

## SCPC Chairman's Report to Annual Meeting of Electors, 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2017

### Council Membership

At the start of the year there was one vacancy on the Council. Lesley Tyler was co-opted on to the Council. Welcome Lesley.

### Members' attendance at Parish Council meetings 2016/17

|                      | Possible no. of meetings | Actual no. of meetings attended | As a % |
|----------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|--------|
| Michael Jenkins      | 12                       | 11                              | 92     |
| Rita Atkinson        | 12                       | 11                              | 92     |
| David Butler         | 12                       | 9                               | 75     |
| Christopher Campbell | 12                       | 7                               | 58     |
| Teresa Field         | 12                       | 7                               | 58     |
| Karl Gebhart         | 12                       | 12                              | 100    |
| David Hignell        | 12                       | 11                              | 92     |
| Martin Howell        | 12                       | 9                               | 75     |
| Claire Myerson       | 12                       | 11                              | 92     |
| Steve Noys           | 12                       | 8                               | 66     |
| Lesley Tyler         | 9                        | 3                               | 33     |

### Planning

The pressure of development within the parish continues, although there are early indications that The Local Plan, emerging Neighbourhood Plan and increased pressure from residents through SC Action, will lead to more sustainable development in the future.

A total of 80 applications for the parish including Certificates for Lawful Use, Local Development Orders were submitted to VWHDC. These include: SC East - Redrow, Harwell Road – London Regeneration, Hobbyhorse Lane – Catholic Church site, Landfill site – Asphalt plant, weighbridge, Bridge Farm and Fullmoor, SC Primary school – new classrooms, plus small developments for new housing in Drayton Road and Milton Road.

The Parish Council was represented, and spoke, at planning meetings when an objection to an application was registered. The PC was also represented at meetings with developers – Redrow re: s. 106 arranged by Cllr. Webber, warehouse proposal, Didcot Technology Park

### Presentations at PC meetings

- Developers and their agents - London Regeneration regarding Harwell Road
- Damascus – work of youth group within the parish
- Virgin Media – cable/broadband
- Emily Hamerton Development Manager Vale DC

**The Parish Council was represented on the following:**

- FCC - Appleford / Sutton Courtenay Liaison – EA withdrawn from attending these meetings  
RWE nPower Liaison Committee
- Didcot Community Forum
- Harwell Chilton Stakeholder Group
- Culham Stakeholder Group
- Neighbourhood Action Group
- Reservoir Affected Parishes Group – no meetings
- Oxfordshire County Council - Parish Transport Representative- reduced number of meetings
- Village Hall Management Committee
- Millennium Common Committee
- Damascus Advisory Committee
- Oxfordshire County Council Minerals and Waste Stakeholder Forum – no meetings
- Milton Park Liaison Committee
- Abingdon Children’s Centre Advisory Group Meeting
- Didcot Garden Town Stakeholder meetings

Also attended

- Vale Town/Parish Forum meeting
- SC Action /Vale Forum
- Unitary Authority workshops
- Air Quality site meeting Church Street/Appleford Road

**Selection of items with which the Parish Council has been involved:**

- Installed defibrillator
- Flood Alleviation
- Neighbourhood Plan – Area designated
- Planning enforcement
- Drayton Road accidents/traffic calming/speed reduction
- FCC gas bubbling
- Eastwest bunds
- Play Area repairs
- SC/Appleford cycle track
- Street naming
- Potholes
- Harwell Road vandalism
- Extension of 30 mph limit Sutton Courtenay Lane
- Bus Service changes
- Unitary Authority
- Local Plan / CIL
- Closure of Police office
- The Plough – Asset of Community Value
- Ginge Brook lorry
- Parish Boundary and bid by Abingdon Town Council to take section into Abingdon

- Land rear of Church
- Planting of tree/bench seat in cemetery
- Traffic lights Appleford Road/Abingdon Road
- Application for support for s. 106 money to Church
- All Saints Community Room
- CIL consultation
- SC Action Group
- Pollard village green trees
- Local Plan part 2 – no sites immediately in SC. Some land saved for reservoir access point
- Didcot Garden Town Governance
- Parking issues

#### **Grants received**

- £5000 from Vale DC for recreation ground repairs to play equipment
- £10,000 from Vale DC for Neighbourhood Plan
- £128 from Vale DC for Queen's 90th birthday celebrations

#### **And Finally**

My thanks to all councillors who give so willingly of their time to attend meetings, the unrecorded hours spent in working parties, discussion groups and on case work. Our clerk, Linda Martin, continues to ensure the council runs efficiently and effectively, her contribution is very much appreciated.

Michael Jenkins 4th April, 2017