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Newnham Manor Planning Application

The developers of the Newnham Manor site for 100 houses (P16/S 3852/FUL) have submitted an amended planning application from the one that was passed by the SODC planning committee on the 16th January this year. The most significant change is that the central island on the A4074 has been redesigned and is now only 3.5 metres wide as against the 7 metres previously. Crucially, the junction no longer includes a Toucan pedestrian and cyclist traffic light controlled crossing. Pedestrians and cyclists will be left to 'take their lives in their hands' as they attempt to cross this increasingly busy road.

The excuse given for these changes is that Oxfordshire County Council Highways believes that the previous junction planned layout may be confusing to motorists. There is no mention of pedestrians or cyclists. The suspicion has to be that the previous design would be very expensive to engineer and build so the developers have sought to agree a new design as a cheaper alternative.

The SODC planning officer responsible for the proposed development, Katherine Pearce, has described the new junction design as being 'proportionate' to the needs of 100 houses. Proportionate to whom? Certainly not the residents of Crowmarsh Gifford who have to use the junction or attempt to cross the road on a daily basis. This assessment has been re-enforced by a road safety audit of the new junction design commissioned by the developers themselves and dated 2nd July this year. This clearly states that there will need to be measures to reduce the speeds of vehicles to the signed 30mph and a Toucan crossing.

If this new design for the junction is not amended, this application has to be rejected as it makes absolutely no provision for vulnerable people, particularly children travelling to and from school. At the time of writing there is no date set for when this application will be put before the SODC planning committee. It is however suggested that you write to either Ms Pearce or Adrian Duffield, who is the head of planning at SODC,

to express your concerns.

Remember, if we do not make our feelings and fears known, SODC will ignore us.

Councillors Denise Hall and Stephen Sherbourne

Dog Fouling

Please be responsible and don't let your dog foul a public right of way or open access land. It is easy to train your pet to go in your garden before taking it out for its walk.

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Dog mess, especially from unwormed dogs, also harbours parasites that can harm farm animals, especially cows and sheep. If your dog is caught short, please clear up its mess and dispose of it in a dog bin. If there isn't a bin nearby, please don't leave it behind on the path or hang it on a tree in a bag. Instead, dispose of it safely at home by double wrapping it and putting it in your standard household refuse.

The countryside is used by children, cyclists, wheelchair and pushchair users throughout the year - and everyone has the right to enjoy the countryside.

Last month's *Crowmarsh News*

Some readers may have spotted that there was an error on page 3 of the August *Crowmarsh News*. Part of the July issue's page 3 was printed over the text intended for August. Fortunately, nothing essential went missing.

This was the result of a technical error after the layout left the editors in PDF form. We have been assured that procedures are now in place to prevent it happening again.

John Bellamy

Crowmarsh Church was full for the funeral of John Bellamy on 14th August. John died peacefully at home on 20th July at the age of 86. Moving tributes were paid by his son David and by Nigel Hannigan for the Parish Council, which John chaired for so many years.

John was truly "Mr Crowmarsh" and so much of what enriches our community today, including the village hall, the recreation ground and this publication itself, was his work. John and Edwina produced the *Crowmarsh News* for 30 years. The Bellamy family settled in Thames Mead as the first residents some 50 years ago and he set about doing so many jobs in the community over that half-century that it is now impossible to list them all.

The recreation ground was probably his greatest achievement and he looked after it as long as he was able. He was a trustee of the Owen and Emery Charity and the Wallingford Bridge Charity for many years. His work on the application and public enquiry into the Wallingford Arts Park on the Riverside Meadows in Crowmarsh was also a high point in John's Parish Council life, and the open meadows today are a tribute to his village work.

It was fitting that the new road leading to the recreation ground was named Bellamy Way in his honour a few years ago, and his family asked that donations should go towards the new playground there. The Chadwicks have an online gifting system but if anyone prefers to write a cheque, please make it payable to "Crowmarsh Parish Council" and deliver it to Yvonne Peet.

John Griffin

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GO Active Gold Activities

Encouraging people aged 60+ in rural areas to live a more active lifestyle – there are new events starting in September:

Walking Netball at Crowmarsh Pavilion, starting Monday 17th (11am – 12pm)

Free Gardeners Health and Wellbeing Event at Wallingford Sports Park, starting Thursday 13th (9am – 12.30pm), £4

Yoga at St Lawrence Hall (Warborough), starting Thursday 13th (4.30 – 5.30pm), £5

Yoga at Brightwell Village Hall, starting Thursday 13th (12.30 – 1.30pm), £5

Walking Netball at Chalgrove MUGA (Village Hall), starting Wednesday 19th (11am – 12pm), Free.

If you would like to register your interest, email: conor.grogan@southandvale.gov.uk or call 07717 326660.

Wallingford Photographic Club

Wallingford Photographic Club will start their 2018/19 season on Thursday 13th September with a Welcome Evening, which will include guest speaker John Hailstone who will give a talk on "Photographing Wallingford".

The Club is a friendly and welcoming club for photographers of all levels. We meet every Thursday evening at 7.30 for 8pm in Crowmarsh Pavilion and are always pleased to welcome visitors. The season runs from September to May, and includes a varied programme of guest speakers, members evenings and competitions.

For anyone who has any interest in photography, why not come along on the 13th to find out what the club has to offer and meet and chat with existing members?

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The Royal British Legion's One Hundred Days Ceremony

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The Menin Gate

On the 7th August this year, my wife, Ann, and I left at 2.30am for Ypres. We drove to Dover, arrived in France at 8.15am and we were drinking coffee in Ypres at 9.30am.

The next day, the 8th August, we both stood in the Market Place (Grote Markt) at 10am to see the parade which started at noon. Right on time they began their parade to the Menin Gate, over 2,200 Royal British Legion members, led by the standard bearer of each branch that was able to attend.

It was the largest number of standards ever paraded in Ypres. It took some 20 minutes for the parade to pass and the hundreds who lined the route applauded them all the way. The standard bearers were followed by the wreath layers, which numbered over 1500, who laid their wreaths at the Menin Gate.

Ann and I found it very emotional and it was a privilege to witness this event. Many of the

members not only wore their own medals but also their father's and grandfather's. Some of the Standard Bearers found it very difficult to carry the standard, but were determined to reach the Menin Gate no matter what, which they all did. When the parade arrived at the Menin Gate there was a short service, followed by the Last Post played by the buglers from the Ypres Fire Brigade, and then the wreaths were laid, which remarkably took only 20 minutes – it was so well organised.

The parade returned to the Market Place and was then dismissed. There followed two hours of musical entertainment in the Market Place, given by the London Welsh Male Voice Choir, the Central Band of the Royal British Legion, and Sam Jefferson. Among the local branches that attended were Nettlebed, Benson, Ewelme and Steventon, but alas Wallingford were unable to make it to Ypres.

It is a day Ann and I will always remember and know we shall never see again. The Menin Gate was opened on 24th July 1927, and displays the names of 54,900 men from Britain and the Empire, who were killed in the First World War and have no known grave. On one of the wall panels, all on its own is the name of Leonard Gale, from Wallingford.

The 2018 ceremony



Pictures, logos and display ads for the Crowmarsh News...

...are best in .jpg or .pdf format.

Letter to the Editor

Muddled bus-stop signs, The Street

How long had they been in that state, I wonder, before anyone observed that the direction-of-travel signs at the bus stops either side of The Street by the church are not quite right?

Certainly I had never noticed until someone asked me the other day for directions. She could hardly believe it when I told her that buses for Henley ran the other side of the road from where we were. Her disbelief was entirely understandable, for the sign above us, on the church side of The Street, read: 'Buses towards Oxford & Henley'. Which, as far as I knew, was not true.



To Henley...



... or to Wallingford?

Meanwhile, the sign on the south side of The Street proclaimed: 'Buses towards Wallingford'. Which was true, but not vastly helpful, as Wallingford is just the other end of the road.

I am very grateful to the kind and patient Thames Travel bus driver. By the time the service I was waiting for had arrived, both I and the lady wanting to go to Henley were in a state of some confusion. He pointed the other lady in the right direction, and told me the signs were the responsibility of Oxon County Council rather than the bus company.

I have now heard back from the County Council. The 'Fix My Street' people say, of the respective signs, that the Public Transport Infrastructure Team have:

- acknowledged that the display is

incorrect and have confirmed the wording will be amended to read 'towards Oxford'

- agreed for clarity the wording will be amended to 'towards Wallingford and Reading or Henley'

For both they add, "There is no confirmed date yet for this work to take place but it is expected to be completed as soon as possible."

Jennifer Brooker

Refuse Collection and inconsiderate parking

The Parish Council received a number of complaints from residents in Thames Mead and Newnham Green about the non-collection of refuse. On inquiry to SODC they informed the Council that the trucks could not collect the rubbish because of inconsiderate parking which made it impossible for the refuse lorry to manoeuvre around these streets. Residents are urged, especially on a Tuesday, to leave enough room for large vehicles to access all areas of the estate.

Sinodun Players – Encore Youth

My name is Diana and I am delighted to have been appointed as the new Encore Youth leader. I am very keen to continue with Ginny's idea to start a new group for 5-7 year olds from 3.55pm to 4.25pm and am writing to ask if you know of any children of that age who would like to join. The price of the class will be £50 for the term and the dates are as follows:

Wednesday 12th September to Wednesday 10th October
(Wednesday 17th & 24th October – Half Term)
Wednesday 31st October to Wednesday 12th December

Please do get in touch with any questions on encoreyouth@sinodunplayers.org.uk

Please make use of the
Parish Council web site
for news and updates of local affairs

<http://crowmarshgifford.org.uk>



Agatha Christie Day 2018

This year's event celebrating Agatha Christie in Wallingford and Cholsey will be held on Saturday 8th September.

You can join guided walks from the Town Hall - town history walk at 11am, special Agatha Christie and Midsomer Murders walk at 2.30pm - or visit Wallingford Museum for the Queen of Crime exhibition revealing her connection with the town - or follow a self-guided trail to Cholsey visiting Agatha's grave in Cholsey churchyard (or travel by heritage train).

Please keep up-to-date by looking out on Wallingford Museum's website.

Judy Dewey
www.wallingfordmuseum.org.uk

Wallingford Museum @ BunkFest

Wallingford Museum has three special offers for the town's BunkFest:

Firstly, extended Opening Hours
Tuesday to Friday 2pm - 5pm
Saturday 10.30am - 5pm
Sunday 10.30am - 5pm

Secondly, special admission prices
Between Friday 31st August and Sunday 2nd September the Museum is offering a special 2-for-1 admission. Two adults can enjoy the Museum for just £5 in total (normally £5 each). Accompanied children are FREE.

Thirdly, a Festival Walk
On Sunday 2nd September, you are invited to take a gentle stroll around our lovely historic town, ably led by a member of The Wallingford Historical & Archaeological Society. TWHAS is very active in the town, running the Wallingford Museum, researching the town's history and presenting talks throughout the year.

The walk is FREE (donations never refused!),

but it would also be an excellent opportunity to combine it with a visit to the Museum to see this year's special exhibitions and to learn the latest local research about Agatha Christie.

Meet for the walk at Wallingford Museum at 11am, and be back by 1pm.

Stu Darby
www.wallingfordmuseum.org.uk



The Painted Church at Chalgrove

Bob Heath-Whyte will talk to The Wallingford Historical and Archaeological Society (TWHAS) about the wall paintings in St Mary's Church at Chalgrove.

Bob is a Lay Minister at the Chalgrove Church and has published an illustrated book on St Mary's Church.

His talk will describe the 14th century wall paintings in St Mary's Church at Chalgrove, which are unusually nearly complete and so present an opportunity to see what the artists were able to do and what the stories were that they were interpreting. The talk combines history and iconography to bring the 44 paintings to life, and the world of the painters and their patrons.

This talk will be held on Wednesday 12th September, 7.45 for 8pm, at St Mary's Church, Wallingford. Visitors (£4) are most welcome.

Katharine Keats-Rohan
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Sue Ryder – Sale Dates

The next Sales of Donated Goods are on Saturdays 1st & 22nd September, and 13th October, from 10.30am to 12.30pm.

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From 22nd September to 6th October, the Chilterns Society will be running a series of exciting events across the region that are designed to celebrate the diverse heritage of the Chilterns. This festival of experiences promises something for everyone to enjoy, and we have been really encouraged by the fantastic response we've received so far.

More information about the Festival and our programme of events can be found on our website:

<https://chilternsociety.org.uk/heritage-festival/>

Langtree Sinfonia

Langtree Sinfonia is a friendly, non-auditioning orchestra meeting on Wednesday evenings in Langtree School, Woodcote, whose aims are to provide an encouraging atmosphere in which to play classical music.

The orchestra was founded in 1971 and when the orchestra celebrated its 40th anniversary it combined with local choirs to perform Beethoven's Choral Fantasy, a work which combined vocal and instrumental soloists with the orchestra.

Our repertoire has always to appeal to our audience, of course, but also takes in the unusual, such as the Symphony No. 1 by Sergei Bortkiewicz and the contemporary, such as 'Enigma' by Clive Pierce. Pride of place for many, though, is probably the complete Beethoven Symphony cycle completed some years ago.

Our conductor is Paul Cox, who is currently Professor of Strings at Southampton University. As a cellist, Paul has given numerous recital and concerto performances and has played the Beethoven Triple Concerto with the St Petersburg Philharmonic Orchestra in Germany.

We always welcome new members, so anyone interested can contact our membership secretary, Nick Kiff, on 833515 (nrkiff@tis-cali.co.uk)

For more information please refer to our website: www.langtreesinfonia.co.uk

Watercress Painters

The Watercress Painters of Ewelme would like to welcome you to their exhibition running from 28th to 30th September at the Watercress Centre. We are calling it Art for All – a title dreamt up by Pete Sarreti, husband to our member Jeny, who sadly died in January. Pete thought up the slogan which, we hope, shows that, should people wish to buy a painting, it would generally be affordable.

We will be opening the Watercress Centre doors on Friday 28th September at 6.30 till 9pm to welcome you and your friends with drinks and nibbles (for a donation going to the Thames Valley Air Ambulance). You will be able to view a selection of art works in many different media. On show will be landscapes (some local), portraits, wildlife and still life. We will also have cards painted by the Watercress Painters for sale. On the Saturday (29th) we will be open from 10am to 4.30pm and, on Sunday, from 10am to 4pm when we will also have available tea/coffee, cakes and biscuits.

The group was formed over five years ago to meet for a sociable painting afternoon once a month in picturesque surroundings. In the summer we paint outside at various venues starting with a pub lunch or picnic and in the winter we hold art history talks and invite artists to demonstrate their crafts or to teach us in a constructive, companionable workshop.

This could be your opportunity for a visit to the historic village of Ewelme with its 15th century church, almshouses and the oldest running church primary school in England while, at the same time, helping to raise funds for the Air Ambulance team, based at RAF Benson, who did everything they could for our friend and supporter, Pete Sarreti.

Please come to support us and enjoy light refreshments at the Watercress Centre by the Ewelme brook. Do look at a delightful array of paintings but don't feel you have to buy something. We will just be pleased that you came.

We meet on the first Monday of each month at the Watercress Centre from 2 to 4.30pm to paint together.

Trisha Scott (Trisha.watercress@hotmail.co.uk)



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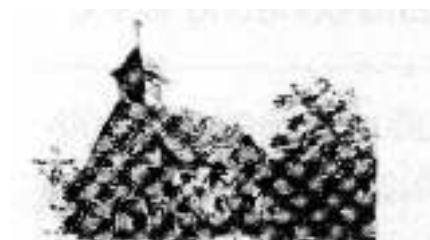
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Services for September

Sunday 2nd	11am	"Back to School" Family Service (also Merchant Navy Day)
Saturday 8th	10am-Noon	Crowmarsh Community Café (Village Hall)
Sunday 9th	11am	Parish Communion (Education Sunday)
Saturday 15th	1-4pm	Autumn Fair and Fun Dog Show (Village Hall)
Sunday 16th	11am	Parish Communion (Battle of Britain Sunday)
Sunday 23rd	11am	Family Communion
Sunday 30th	11am	Parish Communion

Morning Prayer – every Friday at 9am

Evening Prayer – every Sunday at 6pm (except Sunday 16th)

Full details at www.wallingfordcofe.org.uk/calendar

So, Ralph (my dog) and I completed our Thames Pilgrimage Paddle - from the official source near Kemble as far as the tidal stretch past Richmond Lock: 150 miles in 7 days. At times, I wondered why I was doing this: the achy shoulders, neck and arms; the monotony of paddling; and the chill of Thursday morning in the constant rain when my hands were so cold that the river water felt like a jacuzzi! But, the vast majority of time, there was nowhere else I'd rather have been - it was a great experience which I'll never forget. You can read more and see photos on my blog: <http://revkevbeer.blogspot.com/2018/08/thames-pilgrimage-paddle-brief-summary.html> Thank you to all who sponsored us.

Looking ahead to our worship this month, we mark the new School Year with our Family Service where we ask for God's blessing on our children and teachers for the year ahead and then continue the following week to think

of all learning in a wider context on "Education Sunday".

For the wider community, as well as our regular Café on Saturday 8th, we hope to bring the whole village together for our Autumn Fair and Fun Dog Show on Saturday 15th September, from 1 to 4pm at the Village Hall (free entry). Come and register your dog at 1pm for the various categories (each £1 entry: Golden Oldie, Best Rescue, Best Puppy, Most Handsome Dog, Prettiest Bitch, Dog Most Like its Owner, Waggiest Tail, Best Paw Shaker, Fastest Biscuit Eater, Junior Handling, etc). With musical entertainment, bouncy castle, BBQ & bar, tombola, raffle, crafts, teas & cakes, white elephant and all the other usual stalls, we are looking forward to a fun-packed afternoon, so we hope you will join us.

Blessings,
Rev Kev

Short Mat Bowls

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

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Benson Garden Club

We resume our programme of indoor meetings on Thursday 4th October, when photo-journalist John Negus will be taking us on a visual horticultural journey through the year with his talk 'Twelve Months of Colour'. Do come along to Benson Parish Hall for a 7.45pm start. For further information, please contact Esther on 837242.

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1066: A Medieval Mosaic Exhibition

1066: A Medieval Mosaic is a Guinness World Record-winning exhibition which has toured a number of locations in the UK before arriving at Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum (SOFO Museum), Woodstock.

The mosaic took its creator Michael A Linton 33 years to complete after he started work on the piece in 1979. Made from 33 million individual pieces of spring steel, the mosaic now measures 64 metres long and weighs 350kg. This earned *1066: A Medieval Mosaic* the title of the world's largest steel mosaic and a place in the Guinness Book of World Records.

The mosaic re-creates the entirety of the original Bayeux Tapestry, including the depiction of the Battle of Hastings, but also expands on it with additional historic scenes. In 2005 Michael added an 8-metre 'Finale Section' which depicts events leading up to the crowning of William the Conqueror on Christmas Day 1066.

In 2012, a further 22 metre section was added to cover the Battle of Fulford and the Battle of Stamford Bridge. These added scenes bring this recreation close to twice the length of the real Bayeux Tapestry.

To coincide with arrival of the mosaic, SOFO Museum will also hold a mini-exhibition of objects that tell the story of WW2 as the Bayeux tapestry does for the Norman Conquest. Visitors will be able to see these objects on display until February 2019.

1066: A Medieval Mosaic will be on display from 5th September to 1st February 2019, throughout the museum's regular opening hours, and is included in the admission price.

While SOFO Museum typically charges an admission fee, it will also celebrate Heritage Open Days this year by opening its doors free of charge on Thursday 6th and Thursday 13th September. Visitors to these Open Days can see not only the Bayeux Tapestry mosaic, but also all of the museum's permanent exhibits.

SOFO Museum is open Tuesday to Friday 10am to 5pm, Saturdays 11am to 5pm, and Sundays 2pm to 5pm. Changes to regular opening times are always added to the museum website.



In addition to the exhibition of the mosaic itself, Michael Linton will give a talk about his work on the piece and the history that surrounds the events depicted within it. The talk will take place at SOFO Museum on 12th September, with tickets available now through the museum website.

Play area and outdoor gym

We are half-way to achieving the funding we need for this project! We have obtained pledges from the Parish Council, David Beasley and the Community Café, and Local businesses HR Wallingford and Agrivert have given £300 and £500 respectively. The Active Spaces programme has awarded us £5,000 towards the outdoor gym component.

Our biggest success so far has been in receiving an award of £99,790 from the SODC Community Grants Scheme. A key part of this application was a demonstration of our community support. All of those forms completed at the school or post office, and the letters of support you gave us, led to us scoring maximum marks on the community support aspect – so thank you everyone, they all counted!

We are now awaiting the outcome of our WREN application (landfill tax). If we win that too then it will be all systems go!

Andrew Johnson, David Rowley, Michelle Reynolds, Denise Hall

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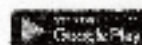
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Website: <http://www.crowmarshgifford.org.uk/index.php>

Notes of the Parish Council Meeting held at North Stoke Village Hall on Thursday 2nd August 2018

Present: Councillors Nigel Hannigan (Chair), Denise Hall, Andrew Johnson, Francesca Jones, David Rowley, Elizabeth Ryall, Stephen Sherbourne, Stuart Soames and David Topliss; District Councillor Sue Cooper; Dr Yvonne Peet (Finance Officer) who also took the minutes.

One member of the public attended part of the meeting. Apologies were received from Councillors John Griffin and Fleur Stevenson and Sue Rance (Clerk).

A minute's silence was held at the start of the meeting in remembrance of John Bellamy, previous Chairman of the Parish Council.

Finance

A schedule of payments made in July was agreed totaling £7360, which included £2747 to Xylem Water Solutions for drain work at the Pavilion and £996 to David Cottrell for tree felling at Jethro Tull Gardens.

The accounts status report was presented to end of July showing income of £36,200 and expenditure of £16,800. Income included a £10,000 Neighbourhood Plan grant from SODC. HR Wallingford were thanked for their £300 donation towards the Playground Project.

All Botany allotment rents have now been paid. There are three vacant plots which will be advertised in the *Crowmarsh News* and on noticeboards.

Loss adjusters for Thames Travel, whose bus had caused damage in Bellamy Way and at the Pavilion, have now assessed the damage and we are awaiting a quotation before repair work commences.

Planning

Cllr Cooper requested clarification on the preferred location for the pedestrian crossing on The Street in light of the expected Benson Lane development.

Decisions by SODC

P18/S1195/FUL: Change of use from existing self-contained residential accommodation (ancillary to Brook Lodge) to Class C3 (single dwelling). Brook Lodge, The Street, North Stoke, OX10 6BL.
PERMISSION GRANTED.

P18/S1858/HH: To build an oak timber frame, brick and glazed front porch to match character of property. 84 The Street, Crowmarsh Gifford, OX10 8ER.
PERMISSION GRANTED.

P18/S1866/FUL: Erection of a detached 2-bedroom dwelling with integral double garage. Land adjacent The Old Coach House, The Street, Crowmarsh Gifford, OX10 8EH.
PERMISSION GRANTED.

Applications

The Parish Council agreed its response to SODC on these applications:

P16/S3852/FUL: Land to the south of Newnham Manor, Crowmarsh Gifford (Amendment No. 6): Hybrid planning application for the erection of 100 new residential dwellings including new access road off the A4074, public open space (full application) and the provision of school land (outline application) at Newnham Manor, Crowmarsh Gifford (as amended 11th July).

RECOMMEND REFUSAL for the following reason: The redesign of the entry/exit for both the new development and Cox's Lane and the absence of the controlled crossing can only be a danger to both vehicle drivers and pedestrians.

P18/S1851/HH and P18/S1852/LB (Listed Building): Conversion of rear half of garage to studio/workshop, replacing one window with French doors and installation of one new window. No changes to listed building proposed. 92 The Street, Crowmarsh Gifford, OX10 8EJ.

RECOMMEND APPROVAL.

P18/S1962/HH: Proposed extension, alterations and new dropped kerb. 2 Park View, Crowmarsh Gifford, OX10 8BJ.

RECOMMEND APPROVAL.

P18/S2175/HH: Single storey rear and side extension, new flue to stove. 9 Newnham Green, Crowmarsh Gifford, OX10 8EW.

RECOMMEND APPROVAL.

Other matters

No replies to the letters written by the Chair of Planning on the handling of the appeal on land East of Benson Lane have been received.

The Chair of Planning was due to speak at the Planning Committee Meeting on 25th July to oppose the duplicate application for up to 150 houses on Land East of Benson Lane, but the application was deferred at the last minute to give SODC officers time to examine the new National Planning Policy Framework update, only published the day before.

Neighbourhood plan

A meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group was held on 26th July. Dr Nick Robins has circulated the draft plan document including substantial feedback from Rona Knot, our planning policy officer at SODC.

Documents are on the Parish Council website www.crowmarshgifford.org.uk. To find out more about the Neighbourhood Plan, contact Nick Robins at nicks.robins@gmail.com.

Environment & recreation ground committee

The boiler in the Pavilion had sprung a leak and Andrew Gowring has been asked to repair it.

Cllr Rowley reported that the Environment

Agency will survey the nature area to recommend work to be done to improve it and could offer voluntary effort to help carry it out.

Update on playground project

Confirmation has been received from SODC of their grant of up to 50% of the total cost (a maximum of £99,790). Active Spaces (The London Marathon Charitable Trust and Fields in Trust) has offered a £5000 grant, the conditions being a plaque to be put up, an opening event to occur and usage to be monitored.

The Committee offered a vote of thanks to both Cllrs Andrew Johnson and David Rowley for their hard work on this major project.

Update on noticeboards

Five companies have been asked to quote but only two have responded. Cllr Jones will bring a recommendation to the next meeting.

Traffic and transport

The traffic speed indicators will cost £2500, plus £280 per unit for generation and storage of data. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

District Councillor's report

District Councillor Sue Cooper reported that she had a £5000 budget to be shared between her four Parishes. Cllr Jones asked for pavement work in Newnham Green to be considered.

Cllr Cooper also explained that parishioners need to complain to SODC each time their bin is not collected as money will then be refunded to the Parish.

Correspondence

A parishioner has raised concerns about the risk of fire at the allotments. This will be monitored while the hot dry weather continues.

There have been complaints about parking in Newnham Green preventing access for refuse and recycling vehicles and hence bins not being emptied.

Date of next meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Thursday 2nd September at Crowmarsh Gifford Village Hall, starting at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

Parish councillor needed

We have a vacancy for a parish councillor. Preference will be given to someone from North Stoke or Mongewell, areas which are under-represented on the council, but any eligible person living or working in or close to the parish is invited to apply. We meet once a month: see the monthly parish council notes for an idea of what we do, or talk to any councillor. The whole council will be up for re-election in May 2019 so it is an opportunity to try it for eight months. If interested contact Sue Rance, parish clerk, at 2 Home Farm – email susanrance@btinternet.com

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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.

Wallingford Flower Club

Wallingford Flower Club invite you to a floral demonstration, "Pashmina Fever", by Nadira Burki BB&O Demonstrator on Wednesday 12th September. Doors Open at 7pm for 7.45pm start, at Crowmarsh Village Hall. Visitors welcome: £5 .

For further details, contact Fay (834303).

Wallingford U3A

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Regular events and meetings

Every Thursday	19.45-22.00	Wallingford Photographic Club	Crowmarsh Pavilion
Every Friday	09.30-12.00	Wallingford Country Market	St Mary's, W'ford
Every Saturday	10.00-12.00	WAGS Store open	Centre 70
Most Saturdays	10.00-13.00	Local Producers' Market	St Mary's, W'ford
Every Sunday	11.00 onwards	Parish Communion; Family service first Sunday of month	Crowmarsh Church

This month

Saturday 1st	10.30	Sue Ryder Sale	Nettlebed
Saturday 1st & Sunday 2nd	All day	Bunkfest	Locations throughout Wallingford town Meet at Wallingford Market Place
Sunday 2nd	13.30	CTC 26-mile road ride	
Wednesday 5th	14.00	U3A: Harold Macmillan - a reputation revised	Village Hall
Thursday 6th	19.30	Parish Council Meeting	Crowmarsh Village Hall
Saturday 8th	10.00-12.00	Crowmarsh Community Café	Village Hall
Saturday 8th	All day	Ride and stride for churches	Oxfordshire-wide
Saturday 8th	All day	Agatha Christie Day	Wallingford Museum
Saturday 8th	20.00	Music: Villiers String Quartet	St Peter's Church, Wallingford
Saturday 8th & Sunday 9th	All day	Shuntfest	Cholsey & Wallingford Railway
Wednesday 12th	19.45	TWHAS: St Mary's Chalgrove, the painted church	St Mary's Church, Wallingford
Saturday 15th	13.00-16.00	Autumn Fair & Fun Dog Show	Crowmarsh Church
Sunday 16th	13.30	CTC 35-mile road ride	Meet at Wallingford Market Place
Saturday 22nd	10.30	Sue Ryder Sale	Nettlebed
Saturday 29th	20.00	Music: Thames Consort	St Peter's Church, Wallingford
Saturday 29th	9.45-12.00	Sustainable Wallingford swap shop	Centre 70, Wallingford

October

Thursday 4th	19.30	Crowmarsh Parish Council Meeting	North Stoke Village Hall
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