wish everyone a Happy and prosperous New Year.

Regards

David

Annex D:

Planning report for Parish Council – February 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/V3302/HH 7 Millbrook Close

New timber shed (WORKS ALREADY EXECUTED).

Parish Council has no objection

P17/V3390/LDP Laurel Bank, London Road

Replacement of existing windows on the front and sides of the original property, predominantly dating from 1950s, or so, with replica Georgian-style double-glazed wooden window. Parish Council has no objection.

P17/V3004/LB Orchard Dene House, Watts Lane

Replace current front door to East elevation. Parish Council has no objection.

Decisions from the District Council:

P17/V2957/HH Springfield, Bessels Way

Single storey rear conservatory extension. Granted

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