

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SHIPLAKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN SHIPLAKE  
MEMORIAL HALL ON MONDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER AT 7.45 PM.**

- 1. PRESENT:** Mr T Taylor (Chairman), Mr R Head, Mr D Pheasant, Mr R Curtis, Mr G Davies, Mr M Leonard, Miss A Manning, Mr D Bartholomew (OCC) and Mr P Harrison (DC) in addition there were 2 members of the public present **APOLOGIES:** Mr F Maroudas, sent his apologies.
- 2. DECLARATIONS OF GIFTS & INTEREST.** Councillors were given the opportunity to declare any gifts or interest in any item on the Agenda. None declared.
- 3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SHIPLAKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 11th SEPTEMBER** The following changes were noted. Item 51.18 .1) should read Mr Head requested that the Clerk write to Chilterns AONB for an update, ACTION: Clerk. The minutes were then approved on a motion proposed by Mr T Taylor and seconded by Mr R Head. In Section 9.1. The following proposal should be included "The council, having taken legal advice, (a) instructs its legal advisors to issue proceedings for a statutory review of the planning inspector's Thames Farm decision (b) approves the expenditure of up to £12k in connection therewith ( including all costs to date) and (c) authorises the Chairman, the Parish Council and / or Cllr Maroudas to take any steps required to give effect to this resolution." Council approved the motion proposed by Mr F Maroudas and seconded by Mr T Taylor.
- 4. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**
  - 1) Defibrillator servicing update requested Mr D Pheasant, Clerk requested to set up service contract. Mr D Pheasant to forward contact numbers
  - 2) Assets of Community Value: the Plowden Arms. On a proposal by Mr D Pheasant seconded by Mr R Curtis Council agreed to register the Plowden Arms as an asset of Community Value. However as a courtesy gesture, Council agreed for Mr G Davies to contact the Pub's Landlords to explain Councils intention to register the Pub as a Community Asset .. ACTION: G Davies
- 5. POLICE MATTERS.** There was no Police report and no attendance despite promises from PCSO Hands. Mr G Davies reported that teachers at the Primary School are getting verbal abuse from drivers trying to avoid road closure at Flowing Spring Mr D Bartholomew to follow up whether a temporary one-way system can be implemented to avoid speeding and congestion. ACTION: [D Bartholomew]. Clerk requested to advise PCSO Hands and get some presence at the pinch points by the School. ACTION: Clerk
- 6. O.C.C. REPORT TO SHIPLAKE PARISH COUNCIL OCTOBER 2017 FROM CLLR DAVID BARTHOLOMEW**

**GENERAL OCC REPORT OXFORDSHIRE**

  - 1. GROWTH BOARD BACKS INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING BID**

The Oxfordshire Growth Board\* has provided unanimous support for an application to the Government's Housing Infrastructure Fund (HIF) as part of a package of investment to deliver transport infrastructure. The funding bid for up to £500 million was submitted on 28 September by OCC as the county's transport authority. Money is sought to bring forward infrastructure investment to pump-prime three major development schemes:

    1. Didcot Garden Town – £171m is bid for transport improvements including a Didcot Science Bridge and A4130 dual carriageway, a new river crossing at Culham and Clifton Hampden Bypass. This would support the delivery of over 22,000 homes in Didcot, Culham, Harwell and Berinsfield. Additionally, up to £70m of cycle and other sustainable transport improvements are proposed for inclusion in the bid plan.
    2. West Oxfordshire Garden Village – £135.4m is bid for further upgrades to the A40, building on existing schemes and based on the approved A40 Long Term Strategy including development of the Rapid Transit network and additional highway capacity on A40 transport corridor. This would support the delivery of over 10,000 homes in Witney & Carterton, and around Eynsham.
    3. North of Oxford – £152m is bid for the development of Rapid Transit lines on upgraded A44 and A4260 corridors, a new Park & Ride, and strategic cycle infrastructure plus. Support is also sought for additional education requirements (yet un-costed). This would support the delivery of 5,570 homes in Woodstock, Begbroke/Yarnton and the Northern Gateway.

The bids submitted to the £2.3 billion Housing Infrastructure Fund are ranked as above according to the Government's scoring method, with the guidance that the strongest bid be put first. The Oxfordshire Infrastructure Strategy, commissioned by the Growth Board, was used to identify infrastructure priorities that offered the prospect of a step-change in housing provision in a defined area. The Government will consider Oxfordshire's bids along with those from other areas and the highest-ranking schemes will go through to a second stage in Spring 2018, with final funding awards announced from Summer 2018.

The HIF funding bids complement other work being conducted by the Growth Board to secure investment in transport, schools, hospitals and other infrastructure needed to support the predicted growth in population, and meet the future needs of Oxfordshire families, their children and grandchildren in terms of jobs and homes across the county to 2040 and beyond. This includes discussions with the National Infrastructure Commission (NIC) over the proposed Oxford to Cambridge Growth Corridor. It also involves linked discussions with Government supported by both Oxford Universities - over a Housing and Growth Package for Oxfordshire to help unlock the benefits of the county's strong and growing knowledge-intensive economy.

\*The Oxfordshire Growth Board comprises the six councils: Cherwell District Council, Oxford City Council, Oxfordshire County Council, South Oxfordshire District Council, Vale of White Horse District Council and West Oxfordshire District Council, together with the county's Local Enterprise Partnership (OxLEP).

## 2. **TENTH PUBLIC HEALTH ANNUAL REPORT PUBLISHED**

Oxfordshire's Director of Public Health has published his tenth Public Health Annual Report. It is an independent report about the state of health in Oxfordshire and the challenges facing the county and its residents. It is written in a very readable style and can be found here

<http://mycouncil.oxfordshire.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Cid=148&Mid=5106>MORE

## 3. **MORE CHANCES FOR OPEN ACCESS CHILDREN'S SERVICES START-UP FUNDING**

The council last year opened a £1m Transition Fund to help schemes for nought to five-year-olds get off the ground at locations formerly served by children's centres. To date a total of 27 projects have been awarded funding – in addition to open access sessions at the council's network of eight family centres. The final round of applications ended earlier this year, with £232,000 remaining unallocated. OCC's Cabinet has agreed to reopen the applications process to enable new groups to come forward with their plans. The funding criteria will be broadened to allow groups to apply for grants in locations not previously served by children's centres, or where a children's centre has been repurposed – for instance, as a nursery. Community groups interested in finding out more about the Transition Fund and running open access children's services should contact [localities@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:localities@oxfordshire.gov.uk)

## 4. **NEW ERA FOR DAYTIME SUPPORT IN OXFORDSHIRE**

A new system of delivering daytime support services in Oxfordshire came in to operation on 1st October. Eight new centres\*\* will provide support for more than 500 older people or people with a learning disability who have been assessed as having an eligible need and some other people who do not have an assessed need. The changes follow a consultation with service users and their families in late 2016 in which they were given the opportunity to have a wide-ranging input in to how the new service should take shape. Within the council's new £4.5m service there are 1,600 days of support per week (3,200 sessions) being provided across the eight locations. Each centre will have its own fleet of family-size vehicles, some of which will be adapted. These will be used to transport people to and from the centres and will be driven by staff from the Community Support Service. There will be a number of options for meals, including: staff supporting people to eat out at a local café, cooking as part of a small group, paying towards a group meal prepared by others, a simple hot meal prepared by staff, and people bringing in their own pre-prepared meal or light lunch if they wish to.

\*\*The centres are located at Audlett Drive, Abingdon; Neithrop Avenue, Banbury; Launton Road, Bicester; Britwell Road, Didcot; Agward Stone Road, Horspath Driftway, Oxford; High Street, Wallingford; Charlton Village Road, Wantage; and Moorland Road, Witney.

## 5. **FREE ELECTRIC BLANKET TESTING OFFERED AS THE WINTER MONTHS APPROACH**

People in Oxfordshire who have electric blankets to keep them warm on chilly nights are again being urged to get them tested free by OCC Trading Standards & Fire and Rescue Services. In

2016, 21% of blankets tested failed to meet safety requirements. Blanket testing this year is taking place at the following locations during October:

Wallingford - Thursday 5 October Abingdon - Friday 6 October

To book a safety check appointment call 01865 898642 or email:

[communityengagement@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:communityengagement@oxfordshire.gov.uk)

## SPECIFIC REPORT FOR SHIPLAKE

### **5. MOUNT IDA P16/S2861/O**

I have continued to liaise with Cllr Pheasant in relation to Highways aspects of this application.

### **6. RETIREMENT VILLAGE P16/S3438/O**

I have continued to liaise with Cllr Pheasant in relation to Highways aspects of this application.

### **7. A4155 WORKS BETWEEN FLOWING SPRING & PLAYHATCH ROUNDABOUT**

I undertook a site visit last week and was advised that the project was on schedule and on budget. I have received very few complaints about the disruption caused by the traffic diversion.

### **8. THIRD READING BRIDGE**

Matt Rodda MP convened a meeting of the Bridge Steering Group on Monday 18th September and I was not invited. The only Oxfordshire Councillors present were Ian Hudspeth, Leader OCC, and John Cotton, Leader of SODC, neither of whom are close to the issue. Aside from MPs Matt Rodda and John Howell, the majority of attendees were Berkshire councillors and officers. The following day, a Berkshire representative present at the meeting stated during a BBC Berkshire Radio interview that in his view the bridge would be built within five years. The project continues to be driven with enthusiasm and vigour by Berkshire bodies, while neither Oxfordshire council has much interest in the process, resulting in limited challenge to the benefits suggested by the proponents. I have circulated all available documentation to parish councillors (email to clerk 20th September 09.19hrs).

## **7. S.O.D.C. Cllr. P Harrison**

District Councillor's Report October 2017

### **1. Meeting the challenge of delivering new homes**

We have published a draft joint housing delivery strategy and have launched a public consultation. If adopted, this will help to ensure the thousands of new homes set to be built across our districts to meet the needs of our communities.

You can view and comment on the proposed strategy on our websites for south here

The public consultation closes at midnight on Monday 23 October.

### **2. Local Plan**

Our local plan part two has progressed through Scrutiny Cabinet and Full Council. We have also recently held a briefing session for our town and parish councils. The plan will be available for public comment from 11 October to 22 November.

We are creating a factsheet and a short video clip to explain the next stage of the plan and how to submit comments. These will also be available on our website from 11 October.

### **3. Disqualifying individuals from elections consultation**

The government has published proposals to update the criteria for disqualifying individuals from being elected, holding office as a local authority member or directly elected mayor.

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/645454/Disqualification\\_criteria\\_for\\_councillors\\_and\\_mayors.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/645454/Disqualification_criteria_for_councillors_and_mayors.pdf)

If you have any views that you'd like included in the consultation or have any general queries, please email the monitoring officer. The consultation closes at 5pm on 8 December.

### **4. Annual Canvass - reminder yellow letters**

We have started to contact households and send out reminder yellow letters for the annual electoral register canvass campaign.

We've had a great response so far with over 70 per cent of residents in both South and Vale completing their forms online or by post. However, we still need to hear back from over 30,000 households and are using local media and social media to help spread the message that our residents are required to respond to our correspondence and telephone canvassing.

If you haven't already done so you can respond online here and log in using the reference code on your letter.

### **5. Grants update**

Festival grants are available to help pay for community events happening in your area in the run up to Christmas or in the new year. The grants team need six weeks' notice to process their applications before the event. For more information see our website.

The new homes bonus and capital grant schemes deadline is 15 October. If you know of any community groups or charities that could apply, please direct them to our website that explains our criteria.

If you'd like to speak to one of the grants team, please contact them direct by email or phone 01235 422405.

#### **6. Councillor grants - applications needed**

We've started receiving applications for councillor grants and have made our first three decisions with payments now on their way.

Don't forget to spread the word about the grant you have available by directing people to our website [www.southoxon.gov.uk/grants](http://www.southoxon.gov.uk/grants).

The deadline for groups to apply is 20 December - only 11 weeks away!

#### **7. Planning update**

Local Plan

Following approval at full council, we will launch our six-week publicity period on the Local Plan 2033 on 11 October. To coincide with the launch, we will publish a video and fact sheet on our website to explain how to comment effectively.

We are hosting a number of drop in events for residents to find out more:

21 Oct - 10am - 2pm at Henley Town Hall

17 Nov - 3 - 7pm at Chalgrove Village Hall

We'll be holding separate briefings for parish councils and neighbourhood planning groups on 11 October at 6.30-8.30pm at Didcot Civic Hall. If you'd like to attend please contact Jessica Wilmshurst.

#### **8. Get ready for autumn with extra garden waste collections**

Residents across southern Oxfordshire who are signed up for brown bin collections can put out twice as much garden waste during one week this month.

South Oxfordshire district council is giving those who are part of the paid-for service the opportunity to put out the equivalent of one extra bin's worth of garden waste (around three large bin bags) during:

- week commencing 23 October — South Oxfordshire

Residents should leave their extra garden waste out in bin liners or sacks beside their brown bins on their usual collection day during these weeks. Trade waste bags cannot be accepted.

Cllr Tony Harbour, cabinet member for waste at South Oxfordshire District Council, said:

"The garden waste service is very popular and this is a little thank you to our residents for all their efforts with recycling. We'd like to encourage everyone to make use of the larger collection."

**8. OPEN FORUM** Chairman closed the meeting at 8.35pm to allow comment from members of the public Ms Broughton restated the issues of speeding motorists along Memorial Avenue. Council were supportive of her concerns and asked the Clerk to contact PCSO Hands see item 5. Mr G Davies proposed a motion to request OCC to install a one-way system utilising Plough Lane and Memorial Avenue seconded by Miss A Manning. ACTION D. Bartholomew. The chairman resumed the meeting at 8.44pm.

#### **9. SPECIAL REPORTS-PLANNING.**

Update on developments at Sidney Harrison House from SOHA

We are currently working through the planning conditions and are hoping to commence the demolition works in the New year.

We are putting together our Travel plan, Access Statement etc., and were wondering if you could provide some information with regards to parking outside the site.

I am aware of a partial single yellow line to the front of the site, and a parking restriction sign at the junction of Lowes Close (no stopping between 9am & 10am). Do you know if the yellow line runs the full length of the site frontage? It was difficult to see when I was last on site with the amount of debris to the kerbside.

I am also aware of cars parked to the front of the site belonging to commuters who use the nearby station.

We were hoping that you could share your knowledge of local parking issues/concerns, other than those mentioned above, that we will need to consider?

## **10. PLANNING**

The Planning Working Party submitted the following recommendations:

P17/S3119/FUL

Thames Farm Reading Road Shiplake Henley On Thames RG9 3PH

Applicant: DPDS Consulting Group

Description

Change of use of barn to 4 residential units (C3) plus associated parking in the form of proposed outbuilding, courtyard, landscaping, demolition and amendments to access onto Reading Road. (As clarified by contaminated land survey accompanying Agents email dated 14 September 2017).

**RECOMMENDATION: REFUSAL** on previous grounds.

P17/S2130/FUL

Description

Erection of two two-storey 5-bedroom dwellings and formation of vehicular access (height of dwellings reduced, footprint changed, driveway realigned and additional landscaping details provided as shown on amended plans received 8th September 2017).

Location: Land off Mill Road Lower Shiplake

Grid Reference

477433/178944

Applicant Lucy Developments

**RECOMMENDATION: NSV**

P17/S2990/FUL

Description

Variation of condition 2 on planning permission P16/S2140/FUL as per submitted report. Three bedrooms, 2 storey detached house within the rear garden of Chestnut House, Station Road, Shiplake. (Amended plans received 12 August 2016 showing dwelling relocated 2.0 metres southwards and reduced in size, reduction in one bedroom from four to three). (Further amended plans submitted 10 October 2016 to show correct scale on the drawings). As per amended planning report received 18 September 2017.

Location Chestnut House Station Road Lower Shiplake RG9 3JS

Applicant: Bradbury Architects

**RECOMMENDATION: NSV**

P16/S2861/O

Description

Outline planning application for the demolition of the existing dwelling and erection of 8 dwellings with matters of access, layout and scale for consideration (bat survey and statement of community involvement received 26th September 2016 & Contamination information received 13th October 2016, additional footpath link detail provided, arboricultural information updated and number, layout and scale of dwellings amended as shown on plans received 13th April 2017 and width of access enlarged and waste vehicle tracking revised as shown on amended plans received 27th June 2017 and footpath detail amended and additional arboricultural information as shown on amended plans received 15th September 2017).

Location Mount Ida Reading Road Lower Shiplake RG9 3PH

Applicant: Miss Sarah Melton

**RECOMMENDATION: CONTINUED REFUSAL.**

P17/S2393/HH

Description

Internal Alterations to integral garage to convert into a boot room and construction of an external garage in the front garden. (Amended plans received on 26 September 2017 showing relocation and re-design of proposed new detached double garage).

Location: Basswood Northfield Avenue Lower Shiplake RG9 3PD

Applicant: Stephen Lamacraft

**RECOMMENDATION: CONTINUED REFUSAL.**

P17/S3024/FUL

Description

Erection of one new 5 bedroom dwelling plus detached garage and one new 5-bedroom dwelling with integral garage, following the demolition of the existing dwelling and coach house (revised site location and block plan and details of access alterations and tree and hedge reports received 29th August 2017)

Location: Christmas Cottage Crowsley Road Lower Shiplake RG9 3JT

Applicant Lady Marguerite Phyllis Lindsay c/o agent

**RECOMMENDATION: REFUSAL**

P17/S2091/HH

Description

Proposed two storey and single storey rear extension and associated works. (Amended plans received 28 September showing reduction in size and redesign of proposed extensions).

Location: Brook Cottage Mill Road Lower Shiplake RG9 3LW

Applicant: Mrs J. Abey & Mr. T. Plaskitt

**TO BE DETERMINED**

The recommendations were approved on a motion proposed by Mr T Taylor and seconded by

### **DECISIONS**

P17/S2813/FUL

Description

Demolition of existing house and outbuildings and erection of replacement two storey 5-bedroom dwelling and detached double garage (internal garage door removed as shown on amended plan received 13th September 2017).

Location The Cobb The Crescent Lower Shiplake RG9 3LL

Applicant & Mrs Spearpoint

**GRANTED**

P17/S0833/HH

Description

Erection of an oak framed garage barn. (Tree Report received 4 April 2017) (Amended plans and revised tree information submitted 14 July 2017 showing the garage building relocated and reduced in size and the relocation of the existing site entrance with new planting.) (Amended tree report submitted 9 August 2017). (Amended Tree report and amended tree protection plan received 25 August 2017).

Location: Highfield House Mill Lane Shiplake RG9 3ND

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Hatton

**GRANTED**

P17/S2479/FUL

Description

Variation of Condition 2 - to facilitate internal and external alterations to the approved dwelling on application ref. P15/S4337/FUL (Change of use from an ancillary domestic building to a 1-bedroom dwelling).

Location: Lashbrook Chapel Mill Road Lower Shiplake RG9 3LW

Applicant: Mr Richard Hester

**RECOMMENDATION: NSV**

**APPEAL** against the rejection of planning application No P16/S3778/O for the erection of 4 houses adjacent to Ridgeways on New Rd. Lower Shiplake

The Clerk was requested to contact planning enforcement for an update on the three issues raised earlier in the year. ACTION: Clerk

### **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

## **11. FINANCIAL MATTERS.**

1. The following October accounts were reviewed

R V Hudson – salary September	61.17	102615	344.94
R V Hudson – expenses, office allowance. September	62.17	102616	107.52
Inland Revenue – clerk’s tax September	63.17	102617	229.87
Mr Robin Head Grasscutting	64.17	102618	50.00
Harrison Grant (Solicitors)	65.17	102619	10,736.68
BDO auditor’s fees	66.17	102620	240.00
Mr P Hood Internal Auditor fees	67.17	102621	192.00
SODC dog bin servicing	68.17	102622	12.56
Broadband	69.17	DD	39.77

The month accounts were approved on a motion proposed by Mr T Taylor and seconded by Mr M Leonard

2. The Auditors have, as expected (see minutes September 2017,) issued a qualified report with the following comment:

The Smaller Authority has not included all additions or replacements of fixed assets, in the year in box 9 section 2 of the annual return

ACTION: restate value of assets at councils purchase as per cash book regardless of grants received subsequently ACTION: Clerk Council approved the recommendations on a motion proposed by Mr T Taylor and seconded by Mr G Davies

3. Council approved the appointment of Mr P Hood as Internal Auditor and signed letter of agreement on a motion proposed by Mr T Taylor and seconded by Mr G Davies.

## **12. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION.**

### **59/18 HIGHWAY MATTERS.**

1. Mr R Head reported that the Clerk and he had been unable to meet in the interim and they would attempt to meet shortly to discuss the safety suggestions from Mr Head ACTION: Clerk and Mr R Head.
2. Memorial Avenue speeding issues were covered earlier.

### **60/18 RECREATION GROUNDS/OPFA**

1. Badgers Walk -. Mr M Leonard reported on the issues raised in RoSPA report and on the condition of the equipment and the general condition of the playground. Council agreed to forward the report to the playground installers for their comment and advice
2. Memorial Hall. Mr G Davies reported on the issues raised in RoSPA report and on the condition of the equipment and the general condition of the playground. Mr G Davies proposed for his groundsman Mr Evans to undertake the remedial work and invoice Council, Mr Taylor seconded the motion. Council approved.

### **61/18 FOOTPATHS**

### **62/18 SHIPLAKE – DEVELOPMENT OF FACILITIES.**

#### **Future Phases**

PROJECT UPDATES 09/10/2017

#### 1. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Following the major update at September council meeting it is confirmed that the Landscape Assessment consultant has been appointed with a focus on the ‘Green Gap’ between the two villages and that between Henley and Shiplake’s boundaries. The ‘Open Exhibition’ for residents to view the NP Steering Group’s proposals for development sites and other related matters is scheduled for 3rd and 4th of November at the Memorial Hall. The proposals have been presented to all parish councillors and, as an integral part of the agreed governance process, approve the selection of proposed potential development prior to presentation to residents. As part of this, also to agree the proposed boundaries for the two village settlements and to progress the initiative for a ‘Shared Space’, as outlined in the presentations, to meet the project dates for completion of the plan.

An email to all registered users of the council website is planned for 11th October announcing the ‘Open Exhibition’, its objectives, an outline of the process to date and the overall context of the proposals being presented for residents to review and give their feedback prior to final

recommendations being encapsulated in the NP submission to the parish council. Other promotional activities will take place leading up to the exhibition.

Following a healthy debate, on a motion proposed by Mr D Pheasant and seconded by Mr T Taylor, The Parish Council approved the proposed list of sites put forward by the NPSG (Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group) and based on the detailed objective criteria provided by the NPSG to go forward to the public presentation at the open forum on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> November in the Memorial Hall.

## 2. BRANCH LINE NOISE & RAIL UPGRADE

The increase in usage of the branch line causes increased noise and air pollution. As part of HBUG's priority request of NR & GWR to have the stretch of line at Shiplake upgraded to continuous ('welded') rail to address many of these issues, it has been suggested that Shiplake Parish Council submit a request for such improvements in support of HBUG. This will be supported by many residents who live close to the branch line and those that use the branch line service. Councillor Pheasant to draft submission for approval.

### **63/18 ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS/AONB**

#### **1. Council received an update from Mr Whites' successor Lucy Murfett**

Dear Roger,

Chilterns Conservation Board made an application to Natural England in 2013 for an AONB boundary review, including a proposed extension to the AONB in the Thames Valley (see attached). Natural England has limited resources for protected landscape boundary reviews, and there are a number of other AONBs waiting too. The boundary review was on the agenda of our CCB Executive Committee on 27th April 2017 and following that meeting our Chairman wrote to Natural England asking that the Chilterns be considered as a matter of some urgency (see Exec papers here <http://www.chilternsaonb.org/conservation-board/board-meetings.html>).

I know the Chiltern Society are also interested in the boundary review so I am copying in the Chairman David Harris for info.

Kind regards

Lucy

Lucy Murfett MTRPI

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### **64/18 S.O.D.C.**

### **65/18 OCC**

### **66/18 O.A.L.C. /O.R.C.C.**

#### **1. 2017 OALC Members Latest update circulated by email**

### **67/18 MEMORIAL HALL**

### **68/18 CHILTERN SOCIETY/CPRE**

#### **1. Latest Chiltern /Conservation Board /Society newsletters circulated by email**

#### **2. Latest CPRE newsletter circulated by email**

### **69/18 DEFRA & OTHER GOVERNMENT CORRESPONDENCE**

### **70/18 TOWNLANDS & OXFORDSHIRE PCT.**

## **13 CORRESPONDENCE**

#### **1. Achieving No Net Loss of Biodiversity on the Greater West Programme**

We are writing to let you know about an exciting funding opportunity for biodiversity in Oxfordshire and Berkshire.

In 2014, Network Rail Infrastructure Projects committed to a "measurable net positive contribution towards biodiversity in the UK". The Greater West Programme pledged to be a pilot project to put this principle into practice by compensating for the unavoidable loss of habitats (mainly young semi-natural woodland and some scrub) that has occurred during the electrification programme.

TOE2 is working with Network Rail around the delivery of No Net Loss (NNL) funding in Oxfordshire and Berkshire. The funding is to be spent on creating or enhancing similar wildlife habitats in the locality, a process known as “biodiversity offsetting”. This is a voluntary commitment by Network Rail, not bound to any planning obligations or client requirements. We are looking to create new woodland, provide better links between woodlands, and to enhance existing woodland and scrub mosaic, though other habitats could be considered (ancient woodland is not eligible). We believe this is a great opportunity to make a significant difference for wildlife. We are particularly interested in supporting landscape scale projects (at least approx. 5 ha) and collaborative working where local organisations come together to create larger projects. Parish councils, local charities and not-for-profit organisations, local authorities and landowners are all eligible to apply. The programme is to be delivered over a four-year period. Stage 1 applications for outline project proposals can be received at any time. I’ve attached a long and short article which you are very welcome to use or to pass on to others who may have the opportunity to be able to use these.

We hope this will be of interest to you; please visit the TOE2 website ([www.trustforoxfordshire.org.uk](http://www.trustforoxfordshire.org.uk)) for more details of how we intend to operate the funding programme. If you would like to register your interest in the programme, please contact Lynn Parker on [admin@trustforoxfordshire.org.uk](mailto:admin@trustforoxfordshire.org.uk) or 01865 407003. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you would like to discuss anything further at this stage.

Yours sincerely  
Fiona Danks  
Director, TOE2

2. I’m on the Shiplake village nursery committee and have been asked to look into promoting the nursery more. One of our ideas is to put some signage up along Memorial Avenue. Obviously, we know this can’t be permanent but what are the rules regarding promoting then nursery or events & where can we put signs? Can we put things opposite the Memorial Hall on the grass verge or just at the end of Memorial Avenue? You are my first port of call on this and I would appreciate your advice or if you can point me in the right direction.

Kind regards  
Ellen Broughton

Council suggested if signs are discreet and not too numerous it would be acceptable **ACTION:**  
**Clerk**

#### **14. ITEMS OF INTEREST OR FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION.**

Change of date next month

The November meeting will be on Monday November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
and next year:

The February meeting has had to be moved to WEDNESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> February 2018

There being no other items of business the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.08pm

R.V. Hudson.  
Clerk to the Council.

12/10/17