

COUNCILLOR VACANCY ON CHINNOR PARISH COUNCIL

Following the resignation of two of our councillors, applications are sought from qualified persons who are interested in being considered for co-option to fill the vacancy.

To qualify for co-option as a Parish Councillor applicants must:

- *be a Commonwealth citizen, or citizen of the Republic of Ireland, or a citizen of another Member State of the European Community*
 - *be aged 18 years or over.*
 - *be an elector of the parish, or*
- *during the whole of the last 12 months have occupied as owner or tenant land or other premises in the parish, or*
- *live within 4.8 kilometres (three miles) of the parish boundary*

Please contact CPC office and request an application form:

Phone: 01844 353267

- **Email: clerk@chinnorparishcouncil.gov.uk**
 - **Address: Mrs Liz Folley, Clerk,
Chinnor Parish Council Office,
Community Pavilion, Station Road, Chinnor,
Oxfordshire, OX39 4PU**

Deadline for applications:
Friday 6th May 2022



Chinnor Parish Council

Annual Reports **2021-2022**



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Chinnor Parish Council Chairman's Annual Report by Cllr Robin Williams

Once again the past year has proved to be most difficult what with COVID, which we thought was waning but it continues. Then early in the New Year we have to witness and continue to the terrible events in Ukraine. At this stage I would like to thank village residents for all the support they have given to not only local residents affected by the Pandemic but to those who have supported Ukraine war victims in so many ways with particular thanks to Reverend Jacky Barr. Once again a reflection of the caring community we live in.

Thank you.

Chinnor Parish Council continues to meet on a Monday night having now reverted back to face to face meetings rather than Zoom as in the past. We meet in the Community Pavilion Main Hall unless the numbers are limited then it is in the Chambers. This is to ensure social distancing is observed for as long as it is appropriate. Full Council meetings take place on the first Monday of each month, Planning Committee on the second Monday, Finance and General Purpose Committee on the third Monday of each month with Amenities Committee on the forth Monday every other month.

The Full Council and Committee Meetings are open to any residents who would like to attend so please come along. Contact the Parish Clerk if you would like more details and/or a Meeting Agenda.

As you are probably aware there are Thirteen Chinnor Parish Councillors but we currently do have two vacancies due to recent resignations. If you are interested in applying to fill these vacancies, please contact the Parish Clerk for application details.

Special thanks must go to our Parish Council Office Staff Liz, Clerk and Helen, Admin Assistant as well as Lee and Trevor our two Groundsmen who maintain the overall village appearance. All do a sterling job in not only running the day to day office activities but also all the village maintenance needs. I would also like to mention our District Councillors, Lynn and Ian and County Councillors Kate and Nigel, who do so much on behalf of Chinnor which is much appreciated.

Last but not least may I offer my sincere thanks to all Councillors, past and present, for their commitment and support over the last year.

Thank you all.

CPC Grants Awarded in our community 2021 / 2022

April 2022

The Parish Council allocated a budget of £20,000 in order for groups providing services to the local residents to apply for funding towards worthy projects.

Financial contributions were made to the following groups:

£1,000	Citizens Advise Bureau
£425	St. Andrews – Chooseday Club
£300	Life Education Unit visiting St Andrews School
£500	Ladybird Pre school
£1000	Red Kite Family Centre
£1054.15	Community Garden
£1000	ENRYCH
£660	C&PRR
£700	Chinnor Football Club – Ground maintenance
£149	Friends of Earth – printing walk leaflet
£1300	Community Pavilion
£1000	Chinnor Players
£254.38	Jack & Jill Pre school
£2750	Heritage Website
£976.60	Cricket Club
£640	Ladies Football Club
£140.96	Wombles
£11000	Village Centre
£364.32	St Andrews Church T@3 club
£938.90	St Andrews School Association
£713.75	Chinnor Youth Football Club
£2800	St Andrews School

Planning Committee Report by Cllr Martin Wright

This has been a year of three parts – completion, ongoing problems and threats.

1. Completions

The Neighbourhood Plan has been through all its stages of its revision and has been officially adopted. This provides us with further ammunition to control development, but does not totally preserve us from developers' QCs hair-splitting and changes in Government Policy.

The proposals for traffic calming work at the entrances to the village have been approved by OCC and funded by their share of S106 and CIL money. Work should start shortly.

2. Ongoing problems

None of the major developments in the village have completed all their planning obligations, so OCC have been unable to adopt the road systems, so that no complaints can be addressed by OCC and CPC cannot quantify any maintenance areas that may fall to it.

Thames Water have admitted that there is a shortfall in sewage handling capacity in the village, but no plans or time scales for alleviation have appeared. In spite of losing an appeal, Taylor Wimpey have not yet installed the acoustic fencing at Old Kiln Lakes. The matter is now in the hands of the SODC enforcement team.

3. Threats.

At the moment, SODC and CPC are preparing their case for the approaching appeal hearing regarding the proposed development of housing for the over 55s on Crowell Road. Although this has been refused by SODC, and is against SODC Local Plan and the CPC Neighbourhood Plan, Government policy is known to favour housing for the elderly.

A change in Government policy has allowed the Day Nursery on Lower Road to go ahead, in spite of it being previously refused on traffic grounds. The new policy is that this kind of change from offices no longer requires planning permission so the nursery will go ahead.

The events of the past year have shown how weak local policies are when in disagreement with Government policies and the bottomless pockets of major developers. Let us hope that next year provides more sensible and joined up policies and events so that the village manages to keep a sensible balance between development of housing and development of the infrastructure.

Finance and General Purposes Committee Report by Cllr Martin Wright

Finances of the Council are in good shape. Expenditure has kept within budgetary limits and all procedures have been carried out correctly. Due to inflation, a small increase was made to the precept for the year over last year, but this did not impact households as more house completions provided the funds to cover the increase. This excellent position is due to the good work of our RFO.

Major items that have been funded by CPC this year are:

EV charging points, which are now complete and being used.

Adult exercise equipment at Old Kiln Lakes

Support for Day Care at the Village Centre, to replace funding withdrawn by OCC

A major project for the future is the redevelopment of the Whites Field building. Investigations into the requirements and funding opportunities are ongoing.

In the short term, the council has approved funding for repairs to the MUGA, Jubilee Garden improvements and replacement of the Hill Road Recreation Ground steps.

Over the past few years CPC has relied on the money produced by the major developments to fund village improvements. This flow has now ceased (we hope), and this fact, combined with inflation, will require careful management of our funds and some increase in our precept.



The Queens Platinum Jubilee

Chinnor Celebrates

Thursday 2nd June

Steel Band (from 6.30pm) + Lighting of The Beacon (9.45pm).

Food and Bars - The Playing Fields, Station Road.

Friday 3rd June

Cream Teas & 1950 Singalong Chinnor Community Church 2-4pm

Platinum Play at Chinnor Methodist Church 2 - 4.30pm

Saturday 4th June

Party in the Park - 12 midday - 4.30pm

The Playing Fields, Station Road

Bands, Stalls, Children's Games, Dog Show, Tug of War, Chinnor Silver Band, Games, Inflatables, Punch n Judy, Balloons, Chinnor

Players, Food and Bars + much more

Evening Party will continue with bands, food and bar

Sunday 5th June

Church Service – 10am at St. Andrews Church

The Big Lunch – Street Parties around the village.

Further information can be found at

www.chinnorparishcouncil.gov.uk

Amenities Committee Report by Cllr Sue Ashdown

This year we set out to implement several projects which had been bubbling in the background but had been unachievable during the previous two years.

Firstly, Electric Vehicle Points in the Pavilion Car Park. This project was hit by one problem after another namely insufficient electrical power. This was solved by getting increased power (not an easy matter) to the Pavilion and once a couple of other hurdles were jumped over the charge points have been installed and good to go. Our thanks go to our District and County Councillors for their Grant which along with Parish Money got the job done.

Environment Matters – Chinnor's Environment Policy is a working document and as such we are continually making changes to our procedures and working practices to ensure that we as a committee are not only fulfilling but keeping ahead of all Government requirements. We have recently participated in Cop 26 and found that we had again exceeded all expectations against Government guidelines.

Then a range of **Adult Exercise Equipment** was installed at the Chinnor quarry site which along with an additional piece of Children's Exercise Equipment is proving to be a great success. Our thanks go again to Lynn and Ian for their help with a District grant and the Lottery's Grant Board for their help also.

We have had a lot of trees tidied and in some cases felled after the severe storms, but we have also planted over 100 new trees around the village. Play equipment mended and painted. We will be having new gates on the entrances to Conigre Park and at Hill Road Rec and the MUGA is being completely refurbished. We have many more projects on our Agenda but you will have to wait for next year's report. My thanks go to Liz and Helen who are invaluable members of the team and to Lee and Trevor for their continued support.