

**Minutes of the Meeting of East Challow Parish Council
Wednesday 12 September 2018 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall**

Present: Cllr Vanessa Bosley (Chair), Cllr Frances Webb (Vice Chair), Cllr Sarah Parker, Cllr Iris Game
In attendance Sheryl Sanders (Clerk), Cllr Yvonne Constance (part)
Members of the Public: Four member of the public (part)

		Action
160/18	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Apologies received: None	
161/18	MINUTES OF MEETING HELD Wednesday 11 July 2018. Cllr Parker proposed accepting the minutes Cllr Game seconded. RESOLVED. The minutes were signed.	
162/18	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None were declared.	
	PUBLIC DISCUSSION TIME: A member of the public, who is a resident, was present to discuss the Park Farm development. He expressed concerns regarding the proposed traffic calming measures which are to be discussed with the developer, Crest Nicholson, in a forthcoming meeting. He feels that the approved planning application for 88 houses is proving unprofitable and this has resulted in Crest Nicholson applying for planning permission to increase the number of homes to 114. Another resident was present to discuss the problem of parked cars on the north end of the village green (adjacent to Bridge House), obstructing access to the properties and businesses. One section of the road has suffered severe damage – this has been repaired by OCC and measures have been taken to protect the side of Bridge House. A letter was handed to the Council requesting parking restrictions to be put in place.	
163/18	COUNTY COUNCIL AND DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS: An increase in council tax will be used to pay for borrowing £120m (for repairs/maintenance to roads). The district council has completed LPP2 (Local Plan Part 2). The proposal of 600 houses at Kingston Bagpuize would not be viable because of traffic. The Oxford – Cambridge expressway is progressing and should be completed by 2020. The B4507 (Wantage to Ashbury road) is being repaired and new warning signs have been ordered regarding pedestrians in the White Horse Hill area. c.500 pot holes per month are being repaired. Thoughts on re-opening the station at Grove are beginning to take shape. A possible decision date is 2026. Cllr Constance was thanked for attending.	
164/18	POLICING REPORT: No report was received. The clerk had contacted PCSO Walcott- Smith following a request from a member of the public for a 'Meet and Greet' in the village. A date of 6 October 10-11am had been agreed. The clerk will publicise this in the next edition of the Challow News.	Clerk

165/18	<p>PLANNING MATTERS: Review of Dandara's presentation – Some residents from the Nalderfield development are unhappy with the proposal for 700+ houses to be built in East Challow. Cllr Parker reported that residents had sent a combined response on how they felt changes could be made to make the proposal more acceptable. A spokesperson from Dandara, who was present at the meeting, advised that feedback from villagers was welcomed. Dandara are seeking opinions at this point in time. There has not been a planning application submitted. They would welcome the opportunity to work with the Parish Council and Neighbourhood Planning group. The proposal is not in the allocation by the district council. The Parish Council had not made a response to the proposal but were concerned that Letcombe Hill and Silver Lane would see an increase of traffic by drivers using the roads as 'rat runs'. The houses were driven by the offer, from Dandara, of a relief/link road. A school and retail premises were offered. Concerns were also raised regarding field EC14 where the road joins the A417 at the north west area of the village which would open up land for development. Meeting with Crest Nicholson (Park Farm developers) and OCC A meeting was to take place on 19 September 2018 to discuss traffic calming measures on the A417. Cllr Game gave her apologies for this meeting. Rose Cottage Planning Appeal – The Parish Council responded to the appeal by re-enforcing their original objection.</p>	
	MATTERS ARISING NOT COVERED IN THE AGENDA	
166/18	<p>ASSET REGISTER Cllr Parker and the clerk will work on updating the asset register. Cllr Parker requested a copy of the existing asset register.</p>	c/f Cllr Parker/ Clerk
167/18	<p>ACCOUNTS Approval of September Payments</p> <p>Tablets have been purchased. They need to be set-up and email addresses sorted.</p> <p>The full list of payments is attached to the minutes. Total for approval for September 2018 is £2021.64. Cllr Webb proposed accepting and Cllr Game seconded.</p> <p>The consideration of electronic banking will be deferred until 2019.</p>	
168/18	<p>FOOTBALL CLUB AGREEMENT A meeting between East Challow Parish Council and Wantage Town FC had not taken place. The pitch is being used and the pavilion is being used for storage by the football club.</p>	
169/18	<p>VILLAGE HALL TOILET REFURBISHMENT/WREN GRANT A contract has been prepared between East Challow Parish Council and the contractor. It will be signed by both parties. Mr Moss of the Village Hall Committee will be the contact between WREN, VWHDC and the contractor.</p>	
170/18	<p>NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN: The Neighbourhood Plan has been submitted for informal review. Amendments from VWHDC have been suggested. East Challow Parish Council will meet to discuss and give comments and feedback to the NP group.</p>	All cllrs
171/18	GDPR AND ICO REGISTRATION:	

	The clerk has registered with the ICO, a requirement for all data handlers.	
172/18	GROUND MAINTENANCE: Contractors are to be contacted to see if they would like to extend their contracts for a further year.	Clerk
173/18	COUNTY COUNCILLORS PRIORITY FUND The Parish Council can apply for funds for projects up to a value of £2000. The Council would like to replace the noticeboard on the village green. The clerk will submit the necessary form.	Clerk
174/18	CORNHILL LANE (BOAT) West Challow Parish Council have approached East Challow Parish Council regarding working together to obtain a seasonal restriction order. East Challow Parish Council welcome this partnership as they had been working towards re-classification of Cornhill Lane. CANAL TOWPATH An email from a member of the public had been received regarding the canal towpath. It was decided that it would be appropriate to contact the Wilts & Berks Canal Trust for advice.	Clerk
175/18	RECREATION AREA Play Area/inspection: The inspection report was noted. The repairs to the wooden surrounds on the play equipment is still outstanding. The work to the swings, which had been classified as dangerous, had been addressed. The annual ROSPA (Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents) report had been received. The observations with high priority actions had been dealt with. Councillors will meet to assess the remaining requirements. Pavilion: The pavilion is being used to store football equipment. Tennis/Netball Court: A quote (£75.15) for a notice has been received. Football Pitch: The football pitch is being used occasionally. Allotments: It had been reported to the Parish Council that there were bees on one of the allotments. Cllr Bosley had contacted Vale & Downland Bee Keepers Association. They advised that the bees would disappear with the onset of autumn and are harmless. Plot 9B has been tenanted and is showing signs of being cultivated. Parish Carpark: Adjacent to the school: There has been a lot of litter in the carpark over the last couple of months.	

	<p>A quote for a gate is still outstanding.</p> <p>The Parish Council are aware that there is a rough sleeper in the copse at the edge of the football pitch. It is understood to be temporary. This has been reported to the police.</p>	Clerk
176/18	<p>CLERK'S CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>Email – A free sapling is being offered by the Woodland Trust to commemorate WW1, this includes a plaque. The clerk will accept the offer and find out what species of tree are available before deciding where it should be planted.</p> <p>Email – From insurance company regarding the gate onto Old School Lane. This matter was carried forward to the next meeting.</p> <p>Email – Vale Community Awards. The council would like to nominate two people. The clerk will forward the names of the nominees to the VWHDC.</p>	Clerk Clerk
177/18	<p>ITEMS FOR CHALLOW NEWS</p> <p>PCSO – Have your say meeting 6 October</p> <p>Autumnal Clear up</p>	
178/18	AOB (For Information only)	
179/18	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING:</p> <p>Wednesday 10 October 2018 at 7.30pm</p>	

The meeting closed 10.50 pm

Signed by Cllr Vanessa Bosley (Chair)
