

## SCPC Chairman's Report to Annual Meeting of Electors, 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2018

The general perception is that the work of the Parish Council is conducted during the 13 meetings held over the course of a year, this is far removed from the reality. Perhaps the best analogy I am able to offer is of an iceberg, the meetings represented by the tip above the surface. I shall not dwell on the long lists below, they are, however, an indication of the many hours councillors, and our clerk, devote to Council business.

### Council Membership

- Steve Noys (June 2017 meeting) and Lesley Tyler (September 2017 meeting) resigned from the Council.
- Jennie Corrigan was co-opted at November 2017 meeting.
- This leaves one vacancy to be filled. Please contact our clerk if you feel able to serve as a Councillor.

### Members' attendance at Parish Council meetings 2017/18

	Possible no. of meetings	Actual no. of meetings attended	As a %
Michael Jenkins	12	11	92
Rita Atkinson	12	10	83
David Butler	12	7	58
Christopher Campbell	12	10	83
Jennifer Corrigan	6	3	50
Teresa Field	12	10	83
Karl Gebhart	12	9	75
David Hignell	12	11	92
Martin Howell	12	2	16
Claire Myerson	12	11	92

### Representation on the following:

- FCC - Appleford / Sutton Courtenay Liaison
- RWEnPower Liaison Committee
- Didcot Community Forum
- Harwell Chilton Stakeholder Group
- Culham Stakeholder Group
- Neighbourhood Action Group
- Reservoir Affected Parishes Group
- Oxfordshire County Council - Parish Transport Representative
- Village Hall Management Committee
- Millennium Common Committee
- Damascus Advisory Committee
- Oxfordshire County Council Minerals and Waste Stakeholder Forum
- Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group
- Milton Park Liaison Committee

- Abingdon Children's Centre Advisory Group Meeting
- Focus Group for Oxford Flood Alleviation issues for communities downstream
- SC Forum established by VWHDC.
- Hoping to be represented on the new Didcot Garden Town Board

PC has reviewed the function of these groups and the need to be represented on all of them.

### **Planning Matters**

Total of 77 applications in the parish, most of which come to SCPC for consideration. In certain cases the PC is not a consultee; such as discharge of conditions, or where it is a legal interpretation of the law, e.g. certificate of lawful use.

### **Planning Enforcement**

EastWest, Cross Trees Farm, 6 Abingdon Road Coach House and Pool House.

### **Planning Appeals / Inquiry**

SC East for 200 dwellings and Harwell Road for 354 dwellings. The Council has engaged a Planning Consultant and Barrister to represent the interests of the parish.

### **Applications for new houses**

- New houses at 5/6 Mill Lane
- 2 new dwellings 90A Milton Road
- Ancillary dwelling at 19 Harwell Road
- 9 Hobbyhorse Lane
- 1 new house rear of 92 Milton Road
- 4 houses off 67 High Street
- 1 new house in the grounds of Swan Acre, All Saints Lane
- Replacement dwelling at Lakeside, All Saints Lane
- Replacement dwelling 1 Appleford Road
- Weighbridge and train unloading at Appleford sidings

### **Planning Issues raised at PC meetings**

- Considered Vale DC Local Plan Part 2 as well as SODC Local Plan
- Taken part in the Vale DC's parish partner programme
- Culham Park Farm
- CIL charging schedule
- Vale/SODC Joint Housing Delivery Strategy
- Growth Deal
- Steventon Rail bridge replacement
- Development Appleford to Didcot
- Oxford Cambridge Expressway
- OCC traffic survey
- Drayton Road traffic survey funded together with resident.
- Toucan Crossing A4130

### **Other Issues considered:**

- Memorial for those who lost their lives in Didcot A collapse
- Oxford Flood Relief Scheme and Abingdon Scheme
- New Data Protection Bill in force from 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2018 which affects the Council. Councillors have been on training course.

- Also attended Thames Water's workshop.
- RAF Brize Norton and Kidlington airport consultation on changes to air space
- Parish Council Website
- Neighbourhood Plan – allocated to Steering Group
- Parking in the vicinity of the Church
- Pollarded village green cut chestnut trees
- Churchmere Road painted lines
- Damascus skatepark art project
- Road signage
- High Street road sweeping
- Parking at Village hall and school
- Abandoned boat at River Thames
- Overgrown hedging
- Church Street resurfacing
- Appleford Rail Group footpath across landfill site
- Dog faeces
- Abandoned vehicles
- Cycling on pavements
- Potholes
- Appleford Road repairs
- Street Cleansing
- Postal address of buildings as though they were houses

### **Grass Cutting**

The Council has signed a new agreement with Oxfordshire County Council for highway verge grass cutting.

### **Speakers at the PC Meetings:**

- Thames Water
- Abigail Brown Arts Officer Vale of White Horse District Council (s. 106 art funding)
- RWE nPower on proposals for a new water treatment plant
- Damascus – Damascus youth members presented with certificate for organising Sutton Fest
- Oxford Flood Relief Scheme – Leader and staff from Vale DC, Environment Agency and representatives from Water Resource Associates
- Warehouse – Savills and public relations company
- Hanson Quarry Products – available for questions on continuation of production of asphalt / demolition of existing plant and reconstruction of new one.

### **To conclude**

My thanks to all councillors who give so willingly of their time to attend meetings; for the many hours spent in working parties, discussion groups and on case work. The invaluable contribution of our clerk, Linda Martin, the Proper Officer of the Council, is very much appreciated by all.

Michael Jenkins 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2018.