

**Minutes of the Meeting of East Challow Parish Council
Wednesday 1 DECEMBER 2021 at 7.30 pm held in East Challow Village Hall**

In attendance: Councillors VA Bosley (Chair), S Parker and T Hayes

In attendance: The interim Parish Clerk

Members of the Public: Three present

		Action
130/21	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillors P Barrow, F Webb, I Game and County Councillor Y Constance	
13121	MINUTES OF MEETING HELD Wednesday 10 November 2021 Cllr Parker proposed accepting the minutes of 10 November. Cllr Hayes seconded. RESOLVED. The minutes were agreed.	
132/21	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST : None were declared.	
133/21	PUBLIC DISCUSSION TIME: 10 Minutes Three members of the public were present.	
134/21	DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS Neither Councillors were present at the meeting. Reports from Cllr Barrow had been received and circulated prior to this meeting.	
135/21	PLANNING MATTERS: To consider new applications and update on previous applications. P21/V3299/SCR For development work at the following location: Land to the north of Challow Road Wantage. Request for a Screening Option with regard to proposed application for approximately 200 dwellings. The Parish Council will put correspondence together objecting to this Screening Option and will point out that the land is in East Challow Parish, NOT Wantage. Response pre-meeting via email from Cllr Barrow as District Councillor. P21/3299/SCR. As mentioned I have contacted the Vale about this objecting on the grounds that (i) Local Plan pt2 (CP 20a) allocates no further large development in the wester vale sub-rea, (ii) the population of East Challow will have increased by 40% in the last 20 years, more than any other in this ward, (iii) there is a degree of duplicity in referring to this site as “west of Wantage” rather than East Challow, (iv) although the neighbourhood plan is not yet complete and has not yet “been made” it clearly reflects residents wishes that the village does not coalesce with Grove and Wantage, (v) the only acceptable site around the village is a brown-field site (Haynes) should a serious proposal be forthcoming (although it would be preferred that Haynes stayed as it is!), (vi) the development would adversely affect biodiversity on the site as it is immediately adjacent to the canal. Amphibians would be particularly affected, (vii) a spring arises on the site and it is likely that the water table on the lower slope will be very close to the land surface as found further west.	

	<p>The Interim Parish Clerk said that there had been a vehement response from the Stockham Facebook Group and that a petition had been created.</p> <p>P21/V3292/HH - 1 Windmill Place, East Challow, Wantage, OX12 The Parish Council were in agreement that no objection to the proposed work at 1 Windmill Place should be made.</p> <p>P21/V1643/HH – 7 Childrey Way, East Challow, Wantage, OX12 The Parish Council requested that the proposed planning at 7 Childrey Way needs to go to committee. A response is required by 15 December 2021. Cllr Barrow to request the committee to object.</p> <p>P21/V2702/FUL Challow Hill Farm planning application was approved.</p> <p>P21/V1755/HH Valentine Food Catering Trailer on Grove Tech Park was approved.</p> <p>P21/V2678/HH The Old Apple Yard, Main Street, planning application was approved.</p>	
136/21	<p>UPDATE ON MATTERS NOT OTHERWISE COVERED ON THE AGENDA</p> <p>Wilts and Berks Canal Trust will attend February 2022's Parish Council meeting to discuss the possibility of the Queens Canopy/ Queens Platinum Jubilee trees along the canal. The Interim Clerk updated the Parish Council on the request for trees from the Queen's Canopy Project made in September 2021.</p> <p>The vacancy for Parish Clerk/ RFO closes on 30 November.</p> <p>The vacancy for the new Parish Councillor closes on 10 December.</p> <p>There has been no further update from Mrs E Redford regarding the Mission Hall.</p>	

13721	<p>ACCOUNTS</p> <p>a) To agree December 2021 payments Total for approval for December 2021 was £1822.77 Cllr Bosley proposed, Cllr Hayes seconded. It was resolved to approve the December 2021 payments.</p> <p>b) To confirm budget requirements The budget is being worked on and will be brought to the January 2022 meeting for approval.</p> <p>c) To confirm audit A date is needed by January. Three dates have been offered.</p> <p>d) SSEN Request for payment SSEN paid. Depowering the Pavilion is ongoing discussion.</p> <p>e) Precept 2022/3 To be agreed at the 12 Jan 2022 Parish Council before going to the Vale by 21 January 2022. The Chair has got an extension on the response date.</p> <p>f) Banking/ Accounts Agreed to close the Co-Op Bank account in Oxford. A new bank and account are required. To be actioned when the new Parish Clerk is in position.</p> <p>g) Financial rules and regulations Agenda item for January. Needs to be reviewed early 2022.</p>	<p>SP</p> <p>VAB</p> <p>SP</p> <p>Clerk</p>
138/21	<p>CEMETERY</p> <p>To receive an update on the New Cemetery well points Cllr Hayes reported that the deepest dry point is 1.1 metres and will not achieve the required 2.5 metres.</p> <p>a) Vicarage Hill Cemetery Noticeboard The rules and regulations regarding grave plots need to be attached to the Cemetery gates. Interim Parish Clerk to contact Falcon signs for quote to create and attach sign.</p> <p>b) DEFRA Burial Authority Consultation Cllr Hayes thought Cllr Barrow was responding to this in his role as District Councillor.</p>	<p>TH</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>PB</p>
139/21	<p>SPEEDING THROUGH THE VILLAGE (A417) Cllr Hayes and Barrow's 30 mph signs have been removed. There have been several reports on Facebook of near misses with pedestrians when vehicles jump the traffic lights Response from Cllr Barrow via email: Mark Francis has offered two further VASs one facing Wantage on the A417 and a second on the A417 opposite the Old School House facing north. There is a great deal of concern amongst residents about speeding traffic especially approaching the pedestrian crossing with the risk of a serious accident. I have asked for an update from me to be placed on the village Facebook pages. I also think that the VASs are not visible enough and recommend that we invest in an Elan City Evolis SID as used in East Hanney. Mark has offered us a free post for it and he has also agreed to having a meeting in the village with PC members, residents and Yvonne. We are trying to fix a date for this.</p> <p>Twenty's plenty It has been suggested to the Parish Council that it will not be possible to make the A417 20mph, but the rest of the village would benefit from the Twenty's Plenty scheme. It was agreed by all Parish Councillors to adopt it and apply to the OCC.</p>	<p>PB</p>

140/21	<p>UPDATE ON THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN The public consultation will close on 24 December 2021. The next phase is due in early 2022. Cllr Hayes was asked if he could update the Parish Council on broadband in the village.</p>	
141/21	<p>FOOTPATHS/RIGHTS of WAY/BOATS</p> <p>a) Update from Cllr Barrow Response from Cllr Barrow via email: I will contact Andrew Peters the Wasborough agent in the new year about getting the footpaths north of the village cut for next year to allow them to be used for walking. Since we are proposing that several plots owned by them are designated Local Green Spaces in the Neighbourhood Plan, despite his objection, I am waiting a while before contacting him about the footpaths.</p> <p>b) Work on the Canal Towpath Aggregate and woodchip to be used on the canal path in the muddiest patches.</p>	PB
142/21	<p>RECREATION AREA</p> <p>a) Play Area Lewis Broyde to get ROSPA report.</p> <p>b) Pavilion Cllr Hayes will prepare more information once the budget has been set. A steering group needs actioning in February 2022 and a note needs to go into Challow News of the intended project/ work going forward.</p> <p>c) Tennis Court Lewis Broyde to undertake tennis court surface maintenance.</p>	Clerk
143/21	<p>GROUND MAINTENANCE</p> <p>a) Schedules/ Quotes Schedules to be reviewed before writing up spec for tendering process. To be ready after Christmas 2021.</p> <p>b) Quote for Autumnal maintenance work Agreed that the lower quote from Wises meant that the work to clear the land in front of Longs Cottages would be undertaken by them.</p>	VAB
144/21	<p>CLERK'S CORRESPONDENCE An email was received from John Speakman regarding speeding through the village. Cllr Barrow to chase Mark Francis from OCC to undertake a new road survey. A suggestion was made that should a new community speedwatch team be created, then a handheld speed camera could be procured.</p>	PB
145/21	<p>ITEMS FOR CHALLOW NEWS No edition until February 2022.</p>	

146/21	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS – INFORMATION ONLY</p> <p>Public art to delineate and define the geographical difference between Wantage and East Challow needs to be chased up, Abby Brown/ Gus Mills and KA's sixth form were mentioned. Cllr Hayes will make contact via Zoom.</p> <p>Cllr Parker to attend a protest meeting with the residents of Lydsee Gate and Stockham regarding the Screening Option for land between Wantage and East Challow.</p> <p>Mrs S Terry wishes to continue with the book swap in the old Telephone Box on the Village Green.</p> <p>Mrs M Cumberland to be asked to run defibrillator training course in early 2022.</p> <p>Emma English to report on Scout and Beavers Group in 2022 after COVID restrictions have been lifted.</p> <p>Possible meeting of the Village Hall Committee and ECPC in February 2022 to discuss whether the Village Hall Committee Room may be used full time by the Parish Council.</p>	TH SP
147/21	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 12 January 2022 @ 7.30pm East Challow Village Hall.</p>	

The meeting closed 9.20 pm

Signed by Cllr Vanessa Bosley (Chair)
