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District Councillors' Report

The Emerging Local Plan 2034

The first full Council meeting of the new administration on 18th July had a packed agenda. As expected, the main focus of debate (with representations by over 20 members of the public) was the Emerging Local Plan. The Cabinet motion included:

- a desire to protect the district against speculative housing development and to maintain our housing land supply;
- support for the funding from the Housing Infrastructure Fund (c. £215m currently for road improvements in and around Didcot);
- directing officers to explore ways to protect this HIF funding whilst enabling the council to address concerns about the current emerging Local Plan 2034, including (but not limited to) climate change issues and Oxford City's unmet housing need;
- a desire for the Local Plan to reflect more properly the recently declared Climate Emergency and the Climate Change Act 2008, including the objective to become Zero Carbon by 2050;
- the need to start work on a new Local Plan as soon as possible, strengthening climate change considerations.

This was passed by 20 votes to 13. While some councillors wanted a clear decision at this stage between the four options presented, the cabinet felt more time was needed for officers to explore ways to protect the much-needed funding for road and cycle path improvements while reducing the number of houses in the plan. Latest traffic models show that the new roads and river crossings are already badly needed to relieve pressure on the existing network, but that if all of the planned houses are constructed, the roads will immediately be at full capacity. The current plan also includes nearly 5000 houses to satisfy Oxford City's unmet need, but the inspector has recently questioned how this figure was calculated, and we feel strongly that the concerns around Oxford's housing need should be addressed before we become legally obliged to embed this huge number in our allocation.

Council on 18th July also agreed to:

- Establish a Climate Emergency Advisory Committee;
- Ask the government to accelerate delivery of rail projects important to South Oxfordshire;
- Explore options to deliver more high-quality, environmentally sustainable and genuinely affordable housing;
- Oppose the Oxford-Cambridge Expressway project in all forms, including expansion of existing (or new) roads to form part of it;
- Support fully-electrified East-West Rail, including freight capacity and connections, and better public transport and active travel connections;
- Continue to support partnership working, especially for landscape-scale conservation and nature recovery networks;
- Call on the Oxfordshire Pension Fund to divest from non-renewable energy companies whose main purpose is the exploration and/or extraction of fossil fuels, and to explore reinvesting its funds in appropriate renewable energy companies.

Polling station review

SODC has to ensure that all electors have "such reasonable facilities for voting as are practicable in the circumstances". They want to hear what members of the community think of their polling stations and are particularly keen to hear from people with disabilities if they have experienced any difficulties accessing them. Contact elections@southandvale.gov.uk by 27th September. More information is on the SODC website.

Cycling survey

The new SODC administration is determined to prioritise safe cycling routes in all new developments, so we support the current Oxfordshire Cycle Survey survey, which asks what you like or dislike about cycling in Oxfordshire and what problems you encounter. This is open until 6 September at <https://consultations.oxfordshire.gov.uk/consult.ti/Cyclesurvey2019/consultationHome>

The results will support the first 'local cycling and walking infrastructure' plans for Oxford, Bicester and Didcot.

Food and safety inspections

The District Council's Food and Safety team is officially among the top performers in the country, helping businesses improve their food hygiene standards and taking enforcement action when necessary.

Councillor grants scheme

We are pleased to announce that the Councillor Community Grants scheme has opened for the next round of applications. Each Councillor receives £5k to award in response to applications from eligible organisations. For more information visit the SODC website.

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From Oxfordshire to the Orne

Normandy 75th Anniversary exhibition comes to Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum

A new exhibition, Normandy 75: Oxfordshire to the Orne, will be on display at the Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum until 3rd November 2019. This will combine a travelling exhibition from the National Army Museum with stories that staff at the museum have collected from around Oxfordshire. These stories will be told through objects, a map of key locations, and quotes from Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire-born soldiers who served on D-Day and beyond.

The exhibition marks the 75th anniversary of the Normandy Campaign and will tell the stories of courageous soldiers who fought in Normandy and detail the events that helped secure an allied victory.

Peggy Ainsworth, Collections Manager explains, 'In addition to our own regimental stories, we wanted to use this exhibition as a way to represent the local soldiers who contributed to the Normandy campaign. There have been many fascinating stories coming in from the public, which we will be telling through artefacts from our collection and information gained through our Stories of Conflict and

County campaign launched last year.'

Soldiers from the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry were some of the first to set foot in Normandy on 6th June 1944 and were perhaps most famous for the capture of Pegasus Bridge in the early hours of the morning, prior to the beach landings. Visitors can put themselves in the shoes of these soldiers and sit inside a life-size model of a Horsa Glider's compartment and listen to recorded interviews of D Day veterans.

The exhibition will end with a special collecting day on 2nd November. This day will encourage members of the public to bring objects to the museum and tell their stories of Oxfordshire from the Second World War to the 1970s. Objects donated or loaned on the day will form our Second World War and Reminiscence displays.

The Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum is in the grounds of the Oxfordshire Museum, Park Street, Woodstock, and is open Tuesday-Friday 10am-5pm, Saturday 11am-5pm and Sunday 2pm-5pm.

Thames WaterBlitz

The next Thames WaterBlitz will take place on 20th to 23rd September. Register by 15th.

This Citizen Science event involves hundreds of volunteers carrying out quick and easy tests for phosphates and nitrates in local ponds, lakes, ditches, springs, streams and rivers. The intensive testing done by volunteers can help identify key pollution sources or clean water spots that are refuges for some of our special wildlife that's more sensitive to water quality.

This will be the ninth WaterBlitz in the Thames Valley but the first pan-European Waterblitz event: Luxembourg, Paris and Dublin will all be joining for the first time this year, to help understand and solve water quality issues.

If you are interested in seeing the data collected during previous WaterBlitz events and getting to know more about your local freshwater environment, please visit the website <https://ewgis.org/WaterBlitz-Analysis>.

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Agatha Christie Weekend

Friday 6th to Sunday 8th September

This year's Agatha Christie Weekend in Wallingford and Cholsey has an intriguing programme of events ...

Friday evening will feature Science Oxford's *CSI Wallingford* at Wallingford Museum. The crime scene is still fresh, so it's time to send in the forensic team to collect evidence and unravel alibis. This includes blood splatter analysis, chemical testing for gun residues and digital forensics. The challenge will take about 1.5 to 2 hours. Bring your mobile phone for photographing clues. Sessions from: 6.30pm, 7.15pm and 8pm; suitable for ages 18+

Booking (£12) essential at <https://scienceoxford.com/events/csi-wallingford-agatha-christie-weekend> or buy tickets from Wallingford Museum or phone 01491 651127.

The Saturday evening talk at Cholsey Church (where Agatha Christie and Max Mallowan are buried) will be 'Murder Most Flowery: Agatha Christie's Use of Horticulture in the Creation and Solving of Whodunits' by Ruth Brompton-Charlesworth PhD FLS. A fascinating talk for all with an interest in gardens, it detects the importance of Agatha's plant knowledge in the solving of crime and the committing of murder!

Venue: 8pm at St Mary's Church Cholsey (doors open at 7.30pm)

Tickets £12 (incl glass of wine) bookable in advance online or from Ray Park Butcher, Cholsey or Wallingford Museum or phone 01491 651127

All weekend there is an enhanced Agatha Christie exhibition ('At home with the Queen of Crime') at Wallingford Museum, and an acclaimed 'A is for Agatha' art exhibition inspired by her books in Cholsey Old School, where refreshments are available.

The Cholsey and Wallingford Railway will be running trains linking the town and village.

As usual, there are guided walks, such as the Agatha Christie Trail between Wallingford and

Cholsey, history and themed walks around the town and Cholsey churchyard and Church.

" Tea! Bless ordinary everyday afternoon tea!"
- Agatha Christie

On Sunday, take a look inside the Grade I listed Town Hall to brush up on local history and view the town treasures and on Saturday afternoon partake in a vintage style tea.

The theme may be murder, but the emphasis is on enjoyment!

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www.wallingfordmuseum.org.uk

What's on at Wallingford Museum



BunkFest offers: 2 for 1 admission, guided walks and extended opening hours

Tuesdays to Saturdays: Wallingford Museum's new exhibition 'Once upon a time ... The changing face of Wallingford.'

Every Saturday: Wallingford's guided historic town walks, 11am from the Town Hall

6 to 8 September: Agatha Christie Weekend

11 September: TWHAS talk: Latest thinking on Roman Dorchester.

You can hire the Dance Studio, Sports Hall or the Astroturf at Wallingford School.

Call Wilson Chong on 829762, or email Leisure-centre@wallingfordschool.com

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To book North Stoke Village Hall

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TWHAS talk

'Latest thinking on Roman Dorchester-on-Thames: from origins to demise'

The next talk to The Wallingford Historical and Archaeological Society (TWHAS) will be given by Paul Booth of Oxford Archaeology.

The training excavation completed its tenth and final field season in the allotments at Dorchester in summer 2018. Although modest in scale, this has added evidence that contributes significantly to our understanding of the Roman town and has prompted wider questions of early and late Roman transitions in the immediately surrounding area. Some of these questions will be reviewed in the light of ongoing post-excavation analysis.

Paul is the Senior Project Manager with Oxford Archaeology, where he manages a wide range of projects both in the field and post-excavation. His principal expertise and interest is in the Roman period in Britain, with specialist input on Roman pottery.

This talk will be held on Wednesday 11th September, 7.45 for 8pm, at St Mary le More Church, Wallingford.

Visitors (£4) are most welcome.

Katharine Keats-Rohan
www.wallingfordmuseum.org.uk

Record roadkill to help mammal conservation

Wildlife charity People's Trust for Endangered Species (PTES) is calling on volunteers to record sightings of mammals, dead or alive, as part in its annual Mammals on Roads survey.

PTES is asking anyone using Britain's roads to record sightings of mammals and submit the records via the free Mammals on Roads app – available for Apple and Android smartphones. The data will help to see changing population trends and identify where conservation action is needed most and for which species. The survey must only be done by passengers.

Recording sightings every year shows how wild mammals are faring in the surrounding landscape. For example, thanks to volunteers over the last two decades, we found out that hedgehog numbers are plummeting. Now, we're doing everything we can to help them, but we wouldn't have known they were in trouble without the volunteers' help.

As well as hedgehogs, badgers, rabbits, foxes and deer, there are dozens of other mammals in Britain, so keep your eyes peeled for some of our lesser seen wild neighbours, such as stoats and otters.

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Past Times: George Niedzwiecki

from David Beasley

George Niedzwiecki was born in Poznan, Poland in 1923, where he and his sister Rosa had a happy childhood. But when George was sixteen in 1939, Poland was invaded by Germany. George was forced to work on a farm in Southern Germany. He could go out in the evenings to the nearby town but was forced to wear a letter "P" sewn onto his jacket and was not allowed to use public transport or the local parks. The Poles were also not allowed to talk to any Germans, especially women, something the German girls weren't happy with, and once George was forced to witness a public hanging of a Polish boy for going out with a German girl. They were often given a lecture telling them the Germans were the only pure race.

His job was to plough the fields with a team of horses. He wasn't allowed to own a watch and had to rely on the horses to tell when it was time to eat, which they did without fail, as they simply stopped still until they were fed. George felt the food given to the horses was better than what he was given. Late in 1943 he was moved to a farm in France, where in 1944 he was released by the Americans and sent to England. As he was now 21, he joined the Polish Army and was sent back to the fighting in France and Germany. At times he was attached to the British Army and sometimes to the American Army. He thought it was safer to fight with the Americans as when attacking a village, the Americans would flatten it with shells and bombing, while the British and the Poles would go in on foot.

He was demobbed in 1946 and went to a Polish camp in Nettlebed where he met his wife. They were married in 1949 and chose to settle in the Wallingford area. In the early 1950s he was given a house in Park View where he lived with his wife and his daughter Sandra. He started work as wood machinist at Lupton and Morton in Croft Road. George retired from Orchard Seating in 1988. He moved to Winter's Field not long after his retirement, which is where I met him, he lived

at the bottom of my garden (most people had fairies, but I had George!). He was always had smile on his face and never complained about anything. He often went back to Poland to see his sister and his father, who lived well into his 90s. George died in 1994 and I for one still miss him.

Music at St Peter's

With many memorable concerts now behind us, we reach the climax of this year's season. On Saturday 7 September we will hear the promising young Barbican String Quartet, winner of the St Martin's Chamber Music Competition in 2018, in a varied programme of Mozart, Brahms and Webern.

Finally we have the treat of Jeremy Boughton's Thames Consort performing a lovely mix of baroque choral and instrumental music featuring Bach, Purcell, Handel and Vivaldi.

See www.musicatstpeterswallingford.org.uk for full details, or pick up a colour brochure at your local library or Wallingford Town information Centre, or ring Roger Morgan on 01491 837494 and I will send you one. Tickets are £16 via our website or at the door, or just £15 if bought in person from Just Trading, 17 St Mary's Street, Wallingford.

If you've not been to one of our concerts, we have a 'First Timers Free' scheme: see the website for how it works. All concerts start at 8pm and seats are unreserved, so get there in good time for the best choice. We just squeezed everyone in for the Papagena concert on 17 August, but it was a close call!

Wallingford Flower Club

The next meeting of the Wallingford Flower Club will be on Wednesday 11th September 2019 at Crowmarsh Gifford Village Hall.

Jane Haas will be demonstrating "Autumn Antics". Doors open at 7pm for a 7.45pm start.

All are welcome: visitors £5. There will be coffee, a sales table and a raffle for flowers.

For further information please phone 01491 834303.

Wallingford Local Producers Market (WLPM)

Wallingford Local Producers Market celebrates its 12th anniversary in September. This is an amazing achievement for a community-run, not-for-profit enterprise bringing the best of locally grown and made food, drink, arts and crafts into the centre of Wallingford every week.

WLPM is run entirely by volunteers every Saturday morning to promote the importance of 'shop local' to keep Wallingford a thriving market town. Kate Spence, chair of the organising committee, comments: "I am proud that many local crafters, bakers, makers and food growers started their businesses with a stall at our market. This shows how important it is to give local entrepreneurs easy ways to meet their customers, refine their products and grow their businesses."

Kate pays tribute to the volunteers who make WLPM a success. "Principal among them are the wonderful 2nd Wallingford Scout leaders, children and parents who reliably set up and take down the market every week and store tables and publicity banners. WLPM's Cheese Matters stall supports the market and it's a great way to get to know award-winning cheeses too. One volunteer buys the cheeses, another collects from local dairies, a third stores cheeses at the correct temperatures and a whole team of volunteers sell at the market. This way we're offering top quality locally-produced food at affordable prices.

The 12th Birthday Market, with delicious cake for everyone, is on Saturday 14 September, 10am - 1pm in St Mary's Church in the town centre. More information on www.wlpm.org.uk

Wallingford U3A

At our August meeting Marcia Watson gave us a lively and moving account of her work at the Rainbow Children's Home in Pokhara, Nepal. This is home for 41 children, orphaned or abandoned, desperately in need of food and care. Nepal is a landlocked, mountainous country which has suffered greatly from wars and earthquakes. Many Nepalese live in isolated villages and farms hours away from made up roads. There is extreme poverty, and

in a traditional, patriarchal society mortality, especially among women and small children, is high. Literacy rates are low. But Nepal is changing fast. The internet and mobile phones have arrived, as have tourists. Marcia brought the realities home to us with photographs and accounts of individual children to whom proper food and an education offers a future of hope, for them and for those they will help in turn.

On 4th September Jennifer Cowling will speak on "From the Page to the Stage". We hope to learn just how a real live play grows from a printed text.

On 2nd October Dr Martin Holmes will return, by popular request, this time to speak on "John Major – a reputation revised"

On 19th September we will be visiting the Foundling Museum. Our guide will be John Caldicott who was our speaker in July. For more information about outings please phone Hermione on 01865 858024.

Our Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 2.00 pm in Crowmarsh Village Hall. Visitors are always made welcome and seem to enjoy themselves. To find out more please visit our website: u3asites.org.uk/Wallingford, or phone Jill on 01491 835994

Photographic Club

Thinking of taking up a new hobby? How about photography? Wallingford Photographic Club's new season begins on Thursday 12th September with a 'Welcome Evening' at Crowmarsh Pavilion, so why not come along? As a bonus well-known local photographer, Christian Sinkinson of *More Than Images*, will give an illustrated talk about his work as a family portrait photographer.

On September 19th we have a presentation by Paul Sanders, a renowned landscape and Fine Art photographer, entitled "Mindful and Contemplative Photography", not to be missed. Then on 26th September there will be a Practical Evening for some night photography.

The club welcomes all photographers from novice to advanced. Meetings are held at Crowmarsh Pavilion, 7.30pm for 8pm, and visitors are most welcome. Full details on the website www.wallingfordphoto.club

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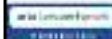


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Services for September

Sunday 1st	11 am	Family Service
Saturday 7th	1 to 4 pm	Autumn Fair & Fun Dog Show, Village Hall
Sunday 8th	11 am	Parish Communion
Saturday 14th	10 am - noon	Crowmarsh Community Café, Village Hall
Sunday 15th	11am	Parish Communion
Sunday 15th	4 pm	Evening Prayer at St Mary's Newnham Murren
Sunday 22nd	11 am	Family Communion
Sunday 29th	11 am	Parish Communion

Morning Prayer every Friday at 9am

Evening Prayer every Sunday at 6pm

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

It was with great sadness that we heard that PC Andrew Harper, a resident of Crowmarsh, was killed whilst on active duty. We continue to hold him, his wife Lissie, their families, friends and colleagues in our prayers.

On behalf of the village and neighbours I want to express our shock and horror, and to pray for all of our police officers as they deal with the tragedy of losing a colleague. I do not know the family personally, but I have asked the media that their privacy be respected.

In accordance with the Police Chaplains, no 'Books of Condolence' will be opened until the family request it, but local people have been expressing their sympathy and support.

On Sunday we welcomed two of our Police Community Support Officers to our service in prayers for the family and the police. Please support the bereaved family with your condolences, and memories of Andrew if you knew him, and continue to hold them all in prayer in the days, weeks and months to come, that justice will be done and that the grieving process can be worked through.

Blessings, Rev Kev

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Autumn Fair & Fun Dog Show

*Sat 7th September, 1- 4pm
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- Bouncy Castle
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Sunday 1st and Monday 2nd September
Marianne & Leonard: Words of Love (12A)

Friday 6th *Pavarotti* (12A)

Friday 13th and Saturday 14th *Blinded by the Light* (12A)

Sunday 15th and Monday 16th *Mrs Lowry & Son* (PG)

Tuesday 17th, Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th *Once upon a Time in Hollywood* (18)

Live show

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Thursday 26th September 7pm NT Live: *One Man, Two Guvnors* Tickets £12.50 (adults), £10 (seniors and under-18s). Pre-recorded from 2011, Richard Bean's hit play, based on 'The Servant of Two Masters' by Carlo Goldoni.

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Wallingford's Neighbourhood Plan

Wallingford is a hub that provides schools, GP services, employment, shops and recreation for people outside of the town. The Wallingford Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group is therefore just as interested in receiving comments from the surrounding villages.

The Plan is for the period up to 2034 and sets out objectives and policies against which planning applications for housing, employment and other development will be assessed.

The Plan can be downloaded from <https://www.wallingfordtowncouncil.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plan> or printed copies are available at the Town Council offices at 9 St Martin's Street and the Library.

Responses can be sent to wnplan@wallingfordtowncouncil.gov.uk or WNP Consultation, Wallingford Town Council, 9 St Martin's Street, OX10 0AL. Consultation closes at midnight on Sunday 20th October. An open event, where you can talk with members of the Steering Group, will be held at the Ridgeway Community Church (21b & 22 St. Mary's Street, Wallingford OX10 0EW) from 10am to 2pm on Saturday 28th September.

Crowmarsh is also currently preparing a Neighbourhood Plan, and there will be consultation later in the year. Find out more on the website www.crowmarshgifford.org.uk.

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The Citizens Advice website www.citizensadvice.org.uk will tell you everything you need to know.

For more guidance, telephone Citizens Advice Consumer Service on 03454 040506 or visit Citizens Advice during opening hours. For details of office locations see www.citizensadvice.org.uk/local/oxfordshire-south-vale.

Short Mat Bowls takes place at the Pavilion on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 2pm. For more information, please call Don on 202543

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Notes of the Parish Council Meeting held at North Stoke Village Hall on Thursday 4th August 2019

Present: Councillors John Griffin (Chair), David Rowley, Liz Ryall, Stuart Soames, Stephen Sherbourne, Andrew Johnson, Ken McCrea, Julian Park and Fleur Stevenson, Sue Rance (Clerk), Yvonne Peet (Finance Officer), District Councillor Andrea Powell and a member of the public.

Apologies were received from Cllr David Topliss and County Cllr Mark Gray.

Matters from the previous meeting

The District Council will carry out deep cleansing in late August and will be asked to clear weeds from the footway along Benson Lane, continuing what they did last year. Students from Wallingford School have helped with vegetation clearance on footpaths in Crowmarsh Gifford and will return next term. Overgrown vegetation at the bus stop in North Stoke has now been cut back.

As agreed, the Clerk has asked the council's solicitor to register the land at North Stoke Village Hall on behalf of the Parish Council as custodial trustee.

Three new speed indicator devices have now been fitted, thanks to Cllr Sherbourne, with the assistance of Mr Duncan Reed.

Finance

The schedule of payments made in July was approved, including £210.60 to Play Safety Limited for their annual inspection of the playground and sports field.

It was proposed by Cllr Ryall and seconded by Cllr Griffin that these payments be approved and this was agreed.

The accounts for the last year had now been displayed on noticeboards for the required amount of time and have been sent to the

external auditors. The Finance Officer and Clerk will be given a contract of employment based on the Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils model contract.

District Councillor's report

District Councillor Andrea Powell reported on the SODC Local Plan and other matters – see pages 3 and 4.

Planning

Decisions by SODC

PP19/S0942/DIS Carmel College, Mongewell Park, Mongewell OX10 8BU

Discharge of condition 27- Contamination Investigation on application P11/W2357. As clarified by site investigation report received on 15 April 2019. DETAILS REJECTED

P18/S1680/DIS Carmel College, Mongewell Access Road, Mongewell OX10 8BU

Discharge of conditions 24 surface water drainage and 25 - drainage strategy on application ref. P11/W2357
DETAILS REJECTED

P19/S0691/FUL CABI, Nosworthy Way, Mongewell OX10 8DE

Amendment to planning application P15/S3387/FUL to amend the fenestration of residential plots 17, 18, 20, 21, 23, 87, 25, 52, 57, 53, 54, 70, 71, 83, 84 and 85. (As amended by plans received 2019-06-06 to clarify drawings and as further amended by plans 2019-07-12 to introduce false windows and brick courses to certain plots).
PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED

P19/S1800/DIS Centre for Ecology & Hydrology, Maclean Building Benson Lane Crowmarsh Gifford OX10 8BB

Discharge of conditions 3 - Materials as on plan, 5 - Landscaping (trees and shrubs only), 6 - Tree Protection (general) of application P19/S0067/FUL. Single storey building for sample storage to reasonably extend and support the specific activities which take place

on site and enhance the existing use.
DETAILS AGREED

P19/S1564/HH 91 The Street Crowmarsh
Gifford OX10 8EF
Remodelling of the front of the house and
opening up of the kitchen/family room
PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED

Applications and updates

P19/S1217/DIS Revised Residential Travel
Plan, CABI / CALA homes site
Discharge of appeal condition 9 (travel plan)
following refusal of P15/S3387/FUL.
Demolition of existing buildings and erection of
a new headquarters for CABI; erection of 91
dwellings, comprising open market and
affordable housing, provision of open space,
landscaping and parking and other associated
works. NOT SUBJECT TO CONSULTATION

P19/S2352/DIS 'The Sycamores' adjacent to
No. 206 Crowmarsh Hill Crowmarsh Gifford
OX10 8BG Four dwellings approved in outline
(2 pairs of semi-detached) with access,
parking and gardens in the chalk pit (referred
to at our last meeting). Discharge of conditions
on application ref. P17/S1168/O 3 - materials,
4 - slab levels, 5 - arboricultural method
statement, 6 - reptile strategy & 10 –
contamination. NOT SUBJECT TO
CONSULTATION

P19/S2340/HH 1 Winterbrook Wallingford
OX10 9DX (adjoining our parish across the
River Thames). Demolition of one existing
garage building and existing single storey rear
extension and construction of new single
storey rear extension, replacement garage and
cladding of existing garden store building.
NO OBJECTION

P19/S2254/HH 69 The Street Crowmarsh
Gifford OX10 8EF. Single storey glazed
extension. RECOMMEND APPROVAL

P19/S1860/HH 22 Howbery Farm Crowmarsh
Gifford OX10 8NR. Erection of garden shed.
RECOMMEND APPROVAL

Enforcement action

Nuffield Garage, Crowmarsh Hill, Wallingford,
OX10 8BG – SE18/729.
SODC has served two separate planning
enforcement notices on all persons known to
have an interest in the above site. The notices
require: 1) the unauthorised use of the site for
the 'sale and display for sale of motor vehicles'

to stop; and 2) the removal of unauthorised
floodlights from the northern and western
elevations of the building.

Both notices take effect on 17 September
unless appeals are submitted before that date.
Once the enforcement notices come into effect
the owner/occupier will have 4 months to
comply with the requirements of the notice.
It is an offence to fail to comply with an
enforcement notice.

Environment and Recreation Ground Committee

A member of the public, representing many
parents of young children, spoke in favour of
opening the toilets at the recreation ground.

Following the last meeting, professional advice
about safe provision of public toilets has been
taken from South Oxfordshire District Council,
Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils
(OALC), the playground suppliers Eibe and the
legal team at the National Association of Local
Councils (NALC).

Their responses make it clear that parents or
guardians, or the organisers of a club hiring
the facilities, bear responsibility for the
safeguarding of children using the toilets,
rather than the parish council.

After discussion it was decided by a majority
vote that the internal pavilion toilets will remain
closed to the public, but when the sports field
is not being hired out, the toilets in the
changing rooms (which have a separate
access) will be opened to the public until the
new term starts, subject to staff being available
to do this. A notice will be posted to that effect.

However, when the playing fields are hired,
hirers would have control over use of these
facilities. Concern was also expressed about
the lack of disabled toilets or baby change
facilities in these changing room toilets.

The Environment and Recreation Ground
Management Committee will monitor the
situation and will have delegated responsibility
to close the toilets at its discretion.

Councillors agreed that we should find a better
solution in the long term and it was agreed that
a separate external toilet should be built,
subject to planning and funding.

The Environment and Recreation Ground
management committee will investigate this.

Cllr Johnson had circulated a draft Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy, based on a template for parish councils. Cllr McCrea offered to review the policy to tailor it to our situation and best practice and it will then be discussed in the committee.

Our caretaker Chris Strange and his deputy are both happy to undertake a DBS criminal record check.

Traffic and Transport

The three new speed indicator devices (SIDs) are working well and have been well received by the public. A request has been received for another SID on the southbound carriageway of the A4074.

A letter will be sent to the new Thames Valley Chief Constable, asking for a report on speed check information for the year to date on the A4074 Portway and for more police speed checks to be carried out there.

Vacancies for Parish Councillors

There are still two vacancies on the Parish Council. Expressions of interest from Mongewell or North Stoke will be sought.

Other business

A list of committee responsibilities and representatives on outside bodies had been circulated to be discussed in September.

There was further discussion about making our meetings more efficient, keeping them to two hours whenever possible. Information and proposals should be circulated in advance of the meeting and taken as read.

District and County Councillors would be asked to submit their reports in advance and answer questions at the meeting. Members of the public may address the council for up to five minutes. Councillors are asked to speak concisely and listen when others are talking.

Except in urgent situations, the chairman will keep to the time allocated on the agenda and adjourn discussions until the next meeting if much more time is needed.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at Crowmarsh Gifford Village Hall on Thursday 5th September, starting at 7.30pm. Members of the public are welcome as always.

Electoral register letters

Every home in South Oxfordshire should now have received a yellow letter (a 'Household Enquiry Form') requiring residents to confirm everyone over the age of 16 who lives in their property. South Oxfordshire District Council needs this information to make sure everyone who is eligible to vote is able to do so in future elections, including the Police and Crime Commissioner elections in May 2020.

Simply visit householdresponse.com/southandvale to confirm that your details are correct or, if not, provide the correct information. You will need to enter the two-part code on the front of your yellow letter.

If you cannot access the Internet, you can complete and return the form in the reply paid envelope. If your details are correct you can simply confirm this by phone or text – details are in the yellow letter.

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25 September Guest speaker to be confirmed

11- 14 September Autumn Stampex at the Design Centre, London, a "must go to" for stamp collectors.

Meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at Bix Village Hall at 7.45 p.m. Visitors and new members are welcome. For further details phone 01491 681739 or see our website www.henleyphilatelic.org.uk.

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WHAT'S ON — SEPTEMBER 2019

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-le-More Church
Every Saturday	10.00-12.00	WAGS Store open	Centre 70
Every Saturday	10.00-13.00	Local Producers' Market	St Mary-le-More Church or Market Place, Wallingford
Various days	Different times	Didcot and Wallingford Ramblers www.ramblers.org.uk/didcot-wallingford	Different places
Every Sunday	11.00 onwards	Parish Communion (Family service on the first Sunday of the month)	St Mary Magdalene's Church, Crowmarsh

This month

Friday 30th Aug to Sunday 1st Sept	All days	Wallingford Bunkfest + Cholsey and Wallingford Railway trains	Locations throughout Wallingford
Sunday 1st September	09.30 onwards	CTC 20-mile road ride	Meet Wallingford Market Place
Wednesday 4th	14.00 onwards	U3A: From Page to Stage	Crowmarsh Village Hall
Thursday 5th	19.30 onwards	Crowmarsh Parish Council Meeting	Crowmarsh Village Hall
Friday 6th to Sunday 8th	Various times	Agatha Christie Weekend 2019	Wallingford Museum and various locations
Saturday 7th	13.00-16.00	Church Autumn Fair & Fun Dog Show	Crowmarsh Village Hall
Saturday 7th	20.00 onwards	Music: The Barbican String Quartet	St Peters Church Wallingford
Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th	All day	Trains: Agatha Christie Weekend	Cholsey and Wallingford Railway
Wednesday 11th September	19.45 onwards	TWHAS: Latest thinking on Roman Dorchester	St Mary-le-More Church, Wallingford
Saturday 14th	10.00-12.00	Crowmarsh Community Café	Crowmarsh Village Hall
Sunday 15th	13.30 onwards	CTC 30-mile road ride	Meet Wallingford Market Place
Saturday 21st	10.30 onwards	Sue Ryder Sale	Nettlebed
Tuesday 24th	10.30-12.30	Falls prevention workshop (see p.14)	Benson Village Hall
Saturday 28th September	20.00 onwards	The Thames Consort: music by Purcell, Handel and Bach	St Peters Church Wallingford
Saturday 28th	10.00-14.00	Wallingford Neighbourhood Plan (p.13)	Ridgeway Church
Saturday 28th	All day	Wallingford Long Distance Sculls	River Thames & Riverside

October

Wednesday 2nd October	14.00 onwards	U3A: John Major – A Reputation Revised	Crowmarsh Village Hall
Thursday 3rd October	19.30 onwards	Crowmarsh Parish Council Meeting	North Stoke Village Hall

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