**Present:** Chris Jessop, Nick Henry, Peter Dragonetti, Tarek Moghul, Hilary Dewey, Liz Collas, Martin Wise, Nick Elsome.

In attendance, Lucy Turner, Amanda Holland.

1. **Apologies for Absence**: some members apologised for not being present for the whole of the meeting.
2. **Public Forum**: The meeting was held virtually with no requests from the public to attend.
3. **Minutes of the last meeting Thursday January 14th 2020.** Were signed as correct.
4. **Matters Arising :** none
5. **Correspondence:**

* Mr D Archer from Garton End had asked us to look into the possibility of speed restrictions in the minor road next to the play area. NE offered to progress.
* Jon Beal from SODC Highways has confirmed his intentions to replace bend sign at Giddy Bridge.

1. **District and County Councillors report**: Cllr P Dragonetticirculated a report which was approved. It was noted that Enforcement have been working on our behalf and changes to the department are working well.
2. **Discussion on immediate spending priorities.** A number of immediate spending priorities were discussed, including those proposed by parishioners and also members of the Council. It was agreed to prioritise:

* Review and refurbishment of the five bus shelters in the parish.
* The potential to place improved pathways on the slope approaching Shirvells Hill. AH to approach OCC highways to determine if this can be funded through their H&S budget and also if Thames Water should contribute following their recent works. .
* Refurbishment of the Whitchurch Hill telephone box library
* Refurbishment of the table tennis table and surroundings in the recreation ground.
* Ensuring more rigorous GDPR compliance within the Parish Council’s activities

1. **Governance Matters**

**Finance and Bank Reconciliation:** There was £27,420.24 in the bank, with10 approved items of expenditure.

**Housekeeping:**

* The parish map is all sold out and ready for collection, some have been delivered.
* OALC suggests we hold a virtual AGM in April this year. AH to action.
* A new internal Auditor has been appointed.

1. **Maintenance.**

**Crays Pond:**

* Rod D’Ayala to be contacted via Karen Woolley to seek to progress more rapidly the maintenance of the pond area. Community volunteers are available to support.
* A parishioner known to the clerk will be approached to see if he will refurbish the seat.

.**Footpaths and Rights of Way:** LCcontinues to campaign and represent us. Slowways.com to be supported.

**New Padlocks/ Parish Security:**  Following a consultation with OCC, no further action to be taken.

**Playground Maintenance checks:** NE and AH confirmed all in good order.

1. **The Newsletter/ Website /Social Media.** All progressing well, thanks to Lucy.
2. **The Parish Hall :** PD reported on a grant which will be very helpful for the future of the Parish Hall.
3. **Planning and Unauthorised Developments.**

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| **Premises and application details** | **Parish Council** |  |
| [**P21/S0126/FUL**](https://data.southoxon.gov.uk/ccm/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P21/S0126/FUL)  Bucklebury Wood Goring Heath  Proposed construction of 3m x 30m compacted hardcore access track (retrospective) | LC to reply |  |
| [**P21/S0255/HH**](https://data.southoxon.gov.uk/ccm/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P21/S0255/HH)  2 Orchard Coombe Whitchurch Hill RG8 7QL  Single storey side extension to link to a new garage extension and part garage conversion | HD |  |
| [**P21/S0221/LDE**](https://data.southoxon.gov.uk/ccm/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P21/S0221/LDE)  Broadgate Bridle Road Whitchurch Hill RG8 7PR  Construction of a single storey rear extension and single storey detached outbuilding in residential use for more than 4 years. | PD |  |
| [**P21/S0124/HH**](https://data.southoxon.gov.uk/ccm/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P21/S0124/HH)  White House 8 Rivacres Whitchurch Hill RG8 7QP  Erection of a porch on the front elevation of the house; the erection of a single storey rear extension to replace the existing conservatory, the addition of a dormer window on the west elevation, and the addition of a roof lip to the garage's front and rear elevation. | TM |  |
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1. **Status on Traffic Planning Initiatives:**

a) Whitchurch Hill Village Gates and Village Signage. See above.

b) Crays Pond 30MPH. Works approve by OCC cabinet. Funding approval awaited prior to implementation.

c) Whitchurch Hill B471 30MPH. CJ to continue to liaise with WOT PC to progress with OCC.

1. **The White Lion:** CPAG are in active consultation with the owner and other agencies to progress.
2. **Any Other Business:** LT asked for advice regarding the trees on Hill Bottom Close. It was agreed that Long Toll Junction and the maintenance or otherwise of our bus shelters would be taken forward to the next meeting.

The meeting ended at 10pm.

**Date of the next meeting** : **Thursday March 11th 2020 at 8pm.**