



Chair's Remarks

Planning- We now know that David Wilson Homes (DWH) have lodged an appeal against the rejection of the Faringdon Road application for 73 houses. This enquiry will take place from 19th November. The Council and parishioners will be ensuring we have our evidence ready for this enquiry.

The Bow Road Farm outline application has been withdrawn at this time.

The developer Taylor Wimpey have written to the council re the Old Mill Nurseries site on Cottage/Bow Road:

"Essentially, we are keen to meet to discuss our proposals for the Old Mill Nurseries site and also to understand the provisions that the Parish Council may wish to see provided for through our development.

We are anxious to progress our scheme at the earliest opportunity but will not do so without having had the appropriate consultation with you and local residents and consequently we would welcome the opportunity to meet with you to discuss this further.

If you are able to suggest some times and dates that are convenient to you will we then be pleased to meet with you and your colleagues".

I proposed we agree to meet ASAP to ascertain their proposals. It would be important to have all information re such possible developments prior to any village meeting and the possible development of a **Neighbourhood Plan** (as already shared in August newsletter). I believe the whole of our village needs to be aware of all the options and outcomes so they can be in control and plan a vision for the future.

At our last meeting (04.09.13) the Council decided that we write to Taylor Wimpey to ask them to send us written information about their proposals.

It was also agreed that a meeting to give details of a Neighbourhood Plan, which should be extensively publicized, would be held in order to gauge parishioners' views and include representatives from the Oxford shire Rural Community Council (ORCC) and District Council (DC). This meeting should explain what a neighbourhood plan is and the need for many villagers to be involved. Without village support the plan could not be undertaken. Please see below more information re 'A Neighbourhood Plan'.

Horse and Jockey

P13/V1822/LDP Horse & Jockey - Certificate of Lawful Development. To proceed without a planning application- In response the Council resolved that the following be sent to VWHDC planning:

"On the basis that the application wholly supports the 3 dimensions of old sustainable development outlined by NPFF i.e.:

- *An economic role by virtue of being a local business-*
- *A social role supporting a vibrant local community-*
- *An environmental role, as it forms part of our built historic environment.*

Stanford PC fully supports the application. *We urge VWHDC to progress this matter as quickly as possible to ensure the detrimental effects of the loss of this facility on the community are kept to an absolute minimum".*

Please also note the Parish Council is still looking to **co-opt one more councillor** for the remainder of this term (to May 2015). If interested please contact the Clerk Mike Dew (710387) or the Chair Peter Gill (718224).

The URC building in Chapel Road is now surplus to need and the owner, The Wessex Trust, have engaged a property company to dispose of it. They have assured us they will discuss their proposals with the council and others in due course.

Neighbourhood Planning- Your Village and its Future: Village Hall Friday October 11th at 7.30 pm

Come along and find out how **you** can influence a shared vision for **your** village.

Neighbourhood Planning is one of a new set of tools which gives local people the opportunity to create a vision of how they would like their community to develop over the next 20 years. It will allow you to directly influence decisions affecting the development of where you live.

What is it?

Neighbourhood planning is a new way for communities to decide the future of the places where they live and work. They will be able to:

- * choose where they want new homes, shops and offices to be built
- * have their say on what those new buildings should look like
- * grant planning permission for the new buildings they want to see go ahead.

It can be detailed, or general, depending on what local people want.

The Government wants to introduce the right to operate neighbourhood planning through the Localism Bill.

Questions like **What is it?; Why does it matter?; How will it work?** can be shared and answered at the meeting. We want to bring together local groups, experts and key stakeholders in an environment of interactive learning and debate to address these questions, share experiences, build new relationships and help 'spread the word' of the Neighbourhood Planning.

A presentation will be given by the Oxfordshire Community Council (ORCC).

ORCC has had many years of experience of promoting and supporting community planning in Oxfordshire. They have worked with many communities around the county, building confidence and providing ideas for the best ways of people in developing a plan.

This will give an opportunity to all those people who have been frustrated by developers trying to shape our village a chance to share your feelings.

This can only go ahead with your support as any Neighbourhood Planning will need collaboration with all members of the local community, high levels of involvement, and hopefully support. The Neighbourhood Planning (general) Regulations 2012 sets out the requirements for consultation and publicity at key stages with all those living or working in the neighbourhood area, or with those who may have an interest in or are likely to be affected by the proposals (e.g. business).

Please ensure you put this date in your diary. (11.10.13) It would be really exciting if we had at least one representative from each household sharing a point of view or just being there.

Public Purposes Charity (PPC) Report

As mentioned in August, the next meeting of the Trustees will be held at 07.30pm. on Thursday 17th October in the Village Hall Committee Room. It will include a short AGM and a visit from a representative of CCLA to explain the current economic situation.

The Parish Council has nominated Julia Grinstead as a Trustee and she will sign on and be welcomed at the above meeting.

Grant Applications outstanding and expected include:

* The grant to the SitV Relief in Need Charity for support (£1,700) for the repair of the Church Charity Board remains the only outstanding grant. It is understood that the restorer has now visited and seen the Board and that the work will now be progressed as soon as the Ecclesiastical Authorities give their (Faculty) approval.

* A grant application to support the Primary School with further equipment will be discussed at the October meeting.

* A grant application for making an opening in the wall in front of the new war memorial is expected to be made before the next Trustee meeting.

* An unspecified grant application from the Parish Council is also expected before the next Trustee meeting.

Villagers are reminded that Grant Applications are made to the Trustees through the Hon. Clerk/Correspondent who can supply Grant Application Forms on request either by e-mail or hard copy. (Tel: 01367 718 480)

Allotments:

* Allotment O25 on the Old Joyces Road Allotments has now been taken, so all allotments have now been rented out this year. The waiting list currently stands at ten parishioners.

* Any parishioner who wishes his or her name to be added to the allotment waiting list should please contact Paul Gooding on 01367 710 656.

David N. Axford

Hon. Clerk/Correspondent, SitV Public Purposes Charity

9th October - Stanford Feast

Centuries ago, the 9th October was traditionally held to be 'Stanford Feast' and in more recent years (if hundreds of years can be more recent!?) a fair was granted to Stanford and a market became well known by Villagers as a place to purchase local gingerbread, cheese, honey, butter and eggs.

We are looking for a group of volunteers to revive this village tradition by organising a Stanford Feast for October 2014. An initial idea is to have a type of 'Food Festival' so that people can meet up, try, and purchase, local (and not so local) wares....

If you have any ideas or would like to be involved, please contact Karin Williams-Cuss

Primary/Infant school entry - September 2014

Children born between 1/9/2009 and 31/8/2010

Parents/Carers must apply by 15 January 2014 for a school place. This may be online at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/admissions, or on paper (forms available from the County Council website or at a local school). Offers of places will be sent out on 16 April 2014, via email or second class post. Be sure to apply by 15 January 2014 to maximise chances of an offer of a place at the school of your choice. A reference booklet called 'Starting School' is published on the County Council website, with printed copies being available from all primary and infant schools, Children's Centres and libraries.

Dog Owners

Please clean up after your Pets. Parishioners continue to report dog fouling issues to the council.

Also please note the Recreation (football) Field is OFF LIMITS to dogs at all times. Recently, dog owners have been exercising their pets on the field despite there being notices on all entrances. *Dog Mess is a hazard* to all those using the field for recreational purposes, so PLEASE KEEP YOUR DOGS AWAY.

Police warning over bank card courier scam

Thames Valley residents are advised to be on their guard to a new type of scam which is becoming prevalent across London and is now spreading to other areas.

The courier fraud scam often targets the elderly and vulnerable and takes the following steps:

1. The victim receives an unsolicited telephone call from fraudsters saying they are from their bank (or in some cases claiming to be the police), stating that their systems have spotted a fraudulent payment on their card or that their card is due to expire and needs to be replaced.

2. The person may be asked to ring the bank back using the phone number printed on the back of their bank card. This helps to convince the person that the call is genuine. However, the fraudster has kept the telephone line open so even though the person has called the bank, the call does not go through. Instead they are unknowingly connected straight back to the fraudster.

3. The fraudster then gains the person's trust by pretending to be from the bank and seeming to offer assistance. In many cases the person is asked to provide their full bank card details and key in their PIN so that their existing card can be cancelled and their new one activated or authorised. The fraudster will then explain that the bank will need to collect the card.

4. The fraudster will then attend the person's address or send an innocent courier company driver to collect the card and sometimes provide them with a replacement card which is subsequently found to be fake.

5. Therefore, the fraudster has obtained the person's name, address, full bank details, the card itself and the PIN. The bank cards are then used fraudulently without the victim's knowledge.

There are a number of variations to the scam, including:

* Fraudsters pretending to be from the police cold calling members of the public and telling them that their bank account has been compromised by criminals. The fraudster suggests that the person should transfer their bank balance into a 'safe' police bank account.

* Fraudsters pretending to be from the police attending people's addresses and retrieving the person's card and PIN.

* Members of the public receiving letters on bank headed paper informing them that their account has been the subject of a fraud. The letter advises them to transfer their funds to a 'safe' account and that an official will be in contact to provide them with a new card and PIN.

* Fraudsters contacting members of the public requesting them to cut their cards in half because their account has been compromised. They are then asked to post the cut card to an address where fraudsters simply tape the card together again and can use the details to commit fraud. Between May and August, Thames Valley Police has received 17 reports of fraud of this type, all in the central Milton Keynes area.

Police advice is that if you receive such a call, end it immediately. If you have elderly or vulnerable family

members, friends, or neighbours, let them know about the scam.

Please be aware that:

* Your bank will never attend your home

* Your bank and/or the police will never collect your bank card

* Your bank and/or the police will never ask for your PIN

If you receive this type of call, report it to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040, or via their website. In an emergency, dial 999.

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Date of the next Parish Council Meeting:

Wednesday 6 November - Village Hall (Small Hall) -
19.30