

# West Hagbourne Parish Council



## Minutes of West Hagbourne Parish Council Meeting held at Hagbourne Village Hall on Wednesday 7 November 2018 at 7:30pm.

Present: Cllrs M. Butler, V. Brownsword, M. Telford, H. Lewis, Cllr S. Clarke, I. Leishman, D.Totterdell and Mr. A. Wise (Clerk)

	MB opened the meeting at 19:30 hrs.	
18/276 Apologies	O. Doogue and Cllr J. Murphy	
18/277 Declarations of personal and prejudicial interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>	
18/278 Report on OCC and SODC activities	<p><u>OCC Report</u> – See attachment 6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Simon to chase the countryside officer for an update on Moor Lane in terms of at least a temporary winter closure</li> <li>Simon to seek clarification on what his County Councillor Funds can and cannot be spent on ie. On footpaths and 20mph road signs</li> <li>Simon to speak to highways about procedure for exploring possibility of turning York Road into a 20-mph speed limit</li> </ul> <p><u>SODC Report</u> – None received</p>	SC SC SC
18/279 Hear representations from members of the public	<p>Ian Leishman asked for clarification of the results of the recent speed monitoring exercise in Main Street. Chair explained that the results meant that there was no chance of Main Street becoming a 20-mph speed limit.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Councillor Mike Telford volunteered in early Spring 2019 and then to report back at the March 2019 Meeting on the results of his investigation into the state of Moor Lane and whether it would be appropriate to organise a working party for late Spring, early Summer 2019.</li> </ul>	MT
18/280 Approve the minutes of the meeting of 05.09.2018	It was proposed by MT, seconded VB, that the minutes be signed as a true record. Carried nem con.	
18/281 Consider matters, not take elsewhere, arising from the minutes of the meeting of 05.09.2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All action items had been completed except for 18/282</li> </ul>	
18/282 Receive reports from Parish Councillors and the Clerk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cllr Brownsword to report back at the next Hagbourne Village Cemetery Committee Meeting that despite reservations of annual costs associated with such a system going forward raised by Cllr. Lewis, it was proposed by VB, seconded MB that WHPC support this decision.</li> <li>07/11/18 – VB reported that the Clerk to the Hagbourne Village Cemetery Committee had in fact purchased the database last month.</li> <li>Chair to chase Highways contact for the outstanding give way signs in Main Street</li> </ul>	VB MB
18/283 Financial matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approval of payments. It was proposed HL, seconded VB and carried nem con that the following invoices be paid: Parish Clerk's wages, expenses, PAYE, Grass Cutting and Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal Donation.</li> <li>It was proposed MT, seconded VB and carried nem con that the amount donated to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal be increased to £50:00 for 2018 and future years.</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Current financial situation. AW presented the current financial situation – attachments 2 &amp; 3.</li> <li>Clerk took the councillors the draft 2019/20 Budget. Councillors made a few changes to the proposed draft budget, so the Clerk will update the budget and re-issue alongside these draft minutes to the Councillors to review before it will be approved at the Jan'19 Meeting.</li> <li>Clerk reported that he had been informed by the existing Internal Auditor of his intention to retire so will need to appoint a new Internal Auditor by April 2019.</li> <li>Clerk to chase External Auditor for outcome of 2018/19 Accounts.</li> </ul>	AW  AW  AW
18/284 Planning since the meeting of 05.09.2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>AW presented the current planning application situation – attachment 4</li> <li>All councillors present instructed the Clerk to reply with NO OBJECTIONS for 5 York Road Planning Application before deadline for comments.</li> </ul>	AW
18/285 Highways and Transport	<p><b>HIGHWAYS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Councillor Brownsword reported on the “Improving Transport for Didcot” Meeting. – see attachment 7 Comments are due back by the 25<sup>th</sup> November 2018.</li> </ul> <p><b>TRANSPORT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A PTR Meeting has been held since the last PC Meeting but no WHPC representative was able to attend.</li> </ul>	
18/286 Risk assessment	MB signed off appropriate parts on the current Risk Assessment Checklist. - attachment 5	
18/287 Chairman's Report for Newsletter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chair will draft report for Newsletter which will include update on dates for registering Primary School Aged Children etc.</li> </ul>	
18/288 Respond to Communications as the Chairman may direct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>	
18/289 Attend to any other business at the Chairman's discretion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clerks Salary Increase - It was proposed MB, seconded VB and carried nem con that the Clerks salary increase by £50:00 to £2500:00 per annum.</li> </ul>	
18/290 Date of next meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2019</li> </ul>	
18/291 Meeting Closed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MB declared the meeting closed at 20:55 hrs.</li> </ul>	

Signed:

Date:

Attachments:

1. Agenda
2. Financial Statements
3. Expenditure against Budget 2018-2019
4. Planning Applications

5. Risk Assessment

6. OCC Report

## **REPORT TO WEST HAGBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL NOVEMBER 2018 FROM CLLR SIMON CLARKE**

### **GENERAL OCC REPORT**

#### **IN ALL TYPES OF WEATHER OCC CREWS ARE OUT REPAIRING THE ROADS**

Earlier this year OCC put an extra £10m into fixing the roads – effectively doubling the amount of money invested in repairs – and crews are out and about every day in all types of weather doing the job. Their work has already resulted in £1.6m worth of surface dressing with around 33km of roads being surfaced. Work is also under way on a £700,000 programme of surfacing sealing projects around the county. As well as the extra cash which is going into some larger projects, the county council has also increased the amount of relatively small-scale work it does to put right local roads that are suffering from potholes, cracks and worn out tarmac. The number of completed defect repairs between January and September this year is 35,127.

#### **SALTING, GRITTING AND SNOW CLEARANCE**

OCC is committed to keeping the network of major roads free from ice to minimise the risk of accidents and ensure the smooth flow of traffic. Precautionary salting (sometimes called 'gritting') helps achieve this aim. OCC usually salts between 2 November and 5 April. Live updates can be found here: <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/roads-and-transport/street-maintenance-z/salting-and-snow-clearance> Details about how community groups can request salt bins can be found here: <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/roads-and-transport/street-maintenance-z/salt-and-grit-bins>

#### **COUNCIL TO INVEST IN TECHNOLOGY TO IMPROVE & REDUCE RUNNING COSTS**

Plans to completely overhaul the county council were given the go-ahead by the county council's Cabinet on 16 October. They agreed a major investment in digital technology to improve customer service and reduce council running costs. The redesigned council will enable residents to report faults or book appointments online, freeing up staff time to help to service users who cannot go online or have complex care needs. Staff will be given the tools they need to do a better job and spend more time on delivering services to residents. Outdated ICT systems make it hard to join up services and will be replaced, with admin tasks automated to save money and make the council run more smoothly. The changes will support the county council's long-term vision of 'thriving communities for everyone in Oxfordshire'. The redesign is also needed to secure the council's long-term financial stability as demand for services continues to rise – particularly for children and adult social care.

#### **OCC TRADING STANDARDS & POLICE CONDUCT OPERATION ROGUE TRADER**

Rogue traders and aggressive doorstep sellers were targeted during October by OCC Trading Standards as part of ongoing work to protect residents and business people. Working in collaboration with Thames Valley Police, Operation Rogue Trader aims to stop rogue business practices and raise awareness of the dangers linked to hiring cold-callers. Fourteen Trading Standards staff and around

30 police travelled around the county when 67 traders were approached and checked; ten warning letters were issued; five waste offenders were fined by district councils; and an overloaded vehicle was investigated along with seven doorstep crime offences and two police offences. In Henley four traders were checked; three warning letters were issued to traders for not providing 'cancellation rights' to residents; and there were three offences for carrying waste without a licence. In Witney 11 traders were checked; and two warning letters issued to traders for not providing 'cancellation rights' to residents. Those who suspect someone of being a rogue trader or find themselves accosted by uninvited doorstep sellers should contact the Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline on 03454 040506.

## **BOOST FOR A 'FULL FIBRE' FUTURE IN OXFORDSHIRE**

Hundreds of businesses and homes across Oxfordshire are set to benefit from faster internet connections, following the launch of the UK Government's nationwide Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme (GBVS). The £67m investment is in addition to the £200m allocated to the Local Full Fibre Networks (LFFN) programme and will provide future-proof full fibre connections for businesses and the residential communities around them. It follows a successful pilot scheme launched in four areas around the country late last year, which has already seen nearly 1,000 vouchers used up to date. ThinkBroadband statistics show that 8% of homes and businesses in Oxfordshire already have a full fibre internet connection. Superfast broadband reaches almost 97% of premises, and even-quicker ultrafast broadband covers 51.3% of the county. The vouchers, worth up to £3,000 for a SME and £500 for a resident, provide a one-off contribution to subsidise the installation cost of gigabit-capable infrastructure. In addition to providing a boost to the 95% of the UK that can already get superfast speeds (24Mbps or faster), the vouchers could also help those not yet able to do so, helping to narrow the diminishing digital divide even further. The scheme launched at the end of March 2018 and will run until March 2021 or until all available funding has been allocated. For more information visit <https://gigabitevoucher.culture.gov.uk/>.

## **CARERS CAN SHOW BADGE FOR A FREE JAB**

Flu season is coming and the army of front line carers across Oxfordshire are being urged to make having a free jab a key priority. More than 8,500 staff employed in residential care, nursing homes or with registered domiciliary care providers, who are directly involved in the care of vulnerable people, are entitled to a free flu jab. Keeping this valuable workforce fit and well is essential to easing winter pressures across the county's health and social care system. Being immunised not only reduces the chances of carers themselves and their families becoming unwell, it also means that the health of the most vulnerable people in Oxfordshire's communities is not compromised. The flu is not the same as getting a cold. It can seriously affect an individual's health and the risks of developing complications are greater for people within the 'at-risk' groups – for example the over 65s and those with medical conditions like heart, lung and kidney diseases, diabetes, asthma and multiple sclerosis. Healthy individuals usually recover within two to seven days, but for some influenza can lead to a stay in hospital, permanent disability or even death. All workers across the NHS will get flu jabs – meaning the immunisation of the whole health and social care workforce will make the system more resilient. As well as workers in social care settings, anyone who receives a carers allowance, or is the main carer for an elderly or disabled person, is eligible for a free vaccination; all they must do is present their ID badge to a pharmacist or GP surgery.

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## CONNECTING OXFORDSHIRE

## Improving transport for Didcot and the surrounding area

### Scheme A: A4130 Capacity Improvements

#### What are the A4130 Capacity Improvements?

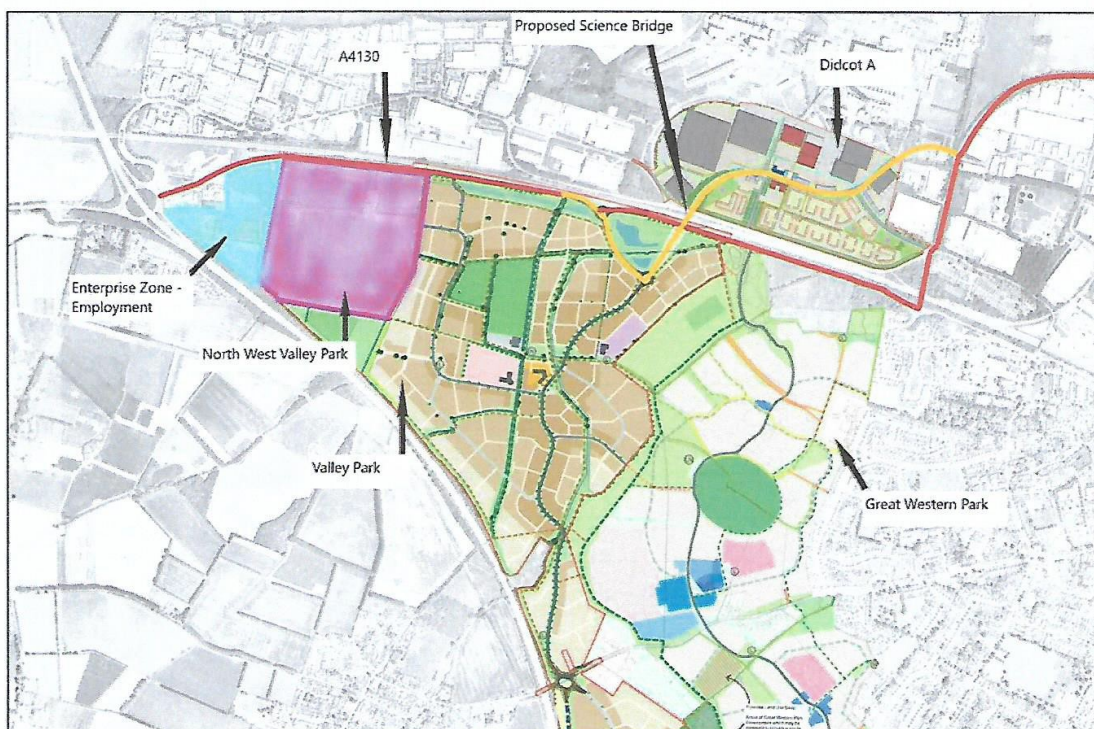
- A proposed new dual carriageway section on the A4130 between the A34 (Milton Interchange) and the new Science Bridge, so that there are two lanes in both directions.
- It will include new and improved pedestrian and cycle infrastructure along its length.

#### Why are A4130 capacity improvements needed?

- To significantly increase road capacity to meet future traffic demand and support planned

growth and economic development.

- To link housing directly to employment sites, including Didcot Garden Town developments.
- To improve direct access to the A34 (Strategic Road Network).
- To improve access to Didcot Parkway Station and Didcot Town Centre.
- To improve journey time reliability for bus passengers due to increased capacity.
- To deliver new high-quality cycle paths, making it more attractive for people to cycle
- To future proof the road network for the latest ways of travel including autonomous vehicles.



Development along the A4130 corridor



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## Improving transport for Didcot and the surrounding area

We have worked with the District Council's to look at the impact of the planned growth across the Didcot area. In our *Connecting Oxfordshire: Local Transport Plan 2015 – 2031* we set out an Area Strategy for Didcot and the surrounding area called the Science Vale Strategy. This document covers both strategic transport improvement schemes as well as smaller scale infrastructure schemes and public transport improvements for the area. This document can be found at: [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/connectingoxfordshire](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/connectingoxfordshire)

This map shows the proposed package of transport improvements for Didcot and the surrounding area to support planned development. The details of each of the four proposed transport improvements in the package are set-out on the following boards.

### Planned development with proposed package of transport improvements schemes

