

Minutes of meeting of East Challow Parish Council
Wednesday 9 March 2022 at 7:30pm held in East Challow Village Hall

In attendance: Councillors VA Bosley (Chair), P Barrow and T Hayes.
Linda Hooper (New Parish Clerk).
Present a member of the public

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	Apologies for absence Councillors S Parker, F Webb and I Game	
18/22	Minutes of meeting held Wednesday 12 January 2022 The December minutes were proposed for approval by Cllr VA Bosley and seconded by Cllr T Hayes. The January minutes were proposed for approval by Cllr T Hayes and seconded by Cllr VA Bosley.	
19/22	Declarations of interest: none were declared	
20/22	Public discussion time: Mr L Broyd gave an update from the annual ROSPa inspection and suggested actions he could take to rectify the points that were highlighted. Mr Broyd also reported that litter in/around the village was much better and that the barrier gate at the top car park was doing its job.	
21/22	District and County Council Matters: District Councillor Paul Barrow presented his report to the parish council. See attached. Councillor Barrow mentioned local governance and asked the Chair to check the files. Councillor Barrow met with local MP David Johnson and asked the clerk to add the photograph that was taken to the website. Councillor Barrow will chase Crest Nicholson regarding the opening of the footpath along the Challow Road.	Cllr V Bosley L Hooper

22/22	<p>Planning Matters To consider any new applications and updates on previous planning applications</p> <p>a) P22/V0283/FUL 1 Challow Marsh Cottages, East Challow, conversion of a redundant stables building into a single storey dwelling incorporating the immediately surrounding former grazing land. The Parish Council had no objections.</p> <p>b) P21/V1643/HH 7 Childrey Way, East Challow, OX12 Detached annex for family member was granted</p> <p>c) P22/V0073/DIS St Nicholas School, Sarajac Avenue, East Challow, OX12 Discharge condition 6 (Construction Traffic) (A new single storey two classroom building with associated external works on the existing school site.) Clerk to check with OCC regarding the traffic discharge condition.</p>	<p>Cllr VA Bosley to respond by 12/3/22</p> <p>L Hooper</p>
	<p>d) P21/V3292/HH 1 Windmill Place East Challow Wantage OX12 Proposed roof re-alignment, loft conversion and internal alterations, planning permission was granted.</p>	
23/22	<p>Matters to report not otherwise covered on the agenda</p> <p>Public Art/S106 money Councillor Hayes gave an update. He spoke to a local artist and wood carver Mr. P Grenfell who will work with Ms. A Brown and the Parish council. Councillor Hayes will arrange a meeting with Ms. Brown to progress the project.</p> <p>Councillor Bosley reminded the members of the Parish Council that historic deeds and paperwork need to go to a solicitor for safe keeping.</p> <p>There was no further update on village broadband other than it is continuing to be rolled out.</p> <p>Referring to Councillor P Barrow's update on planning. The Vale has increased its input into planning enforcement. As always, prioritisation of cases will be done but hopefully we can get a more proactive approach to this (which is necessarily reactive, of course).</p> <p>The use of the committee room was discussed for Parish Council use but no arrangements have been agreed but the Parish Council would like to display a village map in the room.</p>	<p>Cllr T Hayes</p> <p>Cllr VA Bosley</p> <p>Cllr P Barrow</p>
24/22	<p>Accounts:</p> <p>a) To agree the March 2022 payments of £1636.44 was proposed by Cllr VA Bosley and seconded by Cllr P Barrow.</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b) There were no payments for February 2022 to ratify other than a direct debit to Ionos for £18.00 c) The Clerk to contact Miss E Green of Do The Numbers Ltd regarding the upcoming annual Parish Council Audit. d) The Parish Council Financial rules and regulations were approved. Proposed by Cllr T Hayes and seconded by Cllr VA Bosley. The Clerk to add to the website. e) The pay award from NALC 1/4/21 – 31/3/22 increase by 1.75% was proposed by Councilor P Barrow and seconded by Councilor VA Bosley 	<p>L Hooper</p> <p>L Hooper</p>
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25/22	<p>Cemetery</p> <p>Councilor Hayes updated those Councillors present and Councilor Barrow said he would approach Wasborough about any land available.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) It was suggested that a new location was considered for a cemetery and this will be added to the agenda for the next meeting. b) For Vicarage Hill cemetery two quotes will be obtained for clearing area for new burial plots. 	<p>L Hooper</p> <p>VA Bosley</p>
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26/22	<p>Speeding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Councilor P Barrow has been in touch with Mr. M Francis OCC, who has forwarded the council's concerns to Mr. R Moore regarding road re-surfacing, painting white lines around the bollards and obtaining a post and a SID b) 20's plenty has been suggested for the A417 in Wantage and the Parish Council would like it to continue through the village. To be carried forward to the next meeting. c) It was noted the speed gun required for speedwatch could be shared between Parish Councils. Advertising and training would have to be considered in the budget. d) A local resident from the Nalder Estate has again been in contact with the clerk regarding the large vehicles that pass her property first thing in the morning causing the building to shake. 	
27/22	<p>To receive an update on Neighborhood Plan Consultancy</p> <p>Mr. Jeremy Flawn is still working with Councilor Barrow on local green spaces.</p>	

28/22	<p>Footpaths & Rights of Way</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The canal towpath is continuing to be cleared by the Wilts Berks Canal Trust. b) Cllr Barrow has requested the clerk check whether footpaths and rights of way need to be registered. c) The chair has asked for the footpaths/boats which are on the land belonging to Wasborough for the clearing to be addressed prior to the summer. d) Councilor Barrow to approach the OCC to move the concrete blocks slightly to allow cyclists and motorbikes to pass by them. e) Councilor Barrow has contacted local land owners Comley regarding the diversion of the towpath. f) Councilor Barrow has reported the ownership of Marsh Lane still needs to be decided. g) The trees for the Queens Platinum Jubilee have arrived and the chair will contact the Wilts Berks Canal Group with regard to planting them. Possibly some trees will be reserved for the cemetery. 	<p>Cllr P Barrow</p> <p>L Hooper</p>
29/22	<p>Recreation Area:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Mr. L Broyde gave an update on the play area with specific work being generated from the ROSPA report 2021. Involving the carousel, paint damage, rubber matting and on-going adjustment of the gates. b) The Pavilion has a new padlock on it c) Tennis court surface is in need of cleaning due to moss which Mr. Broyd will continue to treat it ready for opening at Easter. 	
30/22	<p>Ground Maintenance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Contractor(s) for 2022/2023 have been approved and Grounds Maintenance schedules slightly amended. Risk assessments and RAMS have been requested. This was proposed in principle by Cllr S Parker and seconded by VA Bosley who have both worked on the schedules. It was approved by the Parish Councillors present. Councilor T Hayes raised his concerns over the risk assessments. 	
31/22	<p>Operation London Bridge</p> <p>The clerk updated the council on the meeting held on 18/1/22. Processes are in place and the council will work in conjunction with church. An acquisition of a book of condolence was discussed.</p>	<p>L Hooper</p>

