### Minutes of meeting held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017 at 7pm

**Present:** Cllr Richard Bartle, Chair (RB), Cllr David Pratt (DP), Cllr Penny Hockley (Ph), Cllr Vic Clements (VC), Cllr Peter Saunders (PS), Cllr Bjorn Watson (BW), Cllr Liz Jenkins (LJ), Cllr

John Lloyd (JL), Cllr Chris Hand (CH)

In Attendance: Julia Evans

**County Councillor: District Councillor:** 

**Public:** 

17/183	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	Action:
	Cllrs Jones, Church, Howell and Ware sent their apologies.	
17/184	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	
	None.	
17/185	MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 4th September 2017	
	Cllr Pratt proposed approving the minutes of the monthly meeting held on	
	4 <sup>th</sup> September 2017. Cllr Saunders seconded. Agreed unanimously.	
	RESOLVED. The minutes were signed.	
17/186	MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING NOT ITEMISED ON	
	THE AGENDA	
	a) 17/166 (17/146 -17/125 - 17/106 - 17/71 – 17/50 – 17/28 – 17/4 & 17/8	
	- 16/283) - Parking in the High Street. This has been discussed with	
	Lee Turner who is considering what action can be taken. Clerk to contact	Clerk
	Thame Town Council to discuss their parking system. Cllr Bartle has	
	thanked Mr Hockley for his work on this. Cllr Hockley requested	
	permission to approach residents regarding vehicles parked on the High	
	Street. Cllr Hand expressed concern over this. Cllr Jenkins pointed out	
	the potential for data protection issues. Cllr Hand proposed NOT granting	
	permission to approach residents. Cllr Jenkins seconded. There were 5	
	votes for the proposal, 2 against and 2 abstentions. RESOLVED.	
	Permission was denied.	\ <u>'</u>
	b) 17/166 – (17/146 - 17/127) – <b>Highways Issues</b> - Relocation of the	YC
	illuminated mini-roundabout sign was scheduled for 9 <sup>th</sup> September but	
	this has not yet taken place. Cllr Constance agreed (via email) to chase. Cllr Lloyd is meeting with Keith Stenning on 6 <sup>th</sup> October to discuss the	
	state of pavements and parking bays.	JL
17/187	PUBLIC REPRESENTATION	
	No members of the public were present.	
17/188	COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT	
	No report.	
17/189	DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT	
	Cllr Ware reported the following by email:	
	Local Plan Part 2 – No strategic sites have been identified in the Western	
	Vale. The Plan is subject to a further six week consultation ending 22	
	November. It is anticipated that the Plan will be submitted to the	
	Secretary of State in February 2018 with independent examination in the	
	summer.	
	Joint Housing Delivery Strategy – The deadline for the public consultation	
	is 23 October. The strategy will work alongside the Local Plans. Parish	
	Councils in the areas where Neighbourhood Plans are being prepared	
	are being asked to seek the views of the Neighbourhood Planning Group	
	when responding to the consultation.  Infrastructure for Oxfordshire – A strategy led by OCC was considered on	
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	26 September by the Oxfordshire Growth Board and bids are due to be submitted to Government over the next few weeks. Details are available on the OCC website.  New waste vehicles -The new vehicles have now entered service.  Residents will have noticed the change to the way food waste is collected in a smaller dedicated. food waste vehicle. Note that residents are now able to use plastic bags to line the food bins and caddies.  Pumpkin Recycling –everyone is encouraged to recycle their pumpkins after Halloween. They can be cut up and put in the food waste bin or leave them out whole for the crew to pick up on the usual collection day. Yellow Letter – Residents who have not responded to the yellow letter will receive a reminder either by phone or letter. It is a legal requirement and not responding could lead to a £1,000 fine.  New Offices - The Vale Council intends to return to Crowmarsh Gifford. Since the fire destroyed the shared accommodation with South Oxfordshire DC both authorities have operated from Milton Park. After investigating a number of options it has been concluded that the most cost effective solution is to move back to the site. Timescales are still under discussion and regular updates will be provided.	
17/190	CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.	
17/191	TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER REPORTS AND MINUTES OF COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS  O&F Working Group – The minutes for the September meeting were not available. Cllr Bartle reported on the highlights: The new savings account for SPC has been opened. Work to various trees and hedges was discussed; quotes to be obtained for the work that needs doing now. There is no progress on land registry; awaiting valuations. The asset audit is ongoing. The aim is to have it all complete by the end of the financial year. The contracts & leases register to be circulated to councillors for comment. Website - Biographies & photos have been returned from most councillors. A calendar has been set up. Clerk to ask for potential go-live date.	
17/192	TO RECEIVE SUCH COMMUNICATIONS AS THE PERSON PRESIDING MAY WISH TO LAY BEFORE THE COUNCIL Consultation on Joint Housing Delivery strategy – This closes on 23 <sup>rd</sup> October. All Councillors to consider whether they have any comments to make. Correspondence regarding road safety on the B4000 – Cllr Bartle has raised the issues outlined in the correspondence with Cllr Constance. She has replied that the Parish Council would need to pay for these changes which is beyond our means. Invitation to visit the AAA in Faringdon – Councillor to let the Clerk know if they would like to attend. Cllrs Hockley and Bartle expressed an interest.	All Clirs
17/193	TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS ATTENDING MEETINGS ON BEHALF OF THE COUNCIL Welcome event— Cllr Jones reported that the event was well attended and groups took enquiries for new members. It was an excellent social event. A letter of thanks to be sent to the Church ladies who kindly provided the cakes. Parish Partners — Cllrs Watson and Jones attended. It was an attempt to enhance communication with Parishes but it appears to be an additional level of interface. It was suggested that a record should be kept on the	Clerk

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	success of communication in future.	
17/194	FINANCIAL MATTERS	
I	Finance Reports – August 2017 – The reports were presented. Cllr	
	Saunders proposed approving them. Cllr Watson seconded. RESOLVED.	
	The reports were signed.	
	September Payments – Cllr Pratt proposed ratifying the payments	
ı	already made as set out at the end of the Agenda and approving the	
I	payments awaiting approval. Cllr Lloyd seconded. RESOLVED.	
ı	It was noted that budgets would be reviewed at the next meeting.	Clerk (agenda)
17/195	PLANNING MATTERS - NEW APPLICATIONS	
I	Deadline 11 <sup>th</sup> October 2017 - P17/V2521/HH and P17/V2522/LB – 44	
	High Street. Removal of poor quality extension and erection of new	
	single storey extension. The Parish Council had no objection to this	
	application.	
	PLANNING MATTERS – DECISIONS	
	Deadline 26 <sup>th</sup> August 2017 - P17/V2133/FUL – 1 Stainswick Lane.	
	Refurbishment & conversion of house into two flats with a ground floor	
	extension. Garden wall to be partially demolished and new off road	
	parking space to be created with access to the adjacent highway.	
	Awaiting determination.	
	Deadline 18 <sup>th</sup> August 2017 – P17/V1955/LB – 40 High Street. To	
	Install Gas mains and central heating. Permission granted.	
	PLANNING MATTERS – MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS	
	Deadline 28 <sup>th</sup> April 2017 – P17/V0800/RM – Land off Townsend Road.	
	Reserved matters application following outline planning permission. The	
	Parish Council agreed to object to this application. <b>Not yet determined.</b>	
17/196	UPDATE ON VEHICLE ACTIVATED SIGNS PROJECT	
177130	Cllr Church reported that there was no progress. The pole has still not	
1	been installed.	
17/197	NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE	
117137	A list of comments from the Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire was	
	circulated and reviewed. No actions arising.	
17/198	S106 FUNDING	
117100	Cllr Hand has spoken to the case officer for Highworth Road Phase 2.	
	The S106 agreement is due to be signed this week. Cllr Hand reported a	
	problem with the funding detail for the Memorial Hall. The case officer is	
ı	working on getting this changed. A meeting was held with the Vale	
	Leisure officer. She pointed out that projects will need to comply with the	
	Vale Leisure Strategy and the Sports governing bodies. Cllr Hand has	
	been liaising with the Chair of the Cricket Club regarding a sports	
	pavilion. The trust will manage and run the building; the Cricket Club will	
	have a lease. The pavilion will also be used for indoor sport. Cllr Watson	
	is working on a pre-app submission. Cllr Watson declared an interest.	
	Cllr Hand proposed proceeding without further quotes for the pre-app	
	work due to the need for speed. The aim is to have the pavilion ready for	
	the 2019 cricket season. Cllr Bartle seconded. 8 votes in favour. Cllr	BW
	Watson did not vote. RESOLVED.	
17/199	Watson did not vote. RESOLVED.  COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLAN	
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	None.	
17/201	DATE OF NEXT MEETING	
	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November at 7pm	

The meeting closed at 8.05pm