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IMPORTANT

The future of *Crowmarsh News*

Your *Crowmarsh News* is run by a small group of volunteers. Most of us have jobs and families as well.

We badly need some additional volunteers to assist with editorial production and layout, and to under-study our Advertising Manager (who is also our Treasurer). Recent events have highlighted how vulnerable we are without back-ups for these key members of our team.

If you feel you could help, please get in touch as soon as possible. Ideally, we would like to be in a position to rotate the production and layout tasks between one month and the next.

For the editorial tasks, previous experience with desktop publishing would be an advantage, and so would a skilled hand at text editing. For the advertising task, relevant experience would be a help but is not essential.

Please get in touch with the Editors or with the Advertising Manager, as appropriate, if you are able to help.

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Next month's issue

All new advertisements and all copy for the December issue of *Crowmarsh News* must reach us before our **20th November deadline**.

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Neighbourhood Development Plan

The Neighbourhood Plan exhibitions held at Crowmarsh Gifford and North Stoke in September were enthusiastically attended. Great interest was shown in the plan process and the objective of the plan.

151 questionnaires were completed, with 70% in favour of building at the SODC site, 24% at the Newnham Manor site, 3% at Newnham Green and 3% on land east of Benson Lane. The SODC site is no longer an option for housing development now that South Oxfordshire and the Vale District Councils are planning to return there. Redistributing the figures to include second choices, where SODC was put as the first choice, clearly shows a majority preference for the Newnham Manor site. Interestingly, the overall key concern in the parish is traffic levels rather than schooling or access to a GP.

The Steering Group currently comprises Francesca Jones, John Griffin, Nigel Hannigan, Simon Millsop, David Topliss, Fleur Stevenson and Nick Robins. We have recently met with our SODC case officer, Rona Knott, who will help guide the process to fruition. The Steering Group is now focusing on the Strategic Environmental Assessment, evaluating all the potential housing development sites that have been identified in and around Crowmarsh Gifford.

This will underpin our Housing Planning Policy in the Neighbourhood Plan, which will be published in draft form for everybody to add to it, comment on it and make other suggestions so that it will become a community-owned assessment. In the meantime, if you can help the plan process with survey work and other tasks that need to be done, we would welcome you aboard. Everything the Steering Group has done so far is available for you to review at: <http://crowmarshgifford.org.uk/2017/04/15/local-community-plan/>

The planning stages for Newnham Manor and land east of Benson Lane are that the revised Newnham Manor application will go to the Planning Committee in the next couple of weeks, while Bloor/Hallam have lodged an

appeal against the refusal of their application to develop land east of Benson Lane. The date for the Bloor/Hallam appeal hearing has yet to be announced.

SODC is coming home to Crowmarsh

South Oxfordshire and the Vale of White Horse District Councils have announced their decision to return to new offices on their site in Benson Lane. We expect to welcome them back to Crowmarsh Gifford in 2020, which will be five years after the premises were destroyed in an arson attack. Work is due to begin in January 2018, with the demolition of the remaining structure.

Special thanks...

... to the "reserve team" of the *Crowmarsh News*, who put the October issue together. Please note our appeal for assistance on the front cover. If the *Crowmarsh News* is to continue to appear with its present format and regularity, it is essential that we get some additional help.

Don't miss out – Working parents of 3 & 4-year olds

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for news and updates of local affairs**

www.crowmarshgifford.org

Crowmarsh School

What a busy term we have had at Crowmarsh, but we wouldn't have it any other way. As I mentioned last month, we welcomed head-teachers and teachers from South Africa into our school - they enjoyed being a part of our classrooms and taught us a great deal about joy and always demonstrating how thankful they were by suddenly erupting into beautiful song and dance. It was an honour to be able to share teaching strategies and school policy with them and hope that our partnership lasts for a very long time.

We have had three new teachers join us this term, Miss Rahman, Miss Smith and Mr Morton. They have already settled into the swing of things and were able to clearly demonstrate their resilience by being a part of our recent Ofsted inspection only a number of weeks into the start of the school year.

Our Ofsted report will be published on the Ofsted website during the first week of November, when we have returned to school - or you can find it on our school website. As we mentioned in the letter sent out to parents, "You will see that our overall 'grade' awarded to our school has not changed since our last inspection in November 2012. As is always the case in education, the grade boundaries and expectations have changed somewhat since our last inspection so whilst the grade may be the same, the level it takes to achieve that grade has increased quite significantly.

"We continue to improve and always look to seek how we can develop practice and policy in our school. Our school development plan already had all of the inspector's key next steps built in, so before he had even arrived, we had actioned ways to further strengthen these areas. At Crowmarsh we often do things very differently to other schools; however, this is what sets us apart. Therefore, this Ofsted report is absolute confirmation that what we are doing is the right thing. However, we always seek to improve and develop further and this is what we will continue to do."

The staff at Crowmarsh always put the children at the centre of what they do - they truly ensure that every child is given what they

need to succeed. We have a dynamic team who always go above and beyond - thank you to those who make Crowmarsh the school that it is, governors, parents and of course the children - they are the reason we do what we do.

A huge thank you must also go out to our community - thank you for your support. Thank you as well to all those who give their time to come and help us throughout the year with various events and activities, our children truly benefit from time that is spent with them.

The month of November brings us many visitors and exciting events. The week beginning November 20th is the start of our Grandparents' Week and we welcome you into our school from Tuesday until Friday from 2:00 onwards to see our classrooms in action.

Many of our children will not have grandparents who are able to attend, therefore if we can have some people from the community join us, it would be a pleasure to have you. Please just call Mrs Rance in the office and let her know what day you would like to attend.

We look forward to welcoming you into our school.

Until next month...

Mrs Barton
Headteacher

Sue Ryder – Sale Dates

The next Sales of Donated Goods are on Saturdays 4th and 25th November. They will run from 10.30am to 12.30pm. Saleable donated goods are welcomed on week days between 9am and 4.30pm, but we are unable to accept goods on Sale Day or the day before.

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Benjamin Bailey Massey of St Leonard's Lane, Wallingford, fought at the Battle of Alma, with the Grenadier Guards. He was wounded by several Russian musket balls in the arm and shoulder. He lay overnight on the battlefield before being collected and taken to hospital, where he was nursed by Florence Nightingale. He recovered from his wounds, but was discharged from the Army because of his intemperate habits.

Despite celebrations elsewhere in the county, it was feared there would be no commemoration of the peace in Wallingford, as it was felt there was no public interest. As soon as it was realised that there was interest, the Mayor (Edward Wells, who lived in the High Street) convened a meeting and a Committee was formed, with the Mayor as chairman. A collection was held at the meeting and nearly £200 was raised.

Events began on Wednesday 3rd June and the town was very lively in the evening, with many food vendors selling their wares, and crowds gathering and singing in the streets.

The following day, town inhabitants were woken around 4am by the sound of cannon and all kinds of firearms being fired in the Market Place. By 6am banners and flags were being flown from most of the houses in the town and all the buildings in the Market Place were decorated with evergreens. The banners were inscribed with "Peace and Plenty" or "Unity over the Earth"; most of the flags were Union Jacks or the French Tri-colour. The bells of St Mary's were rung during the day, the

Long Crendon Band were hired and they played on and off throughout the day.

At eleven, crowds began to assemble outside the Mayor's residence, where the Committee were having luncheon and the procession was formed, the order of which was: Gentlemen on horseback, with banners; Prince of Wales Club with flags; Odd Fellows in uniform with flags; Children with banners; Crimean Hero on horseback (possibly Benjamin Massey); The Labouring Classes; Borough Constables; Mace Bearer; The Mayor and Revd John Langley; The Corporation; Town Crier; The Gentlemen of Trade.

All the principal streets were paraded, and they finished in the Market Place where the Labouring Classes were given a dinner, served by the Mayor and Corporation. The dinner consisted of beef and mutton with an ample supply of beer, and after the meal they were supplied with tobacco and pipes. This meal was only served to the men of the town, about 400 in number.

After the dinner, the Mayor gave a short speech, finishing with a toast to the Queen. The Revd John Langley proposed three cheers, "for our country, and the Army and Navy." The National Anthem was then sung.

The children, after parading from the Mayor's house to the Market Place, sat down at the tables used by the men for their dinner. There were more than 600 children, and they were served tea and cakes.

Everybody then moved to the Kine Croft for the sports, where it was thought that 5-6,000 people were present. The main attraction was a Ginging Match, which consisted of a 40-foot pole erected vertically, and greased; the aim was to climb the pole to the top. If this was achieved, a prize of clothes was given to the winners.

Other events consisted of wheelbarrow races, jumping at treacled rolls, and donkey races in which the last home was the winner. These events lasted until it was dark. After singing

the National Anthem, everyone went home very happy.

Through all of the above events there was no mention of the ladies of the town receiving any refreshment or gifts.

Wallingford and District Stroke Club

Wallingford and District Stroke Club meets on the fourth Thursday of each month at Crowmarsh Village Hall for activities and companionship, tea and cake. In the summer months we arrange outings, both locally and further afield, using the Wallingford Coach with its accessible platform.

We'd love to welcome more members (fees are very reasonable at £2 per month). If you, or someone you know, would like to join us – or just give us a try – please contact Norman Goodall on 01235 834503 or Nigel Hessey on 01491 651114 and we'll be pleased to talk to you.

The 100,000 Genomes Project

Jennifer Whitfield of the Oxford NHS Genomic Medicine Centre will talk to Science Exchange Wallingford on Tuesday 14th November about the 100,000 Genomes Project. This aims to sequence the genomes of approximately 70,000 NHS patients with rare diseases and cancer. The ultimate goal is to create a new genomic medicine service in the NHS, transforming patient care and enabling research into the causes and treatment of genetic disease.

The talk will be held in Wallingford School Library, St George's Road, Wallingford, at 7.30pm. Attendance is free.

To book the Pavilion or Hardcourt area in Crowmarsh...

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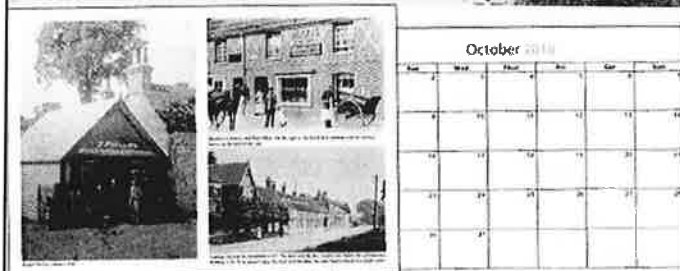
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The Museum volunteers will select some for the exhibition, but will also display a file of details of everything which is sent in. They're hoping for a great response!

Please email your details to: admin@wallingfordmuseum.co.uk or post your photo and tale to 'Treasures', Judy Dewey, Wallingford Museum, 52 High Street, Wallingford OX10 0DB.

Your very last chance to see.....

There is a last chance to see this year's special exhibition 'Wallingford Castle - the Inside Story' at Wallingford Museum, as the Museum closes for the winter on the 30th November, to prepare for new major presentations in 2018.

'Wallingford Castle - the Inside Story' presents a closer look at different parts of the Castle as revealed in the new documentary research. Alongside are two more exhibitions of local interest:

– 'Pettits: past to present' exhibition gives a history of Wallingford's department store, and the family who have run it from its beginning in 1856 to the present day.

– 'Ways to Wallingford' describes how Wallingford has been an important crossing point on the Thames since Saxon times.

There is also the 'Midsomer Murders' display and the growing 'At home with the Queen of Crime: Agatha Christie' where information has been presented that has been learned from several people in the town who came into contact with the famous crime writer.

The Museum is open until 30th November on Tuesdays to Fridays 2pm to 5pm, and Saturdays 10.30am to 5pm.

www.wallingfordmuseum.org.uk



Blewbury - A Saxon surprise and a Roman religious site

November's talk at The Wallingford Historical & Archaeological Society (TWHAS) will describe Blewbury - A Saxon surprise in a test pit and a Roman religious site on the Downs.

The talk will be given by local archaeologists, SOAG Chairman Dr David Carless and Lindsey Bedford, both project leaders of the Blewbury Big Dig. This is a joint venture by Blewbury Local History Group and SOAG to conduct a programme of test pits in the ancient village of Blewbury in search of the past that is missing in historical sources.

The project led in 2015/16 to the discovery of an early Saxon sunken featured building in someone's back garden, and another venture investigated crop marks on the Berkshire Downs, which English Heritage recorded as a possible Romano-British temple. The sunken featured building was cut into chalk, being well preserved and yielded some lovely finds and the possible Roman site delivered its own surprise in the form of a deep shaft. Both David and Lindsey also work on the TWHAS Urban Test Pit programme in Wallingford, so they will have lots of insights to share with us.

This talk will be held on Wednesday 8th November, 7.45 for 8pm, at St Mary's Church, Wallingford. Visitors (£4) are most welcome. www.twhas.org.uk

SODC Local Plan Consultation

The Local Plan policies map shows the locations of housing and employment allocations and other location specific policies within the plan, including changes to the boundary of the Oxford Green Belt. These were included in appendices 2-5 and appendix 13 of the version of the Local Plan that was published on 11th October.

The stand-alone policies map can now be viewed on the SODC website and in the following locations:

- the council office at 135 Eastern Avenue, Milton Park, Abingdon, OX14 4SB - from 8.30am to 5pm Monday to Thursday, 8.30am to 4.30pm Fridays
- all public libraries in South Oxfordshire during their usual opening hours
- Abbey House Abingdon, Abbey Sports Centre Berinsfield, Chalgrove Post Office, Clifton Hampden Post Office, Cornerstone Didcot, Culham Science Centre, Didcot Wave Leisure Centre and Oxford City Council's St Aldates Office during their usual opening hours.

The consultation period has been extended to 5pm on Thursday 30th November. This is to provide people with the opportunity to consider the Local Plan policies map and the Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (SHELAA).

The SHELAA provides a technical assessment of the suitability, availability and achievability of land for development. It is an update to the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment (HELAA), which was published in March 2017. The updated document is available to view online.

SODC are hosting a series of drop-in events to help explain the process and how to submit your comments. The drop-in events all provide the same information, so you can attend any of the remaining events:

Didcot, Cornerstone Tues 31 October, 3pm – 7pm
Berinsfield, Church Hall Tues 7 November, 3pm – 7pm

Wheatley, The Merry Bells Village Hall Thurs 9 November, 3pm – 7pm

Thame, Town Hall Mon 13 November, 3pm – 7pm

Chalgrove, Village Hall Fri 17 November, 3pm – 7pm

How to comment

The publicity period runs until 5pm on Thursday 30 November and you can provide your comments in the following ways:

- Use SODC's online consultation system (registration is required)
- Download a comment form from SODC's website and email it to planning.policy@southoxon.gov.uk
- Collect a comment form from one of the locations listed previously and post it to Planning Policy, SODC, 135 Eastern Avenue, Milton Park, Abingdon OX14 4SB
- Attend one of the drop-in events.

If you have any questions, please contact SODC's planning policy team on 01235 422600 or email planning.policy@southoxon.gov.uk

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The Queen's Head celebrates ...on 11 November



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They have offered fresh food, prepared at the pub. The new head chef, Michael Oliver, champions seasonality with meats from Oxfordshire and Berkshire from our local butchers and fresh fish caught off the Cornish coast, while expressing top-notch British takes on great dishes from around the world. His unique interpretation of classics demonstrates his innovative approach to traditional ingredients.

With Fullers of Chiswick as their landlord, they are in partnership with a brewery that produces beers of the finest quality to suit every discerning palate. Stuart and Natasha's achievement of Fullers Master Cellarman Award is proudly on display with their great range of seasonal ales and lagers to be enjoyed alongside an excellent wine list and choice of gins and spirits to die for!

Any community would be lucky to have this pub in their village, but Stuart and Natasha's Queen's Head has found a favourable home with the people of Crowmarsh Gifford.

On Saturday 11th November, Stuart and Natasha would like to share birthday cake with the patrons of The Queen's Head as they celebrate three fantastic years among friends, both old and new, and look forward to more years to come.

Santa Dash for Style Acre

Following on from last year's successful event, Style Acre is organising the Wallingford Santa Dash on Sunday 3rd December. There will be hundreds of Santas, running and walking the 3km route. It'll be a fun family event and we'd love as many locals to be involved as possible. It's suitable for all ages - and dogs are welcome too!

For more details, and if you'd like to book your place, please visit <https://app.donorfy.com/donate/VFHZKUXWW3/SantaDash2017> or follow the link on our web page at www.styleacre.org.uk.

Volunteers needed to teach digital skills

Your county council has launched a new campaign appealing for digital helper volunteers to teach basic digital skills to people in their community.

What are digital helpers? Digital helpers teach basic digital skills to people with little or no experience of using computers or the internet. They volunteer in libraries, providing one-to-one support and encouragement to boost confidence and help people to help themselves.

Digital helpers teach skills such as how to set up an email account, search for jobs, complete online forms, navigate the internet and find useful websites, and use e-learning courses.

Why volunteer? Teaching digital skills has lots of benefits. It enables others to access employment and training, use online services, become more independent and less isolated.

But starting to do anything online when you don't know how can be daunting. That's where digital helpers come in!

Could you volunteer? If you are patient, have good communication skills, enjoy working with learners of all ages and can spare a few hours a week, we want you! Schedules can work around you so that you can fit it around your busy life.

Visit www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/digitalhelper or contact your local library to find out about volunteering as a digital helper and helping people in your area.

Survival of the English Village

The Campaign for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE) are hosting a talk by Tom Fort, author of *The Village News*, on Saturday 11th November in Lewknor Village Hall.

Introduced by Professor Richard Harding, Chairman of CPRE South Oxfordshire, the talk will be followed by a discussion on the South Oxfordshire District Local Plan. The talk starts at 3pm (doors open at 2.45pm), and entrance is free – all are welcome and light refreshments will be served. For more details call the CPRE on 612079 or email administrator@cpreoxon.org.uk.

Children's Christmas Party

The Crowmarsh Village Hall Committee are holding a free Christmas Party for children from the village on 2nd December, from 3 to 5pm.

Fill in the form to book your child's place and return it to Jan Pratt at 6 The Limes by 6th November.

Crowmarsh Gifford Village Hall is ideal for children's parties ...

To book the Hall, call Chris Strange on 07711 904252, or e-mail cvhbookings@gmail.com.

Short Mat Bowls

takes place at the Pavilion on Tuesdays at 7pm and on Thursdays at 2pm. For more information, please call 837518.

Benson Choral Society

Benson Choral Society's Autumn Concert will feature a contemporary piece, 'Mirror of Perfection' by Richard Blackford, a composer living in Blewbury, alongside a traditional work by Haydn, his 'Maria Theresa Mass'. The choir will be accompanied as usual by the Elgar Orchestra conducted by Christopher Walker.

Soloists: Lorena Paz Nieto – Soprano, Francesca Saracini – Mezzo Soprano, Nathan Vale – Tenor, and Will Dawes – Baritone.

The concert will be in Dorchester Abbey on Saturday 25th November, starting at 7.30pm. Tickets £12 to £18 are available from 01865 407395, tickets.bensonchoral@gmail.com or on the door.

Langtree Sinfonia

The Autumn concert of the Langtree Sinfonia will be held in St Mary's Church, Wallingford on Saturday 11th November, at 7.30pm. Paul Cox conducts.

The evening starts with the 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' overture by Mendelssohn and is followed by the concerto, which this time is Beethoven's Third Piano Concerto. Beethoven wrote this concerto in about 1800 and he first performed it three years later.

The soloist tonight is Diana Mathews who has often played with the Isis Orchestra in Oxford. Diana has a keen interest in contemporary music, and has had a number of new works dedicated to her. She has also played with the London Symphony Orchestra and the Orchestra of Royal Opera House

Rounding off the evening will be Haydn's Symphony No 101, in D major. Full of ebullient good humour and rhythmic subtlety, this piece is guaranteed to send the audience home in a good mood.

Tickets available at the door or from 0118 9415498, Adults £10, Students £5, Under 16s free.

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Services for November

Morning Prayer - every Friday at 9am (including any personal prayer requests)

Sunday 5th	All Saint's	11am	All Saints' Family Service (Revd Kevin Beer)
		6pm	All Souls' Memorial Service (Revd Kevin Beer)
Sunday 12th	Remembrance Sunday	10.45am	Act of Remembrance at Lych Gate Memorial followed by Remembrance Family Service in Church (Revd Janice Chilton)
		4pm	Evening Prayer
Sunday 19th	2nd Sunday before Advent	10am	Team Service at St Mary-le-More in Wallingford (instead of 11am Service) (Revd David Rice with Revd Jen Brown, our local Science Minister preaching)
		4pm	Evening Prayer (Revd Janice Chilton)
Sunday 26th	Christ the King	9.30am	Family Communion
		4pm	Evening Prayer

November is the season of remembrance. We begin the month by celebrating All Saints on Sunday 5th November with a Family Service at 11am, featuring a joyful rendition of "O when the saints go marching in". This is followed by a more reflective All Souls' Memorial Service at 6pm when we remember the faithful departed – we will read the names of those whose funerals we have taken in the past three years and invite families to light a candle for them.

If you wish to include the names of anyone known to you, please add their name to the list at the back of the church (which is open daily). We thank God for their lives, and acknowledge that they are still part of us and have made us the people that we are today.

This year's Remembrance Sunday is again a poignant one, marking the centenary of the Battle of the Passchendaele (or the Third Battle of Ypres) from the end of July to November 1917, during which 325,000 Allied and 260,000 German casualties were sustained as the front line moved back and forth over no

more than five miles of devastation and mud. There are two men on our memorial who died in 1917, Thomas Lovett (d.30th June and buried in our churchyard) and William John Edwards (d.15th August). In addition to these, there are two others who are recorded as residents of Crowmarsh at the time they enlisted, Albert Edward Robey (d.30th May) and William Jones (d.16th August)

I do hope you will be able to join our Act of Remembrance for these and the many others who have made the ultimate sacrifice. This is on Sunday 12th November, gathering at 10.45am around the Lych Gate War Memorial.

They shall not grow old as we that are left grow old:

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun, and in the morning,

We will remember them.

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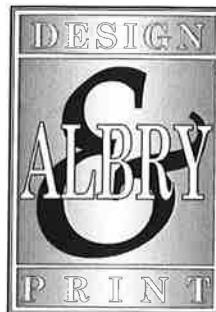
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Notes of the Parish Council Meeting held at North Stoke Village Hall on Thursday 5th October 2017

Present: Cllrs John Griffin (Chair), Stephen Sherbourne, Nigel Hannigan, Denise Hall, Stuart Soames, Fleur Stevenson, David Topliss, David Rowley, Andrew Johnson, David Mannering and Francesca Jones; Sue Rance (Clerk), Yvonne Peet (Finance Officer); County Councillor Mark Gray, Mrs E Ryall and Mrs P Shields.

Apologies for absence from District Cllrs Bloomfield and Pullen.

New member: The council agreed unanimously to co-opt Mrs Elizabeth Ryall to fill the vacancy and is now at full strength again.

Crowmarsh News

Mrs Pat Shields addressed the meeting about the need for public liability insurance. The committee would like the parish council to consider taking the *Crowmarsh News* back under their jurisdiction. A separate meeting will be arranged with the Crowmarsh News Association committee to discuss the way forward.

Matters arising from the meeting on 7th September 2017

The Botany Gardens play area had not been cut as the contractor had had difficulty with the padlock. The grass cutting agreement with Oxfordshire County Council will be signed and returned once it has been confirmed that the council has £10 million public liability insurance.

It was agreed that the Parish Council will pay a sum of 10.75% for administration costs to WREN as a condition of a grant application for refurbishment of North Stoke Village Hall,

although a decision has yet to be made on the grant.

Display boards have been purchased and were used at the neighbourhood plan exhibitions.

Finance

A schedule of payments was agreed. Expenditure relating to the neighbourhood plan will be shown separately in the accounts in future.

Grants and donations were agreed at this meeting:

- Be Free Young Carers: £100
- Wallingford Volunteer Centre: £100
- Guideposts: £100
- Victim Support Services: £100
- Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum: no donation.

Planning

Decisions: The Council noted the following decisions from SODC:

P14/S2860/O (Outline): Residential development comprising 555 dwellings, a one form entry primary school, associated landscaping and open spaces, construction of a new access onto the A4130 Calvin Thomas Way/Bosley Way, construction of a public transport link/emergency access onto Wantage Road and other supporting infrastructure works and facilities. Land to the West of Wallingford (Site B) (Neighbouring parish consultation).
PERMISSION GRANTED.

P17/S3195/LDP (Lawful Development Permission): Formation of habitable room in roof-space with rear-dormer and gable buildup. 176 Crowmarsh Hill, Crowmarsh Gifford, OX10 8BG.
PERMISSION REFUSED.

Applications: The Council agreed its response to SODC on the following applications:

P17/S3221/HH (Householder): Double storey side extension. 22 Howbery Farm, Crowmarsh Gifford, OX10 8NR.
RECOMMEND APPROVAL.

Lawful development applications: No views are accepted on these applications, which are decided on factual evidence:

P17/S3402/LDP: Change of use from bed and breakfast to house of multiple occupancy with short term and long term lets. Little Gables, 166 Crowmarsh Hill, Crowmarsh Gifford, OX10 8BG.
NO RESPONSE.

Application withdrawn:

P17/S3067/LDP: New vehicle gate with similar height and same location. Southern Gas Networks AGI Offtake, Ipsden (on A4074), OX10 6AF.

The above APPLICATION was WITHDRAWN - no further action.

South Oxfordshire Local Plan 2033

Following consultations and evidence gathering, SODC are about to submit the Local Plan for independent examination. A six-week publicity period will run from 11th October until Wednesday, 22nd November 2017.

After the publicity period they will submit the plan to the Secretary of State, who will appoint a Planning Inspector to carry out an independent examination and make a decision on whether the Local Plan is "sound" and "legally" compliant.

Neighbourhood plan

Exhibitions on the neighbourhood plan had been held at Crowmarsh Village Hall on 23rd September and at North Stoke Village Hall on 30th September. Both were well attended and a few more volunteers came forward.

A questionnaire was included in the last *Crowmarsh News* – please return yours now if you haven't yet.

It was agreed to appoint the following members of the steering group: Cllrs Hannigan, Stevenson, Jones and Topliss, Mr

Nick Robins and Mr Simon Millsop. Cllr Hannigan and Mr Nick Robins will attend the local plan meeting at Didcot. Our neighbourhood plan support officer at SODC is Rona Knott: she would meet the steering group in Crowmarsh Pavilion on Thursday 12th October.

O'Neill Homer, who have been neighbourhood plan consultants for Brightwell and Benson, have submitted details of how they could support our neighbourhood plan. There will be grant funding from SODC and the government to cover this and other expenses. It was agreed to ask the steering group to take this forward. Items of major expenditure will always be referred to the Parish Council for approval.

Cllr Hannigan will write to SODC expressing concern that they are not contesting the result of the CABI appeal.

It was proposed by Cllr Soames that the Parish Council should withdraw its objection to the proposed Newnham Manor development now that its junction on the A4074 has been modified, but this was not agreed.

Environment and recreation committee

Pavilion and recreation ground

- It was agreed that the electrical wiring at the pavilion should be checked. Two quotes would be obtained.
- Mr Strange has received quotes for tree and hedge pruning and for pollarding the willows and maples. It was agreed to obtain comparative quotes.
- Access to toilets would be discussed by the Environment and Recreation Ground committee when they meet in October.

Play area action group

- Cllr Rowley reported that the council can now apply for planning permission. A flood compensation scheme will be required: a pond at the nature area could be considered, but concerns were expressed about safety.

Replacement noticeboards

Cllr Jones reported that the resident of 13 Park View has given permission for the noticeboard

in the hedge at the front of his property to be removed, after 14 days' notice.

North Stoke Village Hall and Crowmarsh Church have given permission for the boards on their premises to be replaced. Cllr Jones has been advised to contact SODC's licensing department before replacing noticeboards on public land.

Traffic and transport committee

- Cllr Jones reported that there will be another meeting of Parish Transport Representatives in the county soon. She and others have complained to Thames Travel about the lack of notice given about reductions in the 136 bus service between RAF Benson and Cholsey.
- The traffic survey has been carried out on the A4074. Cllr Hall will contact the police about speeding traffic and request their speed data.

County Councillor Gray's report

- Cllr Gray reported that repairs to street lights and illuminated bollards are currently taking a long time to be carried out as they are on a separate contract from road maintenance.
- The domestic waste recycling centres will all remain open, including Oakley Wood. A new company is now managing these centres. Charges for recycling DIY materials have increased from £1 to £1.50 per item.
- The OCC housebuilding infrastructure fund is intended to support the building of new houses by supporting major road infrastructure, including the A34 and A40. Support for infrastructure such as drainage, schools and other facilities comes from developers' contributions.
- The government is considering a new formula that could reduce the number of houses to be built in Oxfordshire.
- Crowmarsh School was inspected by Ofsted on 4th October.
- OCC's special needs education provision has also been inspected recently.
- Cllr Jones reported on difficulties she has encountered in making telephone contact with the Highways Authority. Cllr Gray would make enquiries.

Website

The Neighbourhood Plan questionnaires have now been posted on the website. The annual financial return and a notice about extra garden waste collections will also be included. Crowmarsh News will be asked to always include a reference to the parish website. Help is needed to maintain the Facebook page, which should also include notices of meetings and other news.

Other business

- It was noted that the hedge on the west side of Portway, where it joins The Street, is overgrown and reducing visibility: this needs professional cutting back and will be added to the list of trees and hedges requiring attention.
- A local resident will attend the November meeting to support his request for a scout hut.

Next meeting

The next meeting will be on Thursday 9th November at Crowmarsh Gifford Village Hall, starting at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

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Every Friday	08.30-11.15	Wallingford Country Market	Regal Centre
Every Saturday	10.00-12.00	WAGS Store open	Centre 70
Most Saturdays	10.00-13.00	Local Producers' Market	Regal Centre

This month

Wednesday 1st	14.00	U3A: An anecdotal history of Oxford University	Village Hall
Saturday 4th	10.30	Sue Ryder Sale	Nettlebed
Saturday 4th	18.00	Wallingford Firework Display	Kinecroft
Sunday 5th	13.30	CTC 20-something-mile road ride	Meet Wallingford Market Place
Wednesday 8th	19.30	Henley Philatelic: Dealers' Evening	Bix Village Hall
Wednesday 8th	19.45	TWHAS talk: Blewbury... a Saxon surprise....	St Mary's Church, Wallingford
Thursday 9th	19.30	Crowmarsh Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
Saturday 11th	19.30	Music: Langtree Sinfonia Autumn concert	St Mary's Church, Wallingford
Sunday 12th	10.45	Remembrance Sunday	Market Place, Wallingford
Tuesday 14th	19.30	Wallingford Science Exchange: The 100000 Genomes Project	Wallingford School Library
Sunday 19th	13.30	CTC 30-mile road ride	Meet Wallingford Market Place
Wednesday 22nd	19.30	Henley Philatelic : Calligraphy	Bix Village Hall
Saturday 25th	10.30	Sue Ryder Sale	Nettlebed
Sunday 26th	All Day	Wallingford RC Winter Head of the River	Riverside

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