



b) Applications dealt with under delegated powers prior to the meeting

P21/V3037/HH Demolition of current garage to the rear of the garden and erection of garden office  
11 North Street

Comments: On site parking would be removed. There should be no reliance on on street parking.

P21/V3023/FUL Erection of new dwelling  
Land rear of 21 Mill Road

Comments: Council objected on grounds of access, and materials not in keeping with the area.

c) Applications considered at the meeting

P21/V3081/N4B\_Prior approval for the change of use of an agricultural building to create a dwelling.

Hitchcose Farm, Cothill Road

Comments: Concerns were raised regarding drainage. A drainage assessment was requested, as any surcharge would flow into Parsonage Moor. A condition should be imposed to tie any new dwelling to the farm, and that it should not be able to be sold off as an independent unit.

2021/217 Cllrs. Richard and Catherine Webber joined the meeting

2021/218 Planning Matters Contd.

P21/V3185/HH Erection of log stores (retrospective)  
17 Parkside

Comments: Council requested that, if approved, conditions be included to ensure colours and materials remained the same, as the property was in a conservation area, that no further land be removed from the permeable area, and the stores were not used for a business activity.

P21/V3297/FUL Erection of 2 storey 4 bed detached dwelling  
Greystones, 8A The Gap

Comments: Council objected as it considered the proposal to be over development of the area. There were drainage issues with run off onto pitches and footpath, plus the impact of traffic in The Gap and access to the site.

P21/V3164/HH Erection of 2m high wooden fence along boundary  
The Old Bakehouse, 4 North Street

Comments: Council had no comments

P21/V3227/FUL Erection of 4m ball stop netting on south of football pitch and 6m netting on east boundary of the football pitch  
Barrow Close

Comments: Clarification was required as to when the netting was to be removed, and how public access across the field to the footpath along the southern boundary was to be maintained.

The Clerk placed on record that she was related to the agent for the applicant in regards to the following application.

P21/V3312/HH Change of use of garage to form family/breakfast area incorporating existing utility store. Formation of new lean to roof

4 Hyde Copse

Comments: Council had no comments

P21/V3355/LDP Erection of single storey conservatory to the rear  
5 Abbots Grange

Comments: Council had no objections

2021/219

District Councillor's Report – Cllr. Catherine Webber

Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr. C. Webber placed on record her thanks to Tony Mackleworth for commencing the Neighbourhood Plan process.

Recycling / Waste – The District Council had issued advice to leave recycling/waste wheelie bins out for 2 days during periods of icy or snowy weather, as the collection service may be delayed.

Free Parking - Free Parking in the run up to Christmas was available on 18<sup>th</sup> December, in both Abingdon and Wantage, and on 20<sup>th</sup> December in Didcot.

Household Support Fund – The Government's support fund for vulnerable households, allocated to County Councils working in conjunction with District Councils, could be accessed via Vale Community Impact, by telephoning 01235 765348 or emailing [help@VCI.org.uk](mailto:help@VCI.org.uk)

Pye Homes – The Willows, missing link path to Monks Walk  
The District Council was still pursuing the matter and planning enforcement section was in continuing discussion with Pye Homes regarding lodging a planning application.

Covid update – As widely known, the infection rate was increasing rapidly, and regulations were changing as to greater mask wearing.

Local Plan – Calculation of housing numbers – The District Council had applied to central government to change the way housing number requirements were calculated. This had been agreed, and the numbers of houses being included in the next Local Plan were lower.

Civil Parking Enforcement – This was being managed by the District Council. Cllr. Webber asked to be advised of when and where anyone parked badly ie. where it was causing a danger.

Air Quality Management Area – A particulate monitor was being fitted in Packhorse Lane. A request was made to Cllr. Webber for the readings and results from the monitor on a regular basis, when collected by the District Council, to support appropriate wording in the Neighbourhood Plan.

2021/220

County Councillor's Report – Cllr. Richard Webber

Housing Infrastructure Fund – The sum allocated for the new river Thames crossing at Appleford would be insufficient to cover the costs of construction owing to a rise in material costs. There was a shortfall of around £75 million. Homes England had contingency funds and had allocated £25 million towards this. A planning application had been lodged for the road, and a decision was expected in April 2022. The scheme was unlikely to be delivered by the expected date, and a year or two delay was likely.

Reservoir - The County Council and Vale of White Horse District Council had both passed a motion opposing the reservoir as Thames Water had not justified its case for need. There were no plans for a public inquiry, and there were great concerns that the public voice would not be heard.

20 mph limit speed trial reductions – Marcham was not on the list of trial villages for speed reductions. Cllr. Richard Webber asked for an indication of where Marcham would like them. This was a matter that could be included in the Neighbourhood Plan too. It was suggested that a letter could be sent to Cllr. Webber asking why Marcham had not been included in the trial list.

County Council Meeting 14<sup>th</sup> December – Motion on Transgender, non binary people. A motion that the County Council supports measures to ensure that services are accessible by all people regardless of sexuality or gender identity was being debated.

2021/220

Cllrs. Richard and Catherine Webber left the meeting at 8.30 p.m.

2021/221

RAPID (Regulators' Alliance for Progressing Infrastructure Development) Thames Water – Reservoir

RESOLVED:

- (i) that this Council continues to be concerned about the reservoir proposal, and that it remains to be convinced as to the need for a reservoir
- (ii) that it supports the issues raised by the Group Against the Reservoir Development.

2021/221

GigaClear – Parkside cabinet junction of New Road

Council noted that the Vale of White Horse District Council had confirmed that the size of the cabinet fell within permitted development limits, and no planning consent was required. Council considered a request from a resident that the Council should approach Gigaclear asking for the cabinet to be moved as it was not in keeping with its location and that it obstructed visibility. Discussion also took place as to the state of verges and tarmac being left by GigaClear following trench work. It was noted that the plan showing the location of the cabinets was awaited.

RESOLVED:

- (i) that comments from the resident be noted
- (ii) no further action be taken at this stage.

2021/222

Neighbourhood Plan

Tony Mackleworth gave a report following the first meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan steering group. The Plan area had been considered, as had draft Terms of Reference, fund holding and web pages. Comments were made regarding the boundary area which would be looked at by the steering group

RESOLVED

- (i) that there be a regular agenda item on the Parish Council's agenda for the Neighbourhood Plan group to report.
- (ii) that the Council be the accounting body for Neighbourhood Plan finances.
- (iii) that pages be set up on the Council's website for Neighbourhood Plan matters.

2021/223

Community Facilities

Council noted that the artwork had been unveiled on 11<sup>th</sup> December. Detailed drawings and written quotations for the construction of the youth shelter were awaited. The Play Area working party intended to meet in the New Year to progress matters relating to an improved play area.

2021/224

Grant Applications

Council considered further information supplied by Marcham Community Group and an application lodged by Be Free Young Carers.

After some discussion the Chairman called for a show of hands for those in support of a grant of £4100 for Marcham Community Group

In favour  
6

Against  
0

Abstention  
2

RESOLVED:

- (i) that under s. 19 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 a grant of £4100 be awarded to Marcham Community Group for the maintenance of the recreational field during the 2022 season.

Council discussed the application by Be Free Young Carers towards running costs. The Chairman called for a show of hands for those in support of a grant of the requested amount of £150 for Be Free Young Carers.

In favour	Against	Abstention
8	0	0

RESOLVED:

- (i) that under s.137 Local Government Act 1972 a grant of £150 be awarded to Be Free Young Carers towards running costs.
- (ii) that Be Free Young Carers be advised that should they find themselves in need of funding again, then they should let the Parish Council know.

2021/225 Oxfordshire County Council – Parish Council workshops on priorities  
Michael Hoath provided a report on this workshop held remotely, that he had attended. Priorities listed were: green spaces, well being including support for carers, integrated sustainable transport, creating opportunities for young people, working with businesses, and playing a role in a local democracy. There had been some dichotomy between opinions of rural parishes and those representing Oxford city area.

2021/226 Harding Way – Housing development to the north by Pye Homes  
Council noted that construction/ground works in the development had commenced, and the drainage connection into the public sewer in the public open space was taking place. A footpath through the public open space to the east of Harding Way, to link the new development to Howard Cornish Road path was to be constructed. Discussions with the developer could well be needed as these matters progressed. Council therefore

RESOLVED:

that the Clerk in consultation with the footpaths working party, be granted authority to progress any issues in regards to the public opens spaces, including instructing consultants if necessary.

2021/227 Website – Emails – Storage  
Council noted the report from the Clerk in regards to the costs for the website, emails, and cloud storage of records.

RESOLVED:

that the Clerk be authorised to progress the purchase of and setting up of Microsoft 365 for the cloud storage of records.

- 2021/228 Arboretum Trees – survey report  
Council noted the survey report on the trees. Quotations were being sought for the works recommended.
- 2021/229 Correspondence
- a) Oxfordshire County Council – Primary School Admissions  
Notification of deadline for applications for September admissions for school places for children - 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022.
  - b) Vale of White Horse District Council – Christmas Tree Recycling  
Real Christmas trees for recycling could be placed by the Salvation Army Textile bank in Howard Cornish Road for collection by Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2022, or taken to Millets Farm by Sat. 8<sup>th</sup> January 2022.
  - c) Oxfordshire County Council – Bus Changes  
Notification that from 2<sup>nd</sup> January, 2022 the S8 bus Wantage/Oxford would cease to be operated by Stagecoach and will become the X1 service operated by Thames Travel. The S9 Wantage to Oxford bus via the A338 Frilford would continue to be operated by Stagecoach but would have timetable changes.
  - d) Vale of White Horse District Council – Code of Conduct/Ethical Standards report  
A report as to the consideration of allegations of breaches of the Code of Conduct had been accepted by the Joint Audit and Governance Committee and recommended to both South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils for adoption.
  - e) South and Vale Citizens Advice Bureau – Director of the Bureau, Jon Bright was stepping down with effect from February 2022.
  - f) Dalton Barracks site – future development – Invitation from the Chairman of St. Helen Without Parish Council for the Chairman to attend a meeting in the new year, with representatives of other local parishes, to discuss shared themes on the proposal for re-development of the Dalton Barracks site and the Vale of White Horse District Council’s strategy document.
  - g) Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal – Letter of thanks for donation had been received. A total of £4964 had been collected in Marcham, Frilford and Cothill.
- 2021/230 Accounts  
The list of payments had been circulated to members, and Council noted the cheques numbered 3465 to 3473 and authorised payments in the sum of £3659.57 in respect of administration costs, play area checks, litter picking, grass cutting, tree survey and accessories for the defibrillator. In addition it was noted that the grant payment in the sum of £1000 to South and Vale Citizens Advice Bureau agreed at the last meeting, would need to be issued.

2021/231

Matters Raised by Members

Operation London Bridge – Future Plans preparing for the death of Queen Elizabeth II

Council noted that the Chairman and Clerk had met via Zoom with Revd. Nick Weldon and representatives from the Church to discuss village arrangements on death of a Senior Royal Figure. Further information would come from the High Sheriff/Lord Lieutenant and County Council in due course.

North Street – Parking

A query was raised that parking took place in North Street close to the junction with Lion Close. There were difficulties with vision for motorists leaving the close. The access to the Institute site had not changed, and it was a private road. It was thought that there was nothing that could be done to legally enforce changes. However requests for considerate parking to drivers might help.

Future Meetings of the Parish Council

Owing to a rapid rise in the new variant of Covid 19 (Omicron), a query was raised as to holding face to face meetings in 2022. It was noted that the Council would need to meet to set the precept and for other statutory requirements, until legislation permitting remote meetings, changed. The Chairman proposed delegation to the clerk in consultation with himself, working party members or other members as appropriate, to enable Council business to continue. Consultation could take place remotely via Zoom or other means. The wording of a resolution, to supplement that already passed in April 2021, to be considered at the January 2022 meeting.

2021/232

Items for Marcham and District News

The Clerk would prepare an article for MAD News.

2021/233

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting would be on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2022 at 7.30 p.m. in the village hall, Barrow Close.

The meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.

Signed ..... Date .....