

HENDREDS AND HARWELL ROUND UP – NOV 23

***** OCC NEWS*****

SEND Improvement: Steps are being taken to improve the support for children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). A priority action plan has been developed by organisations involved in the delivery of SEND services, including Oxfordshire County Council and the NHS, along with the county's parent carer forum. The plan will need to be approved by Ofsted. An Improvement Board meeting will take place in November. The action plan has been submitted to Ofsted and we hear back in 70 days, meanwhile the council is continuing with what's in the plan, for example kicking off the Improvement Board (which has an independent chair). Meanwhile I am pushing for earlier and more urgent local provision for SEND, there is an allocation for an SEN school on Valley Park, but Didcots provision is greater than that alone, we need more. Hope to update soon, as plans are afoot.

Public Transport

In December in the run up to Christmas, single fares in Oxfordshire will be capped at £1.

Extension of bus fare cap: The current £2 single bus fare cap offer will end on 31st October 2023. A further period of 13 months of fare cap will follow after October, but with single fares capped at £2.50. There are no details available yet regarding whether there will be any change to the operators participating, the information will be on the DfT's bus fare cap.

Bus News

Current tendering:

1. There is currently a tendering process in progress which, subject to successful conclusion of contract awards, will lead to the following changes in November. Timetables will be available by mid-October.

2. **Route 94 (Didcot – Blewbury):** Following receipt of BSIP funding, this service will be improved to operate hourly over two slightly different routes – service 94 will run between Didcot, East Hagbourne, Blewbury and Upton, roughly every two hours, and a new 94A circular route will also serve West Hagbourne, the Astons and Moretons, again roughly two-hourly, following a similar route to the former 94S service. This will re-introduce regular bus services for the **Astons** and **Moretons**. Chilton and Harwell Campus will no longer be served – these places are now served by route X34.

3. **New services:** Several new services are expected to commence on 6th November, reinstating some routes which were lost in 2016 as a result of local authority subsidy withdrawal. Initial contracts are until March 2025, in order to gauge demand. There is one route in this locality:

4. **Route 68 (Faringdon – Wantage):** This service will reconnect Longcot, Fernham, Uffington, Kingston Lisle, Westcot, Sparsholt, Childrey, the Letcombes and East Challow (Sarajac Avenue) to Faringdon and Wantage with up to four journeys on Monday to

Saturday. Peak hour services operate to/from Wantage. This service is funded by the Council's new budget for rural and community transport

5. Further opportunities are being examined for services in remaining parishes with a population of >500 which have no service i.e. Chesterton, Sunningwell, Bourton, West Hanney, Barford St John & St Michael and Cuddesdon & Denton.

Rail strategy

1. Work to update the Oxfordshire rail strategy is beginning and will build on existing work such as the Oxfordshire rail corridor study. Timescales for completion is the end of this financial year.

2. The County Council passed a motion on 12th September, calling on the Cabinet "to consider building on the 2018 Statement of Opinion by commissioning, before the end of this financial year, while funding resources remain available, a DfT-compliant Strategic Outline Business Case, and an initial assessment of financing options for a new rail station for Wantage and Grove". This is now to be followed up with Cabinet.

OCC Budget 2024-2025: Cabinet agreed an [approach](#) to setting the 2024/5 budget. Continued inflation and demand pressures (particularly in SEND and adult care) mean the council is currently forecasting £30-40 million in additional costs in 2024/5. The council's financial strategy includes a 4.99% rise in council tax for 2024/5 with 2% ring fenced for adult social care. Details of the proposals will be published in November.

Oxfordshire tops table for county councils tackling climate change: [Oxfordshire](#) was rated the best performing county council in the UK on climate change by the Climate Emergency UK climate action scorecard.

Reducing disruption caused by utilities & developers: The County's new plan for charging an increased daily fee of £2500 (instead of the £300 fixed fee) to utility companies that dig up major roads is being [consulted](#) on. By law it is restricted to 5% of Oxfordshire's roads and so will focus on busy, critical parts of the network. Surplus funds will be reinvested. The DfT is encouraging all councils to adopt schemes like this.

Homes Upgrade Grants: Money is available for off-gas grid homes to improve energy efficiency (including solar). To [quality](#) a resident (renter or owner-occupier) must live in a home rated EPC D or lower, and have a household income of less than £39,000

Winter and Incident response

Contact Officer: Paul Wilson, Group Manager - Area Maintenance and Operations, paul.wilson@oxfordshire.gov.uk

1. The County Council's Winter service will recommence on the Friday 27th October 2023 and will continue through to Friday 5th April 2024. Below is a bulleted summary of the winter service and the preparations being made.
2. • Weather forecasts received daily at 1100hrs, with updates at 14:00, 16:00 and 21:00hrs, also regularly if forecast changes significantly,
3. Treatment decisions based on the bespoke Oxfordshire forecast are made by a small team of decision officers, taking into consideration any other prevailing conditions and previous treatments.

4. We have a fleet of 30 vehicles of various sizes serving 27 routes, particularly necessary where there are restrictions on the Network, such as weight and width restrictions on structures.
5. When we are treating, the gritting vehicles locations can be seen live at [Gritter tracker](#)
6. These routes enable OCC to treat approx. 1920 km of the County's roads in approximately 3 hours or less, which equates to approximately 42% of the whole network. A figure which is above the average of the peer authorities in this part of the country. We will only treat the prescribed network which is shown on [one.network](#) under the 'Driver information' layer
7. There are currently approximately 1300 salt bins across the county, remember we only fill the bins once at the beginning of the season. The salt is precured by our term maintenance contractor Milestone, OCC pay for the salt that is used to treat the network or used to fill the salt bins. Salt bin locations can be found at the following link [ArcGIS Web Application](#)
8. Salt bins on the network are filled pre-season on request by Town and Parish Councils having identified those in need.
9. The Parishes have been invited to request their free bulk bags of salt to use for their resilience and so far over 100 requests have been received
10. The average spend over the previous 5 years on the winter service is approximately £1.8 million
11. For further information regarding the winter service please visit [Salting, gritting and snow clearance | Oxfordshire County Council](#)
12. Urgent highway situations can occur at any time both during and out of office hours, in response to this we are continually trying to improve the customer reporting processes, as such we are promoting the use of a single number, this being the standard Highway Enquiry number 0345 310 1111.
13. During normal working hours this number will be answered by one of our customer service colleagues and triaged as required. During out of hours and at weekends and bank holidays there will be a standard answerphone message requesting the customer to phone a different number which will direct them to The Answering Service (TAS). TAS is a third party provided service who will triage the enquiry and deal with any urgent highway calls as appropriate.
14. In the event of a severe emergency, customers should still call 999 for one of the blue light services.

SESRO - Oxfordshire County Council lodged comments on draft water resource regional plans and individual water company draft Water Resource Management Plans (WRMP24) in February and March 2023. A report was brought to Cabinet on 24th January 2023 and the matter was considered also at Scrutiny on 25th January 2023. We said that there is no need for the South East Strategic Reservoir Option (SESRO). Various other options to provide resilience in future water supply are largely supported, including the Severn Trent Transfer (STT). The water companies released their decisions on 30 August 2023 – they consider there is a need for SESRO and intend to continue progressing the reservoir option towards a Development Consent Order. The Water Resource Management Plans have been forwarded to the Secretary of State to approve. Various meetings and discussions are underway. Detailed information was made available in November 2022 for each of the strategic water supply options in the country, including the SESRO and STT. The information is available on the water company websites and through the website RAPID which is the Regulators' Alliance for Progressing Infrastructure Development, made up of a team from the Environment Agency, Ofwat and the Drinking Water Inspectorate. RAPID has received this information as they have a series of 'gates' for providing funding to progress the options. RAPID's draft decisions for 'gate two' were released for public consultation on 30th March 2023, and we provided an officer response prior to the closing date of 11th May 2023. RAPID's decisions released on 29th June 2023 indicate that all the strategic water supply options that the water companies want to progress, should do so. The next 'gate three' deadlines are varied between November 2023 and December 2029. The 'gate three' deadline for the SESRO is January 2025.

*******NEWS IN BRIEF*******

Town and parish council charter: Online [questionnaire](#). Draft to be published in Jan

Boundary review: [Consultation](#) open from 3 October to 11 December.

Highways works: Check this OCC website showing [upcoming highways repairs](#)

20mph applications close: Applications for 20mph closed on [31 October](#)

*******PARISH ROUND-UP*******

Will send separate notifications to each parish council throughout the month on individual consultations, casework or enquiries.



Monday 6th November 2023

Monthly Parish Update

Vale of White Horse District Councillors

**Cllr Hayleigh Gascoigne and
Cllr Debra Dewhurst**

Hello from Hayleigh and Debra

It's November and with both Halloween and Bonfire Night over, we are naturally looking forward to other winter celebrations such as Diwali and Christmas. If you are struggling this winter to pay for bills or keep your house warm, there is some information further on in this newsletter on how the council or other organisations can support you.

This month we've had discussions as a council about the future waste strategy – did you know that waste makes up half of the Vale of White Horse Council's emissions? ([See Greenhouse gas emissions report 2022/23](#)).

We had training on safeguarding and being able to spot the signs in our community of when an adult or child may be in danger. If you spot something and a person is in immediate danger, then contact the emergency services on 999. You can also report any Safeguarding concerns to Oxfordshire's Safeguarding [Children](#) or [Adults](#) Boards, or contact the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (which Vale is part of) on one of the following numbers:

- Office hours (8.30am – 5pm, Monday to Thursday, 8.30am – 4pm, Friday): **0345 050 7666**
- Outside office hours: Emergency Duty Team: **0800 833 408**

As always, if you have any questions or suggestions for us as councillors, please do email us. As a reminder, council meetings are held in public and if you wish to address council or committee, you can contact Democratic Services ahead of time. If you need more guidance on this, please let us know!

We use these monthly updates to keep you updated on our activities and general council news. We also post on our councillor Facebook Pages:

www.facebook.com/CllrHayleigh & www.facebook.com/Debra4BlewburyAndHarwell

Please get in touch with any issues or concerns via email

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Community Support

Support for Ukraine

The council's [support for Ukraine](#) webpage continues to provide information and guidance for Ukrainian nationals and their hosts. South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils, as part of the Oxfordshire system which includes local authority, health and voluntary sector partners working closely together, are supporting people seeking refuge across several schemes. These are Homes for Ukraine, Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy scheme, Afghan Citizens Resettlement scheme, UK Resettlement Schemes, the Hong Kong British National (Overseas) visa scheme and unaccompanied asylum-seeking children.

Community Hub

The Hub can offer support and direct people to help on a range of things including Cost of Living, food support, etc. If you are struggling financially or just finding life difficult, the community hub can help. Whether it's practical support or just advice, please get in touch:

- Call: 01235 422600
- Email: communitysupport@southandvale.gov.uk

The office hours are 8.30am - 5pm Mon to Thurs, 8.30am-4.30pm on Fri (and closed on bank holidays).

Age UK Oxfordshire

Age UK Oxfordshire asked us to share the below for vulnerable older people who need support in our communities over the colder and darker months.

They have brought together some useful information and resources in the form of an [online Winter Hub](https://www.ageuk.org.uk/oxfordshire/about-us/winter-hub/) - <https://www.ageuk.org.uk/oxfordshire/about-us/winter-hub/>

Also being aware that not everyone has or wants access to the internet, they have created physical Winter Wellbeing packs which can be posted out to any older people or groups.

Please get in touch with them via contactus@ageukoxfordshire.org.uk or 0345 450 1276 if it would be helpful to receive some packs. Just a reminder too that they have a [Cost-of-Living Hub](#) on our website with lots of useful information - <https://www.ageuk.org.uk/oxfordshire/about-us/cost-of-living-hub/>

Local News

Valley Park Update

This section of our report provides an overview of the current live planning applications for Valley Park. There are often several live applications relating to the development, however those labelled 'RM' i.e. 'Reserved Matters' are typically the most noteworthy as they request planning permission for specific parcels of housing on the development. Residents and parish councils can provide comments on these applications during the consultation period. Officers look at these comments and (where considered relevant to planning matters) seek to address them with the developers. For example, you may have noticed that it took a while for the first parcel of homes for Valley Park to be approved (some two years from the original outline permission). This was, in part, due to the number of times the Vale planning officers at went back to the developers to ask for amendments. Applications labelled as 'DIS' i.e. 'Discharge' relate to specific conditions from the outline planning permission and are not usually open for public consultation. The current live planning applications for Valley Park are listed below along with an update on the status of each provided by the Vale planning officers.

Applications Under Consideration

P22/V2744/RM – 246 dwellings – Taylor Wimpey first housing parcel

Amended plans were received on 26 September 2023. Officers have considered consultee responses, reviewed the amended plans and provided comments to Taylor Wimpey on 30 October which will need to be addressed. As mentioned previously, parts of this parcel of land are in flood zones 2 and 3 and therefore, could be susceptible to fluvial flooding. Condition 36 of the outline planning permission excludes built development from flood zones 2 and 3 but the plans including the latest amendments, show housing in these areas which is not acceptable. Taylor Wimpey had undertaken flood modelling and submitted it in September 2023 to the Environment Agency seeking to demonstrate that flooding is not an issue on site and that the Environment Agency's flood maps should be revised to categorise the site as flood zone 1 which is an acceptable location for housing. The Environment Agency has not accepted the flood modelling. Presently the proposals conflict with condition 36 of the outline planning permission and Taylor Wimpey will either need to undertake further flood modelling work (recommended by the Environment Agency) or remove built development from flood zones 2 and 3. Officers think Taylor Wimpey will seek to undertake further flood modelling work but we await a response to comments raised.

P22/V0604/RM – infrastructure for Persimmon and Taylor Wimpey first housing parcels

Amended plans were received on 17 August 2023 and officers have considered consultee responses, reviewed the plans and provided feedback to the applicants on 17 October which needs to be addressed. This scheme is also subject to the flood issues mentioned above and consideration of the application is now on hold awaiting the applicants' response.

P22/V2624/DIS – Surface and foul water drainage

No change - This application has not progressed since the last updates i.e. we have requested cross sections for the proposed swales and attenuation basins and asked the applicant to address the Vale drainage engineer comments together with demonstrating that the drainage scheme can be accommodated with other proposed infrastructure e.g. footways and cycle ways and meet the Strategic Design Code expectations. This application is also held up as it overlaps with the two RM applications above.

P23/V0659/DIS – approval of details reserved by of condition 33 - Travel Plan

No change - OCC as highway authority responded to our consultation and are seeking amendments to the travel plan which were put to the applicants in May 2023 for consideration but no response has been forthcoming to date.

P23/V2247/DIS – application seeking approval of water course crossings – condition 28 of the outline planning permission

This application was received on 3 October. Responses from consultees are awaited and officers need to review the application.

Climate & Environment News**[More than £56,000 given away for climate action projects](#)**

A total of 14 organisations including parish councils, climate community groups, a pre-school and a drama group were collectively offered more than £56,000 from the Vale's Climate Action Fund to help with a wide variety of projects which aimed to save energy, help nature recovery or educate residents on how they can help tackle climate change. The projects listed below are the ones from our ward area.

Organisation	Description of project
Blewbury Parish Council	Installation of at least two electric vehicle public charging points at Blewbury Village Hall, to assist EV users to charge their vehicles in the village.
Little Pippins Pre-School in Harwell	Installation of solar panels on Little Pippin's pre-school building.
The Harwellian Club	Project to set up and install interactive displays showing information and advice about the Harwellian Club's energy usage and the recently installed solar panels at the Harwellian social club.

So if you are a community group planning a project with a climate action focus then please check our grants page www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/grants or email the climate and biodiversity team at climateaction@southandvale.gov.uk to be notified when the Climate Action Fund is going to open.

[Affordable housing grant to help address urgent need](#)

More affordable, energy efficient homes will be built in South Oxfordshire and the Vale of White Horse thanks to a new improved grant process. As part of the district councils' work to help meet the urgent need for genuinely affordable housing in the region, local developers, Community Land Trusts and self-builders can apply for a Section 106 affordable housing grant to build affordable homes that meet the councils' climate criteria.

[Free carbon emissions calculator tool](#)

The vale have launched a free simple-to-use carbon emissions calculator tool for town and parish councils to measure their current carbon emissions using energy and fuel bills. It makes it easy to work out where carbon and cost savings can be made.

For more information, email climateaction@southandvale.gov.uk

[Do you live in a house without a gas boiler?](#)

The good news is you may be eligible for energy efficiency upgrades for your home, such as insulation, solar panels and heat pumps, all funded by the Home Upgrade Grant Phase 2 (HUG2). These upgrades

can help to reduce energy bills and make homes easier to keep warm. The grants are available to homeowners and landlords whose properties are not heated by gas boilers, with a household income of less than £39,000 and with a low energy rating (D-G). Visit welcomethewarmth.org.uk to find out more.

[Online forum about energy efficiency in homes](#)

The Vale are hosting a **free online forum** aimed at town and parish councils and community groups to help residents bring down their energy use and costs. There will be outside speakers and a Q&A session. It is takes place on **Tuesday 14 November at 6.00-7.15pm**. To register for the event, email

climateaction@southandvale.gov.uk

Council News

[The Vale steps up to help families who supported the UK's military operations in Afghanistan](#)

An innovative new arrangement will support the welfare of families from Afghanistan who have contributed to the UK's military operations in their country. Families who had put themselves at risk by working and fighting for the UK, were forced to flee their home country when the Taliban regained control. Since then, many of them have spent more time than is suitable in hotel accommodation provided by the Home Office. Once finalised, the new arrangement – which is part of a UK-wide scheme – will mean that currently unused Ministry of Defence housing can be used as temporary accommodation.

[Councils support staff with pledge for the Real Living Wage](#)

South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils have pledged their ongoing commitment for paying staff at least the Real Living Wage. Both councils currently ensure all directly employed council staff receive at least the Real Living Wage and have done for several years. At Vale's Council meeting on Wednesday 11 October, councillors put forward a cross-party motion on the Real Living Wage, which was passed unanimously.

[New grant to help people stay warm and fed this winter](#)

A new food and warmth grant will help support people in our communities this winter who may otherwise struggle to afford essential things. Access to nutritious food and warm homes are basic necessities – but the ongoing impact of the pandemic on people's finances, health and wellbeing has been further heightened by the cost-of-living crisis. Launched by South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse district councils, the grant is aimed at local voluntary and community groups, and town and parish councils, who can use it to support those most in need in the districts. Organisations can apply for grants between £2,000 to £5,000, or up to £10,000 for collaborative projects between groups of two or more organisations.

[Funding boost available for rural businesses and organisations](#)

A new grant scheme has launched for rural businesses and organisations based in South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse. The fund is designed to support capital projects for small businesses and community infrastructure that help to improve productivity and strengthen the rural economy and rural communities. Interested parties are encouraged to submit their application before midday on Friday 24 November 2023 by visiting the [Vale of White Horse District Council website](#).

[Over £82,000 awarded to expand youth activities](#)

Children across Wantage, Grove and nearby neighbourhoods will soon have more exciting youth activities on offer, thanks to a funding boost for Sweatbox Community Youth Services. Sweatbox is set to receive £82,166 from Vale of White Horse District Council to expand their weekly youth activities, which include sports, arts and more.

[Over £440,000 awarded to support swimming pools in South and Vale](#)

Swimming pools across South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse have been awarded a total of £441,542. The award will help ensure residents continue to have access to good swimming facilities across the two districts.

[Over £130,000 boost for Didcot Wave gym](#)

The Didcot Wave leisure centre is set for a boost of £133,129 towards new gym equipment. The centre, located in Newlands Avenue, Didcot, will benefit from new cardio and resistance gym equipment early next year. The plan is to provide state of the art equipment – with some self-powered items that will reduce the energy consumption of Didcot Wave.

Cornerstone and The Beacon

South and Vale's entertainment and community venues

[Celebrate Christmas at Cornerstone](#)

Cornerstone Arts Centre in Didcot is getting ready to celebrate Christmas this year with a range of shows and workshops to suit all ages. Everything starts on Sunday 3 December as part of the Play2Give DidcotFestive Market in the Market Place next door to Cornerstone.

[Men's health at Cornerstone](#)

November is Men's Health Awareness month and coming to Cornerstone Arts Centre is Matt McGuinness with his show **We Are What We Overcome**.

One man's journey to good mental health, combining music with thought-provoking comedy and powerful stories.

Matt will be at Cornerstone on **Thursday 16 November** and there's currently 10% off tickets with the code MHOffer10. This can be applied in person at the Box Office or online.

[Autumnal delights to entertain all at The Beacon](#)

The Beacon's autumn season is well underway, here are some of the highlights coming to the stage soon...

On Saturday 25 November, come along for an utterly enchanting evening with multi award-winning magician Ben Hart. Expect stunning displays of wonderment, wicked humour and extraordinary works of magic in his all-new show JADOO.

Don't forget to book your tickets early for the Christmas pantomime Robin Hood by TaleGate Theatre Productions. Packed with songs, slapstick and fairy tale magic that all the family will enjoy. Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 December at 2pm.

For more information and to book your tickets [visit The Beacon website](#).

[Young artists encouraged to display their work in Wantage](#)

The Beacon in Wantage is reaching out to local schools and youth groups to display artwork on their Art Wall, showcasing local young talent and celebrating the community in the building.

Pupils at Grove Church of England School, Wantage, were the first to have their art displayed on The Beacon's Art Wall earlier this year.

The Beacon is looking to continue showcasing the work of local young budding artists. Any organisation whether it's a school, Scout or Guides that works with young people and would like to exhibit their work for free can find out more by contacting [The Beacon, beacon.wantage@whitehorsedc.gov.uk](mailto:beacon.wantage@whitehorsedc.gov.uk)

Title	Finance 2023-2024
Authors	Clerk to the Council
Meeting	Western Valley Parish Council Meeting – 09 th November 2023

8.1. To note the NALC revised cost of living salary scale for the Clerk 2023/2024, to be back dated to 1st April 2023, SCP 24.

For further information, £1 per hour has been added to all pay scales applicable to this Council. This is union negotiated and often later in the year than desired, but contractually required and back dated to the beginning of the year.

8.2. To approve payments list for November 2023

- To approve £50 donation to Poppy Appeal
- To approve budget to make reusable poppy wreath

Voucher No	Date	Net	VAT	Total	Description	Supplier
44	10/11/2023	£ 199.17	£ 39.83	£ 239.00	Phone	Eurostar Global Electronics Ltd
43	10/11/2023	£ 7.99	£ 1.60	£ 9.59	Phone	Amazon Services Europe S.a.r.L.
42	10/11/2023	£ 50.00	£ -	£ 50.00	Remembrance Sunday	Royal British Legion
41	10/11/2023	£ 400.00	£ -	£ 400.00	Election Expenses	Vale of White Horse District Council
40	10/11/2023	£ 18.00	£ -	£ 18.00	Remembrance Sunday	Prestige Wicker
39	10/11/2023	£ 2.59	£ 0.52	£ 3.11	Remembrance Sunday	Such Home LTD
38	10/11/2023	£ 1.00	£ -	£ 1.00	Remembrance Sunday	Maxi-Retail
37	10/11/2023	£ 2.75	£ 0.55	£ 3.30	Remembrance Sunday	Amazon Services Europe S.a.r.L.
36	10/11/2023	£ 2.33	£ 0.47	£ 2.80	Remembrance Sunday	Amazon Services Europe S.a.r.L.
35	13/11/2023				PAYE Deductions	HMRC
34	13/11/2023	£ 10.30	£ 2.06	£ 12.36	Microsoft 365	Microsoft Ireland Operations Ltd
33	13/11/2023	£ 26.00	£ -	£ 26.00	WFH Allowance	Laura White
32	10/11/2023				Salary	Laura White
24	13/11/2023	£ 35.00	£ -	£ 35.00	ICO Registration	Information Commissioners Office
		£ 1,232.55	£ 45.03	£ 1,277.58		

8.3. To approve regular payments to be made by Standing Order

To approve refunding L White £12.36 for Microsoft 365 subscription by standing order on the 13th of each month.

To approve paying L White £26 each month work from home allowance by standing order on the 13th of each month.

This list to be reviewed on the May meeting each year.

8.4. To note receipts, year to 31st October 2023

Voucher No	Date	Net	VAT	Total	Cashed Date	Description	Customer
2	05/10/2023	£ 50,188.00	£ -	£ 50,188.00	31/10/2023	Precept	Vale of White Horse District Council
1	03/10/2023	£ 500.00	£ -	£ 500.00	31/10/2023	Opening Balance	Laura White

8.5. To note the reconciled bank account and reserves balances as at 31st October 2023

A	Bank Reconciliation at 31/10/2023		
	Cash in Hand 01/04/2023		
	ADD Receipts 01/04/2023 - 31/10/2023		50,688.00
	SUBTRACT Payments 01/04/2023 - 31/10/2023		8,491.12
	Cash in Hand 31/10/2023 (per Cash Book)		42,196.88
B	Cash in hand per Bank Statements		
	Petty Cash 31/10/2023	0.00	
	Unity Trust Reserve 31/10/2023	0.00	
	Unity Trust Current 31/10/2023	42,196.88	
			42,196.88
	Less unrepresented payments		
			42,196.88
	Plus unrepresented receipts		
	Adjusted Bank Balance		42,196.88
	A = B Checks out OK		

Current Account Balance: £42,196.88

Reserve Account Balance: £0

8.6. To complete the Q2 budget Review and approved any amendments (Up to 31st October 2023)

FY 2023-2024 - Review as of 31st October					
	Receipts		Payments		
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	
1000	INCOME / RECEIPTS				
1010	Precept	50188.00	50188.00		
1020	Grants (Transfer of funds from Harwell PC)	20500.00	500.00	500	500
1030	CIL	0.00			
1040	Allotment Fees	0.00			
1050	Grass Cutting Contribution	0.00			
	£ 70,688.00	£ 50,688.00	£ 500.00	£ 500.00	
	EXPENDITURE / PAYMENTS				
3000	ADMINISTRATION				
3010	Audit Costs		1000.00		
3020	Bank Charges		60.00		
3030	Chairman's Allowance		350.00		
3040	Elections		600.00		
3050	Expenses - WFH		312.00	78.00	
3060	Expenses - Stationary		500.00	425.24	
3070	Hall Hire		500.00	512.50	
3080	Insurance		320.00	319.82	
3090	IT Support & Software		1000.00	677.60	
3100	Office Equipment		3000.00	1099.32	
3110	Staff Costs (All Staff & HMRC)		8000.00	2009.88	
3020	Subscriptions (OALC, SLCC)		1000.00	793.18	
3030	Training		4000.00	849.00	
3040	Website		1000.00	561.00	
	£ -	£ -	£ 21,642.00	£ 7,325.54	
4000	ALLOTMENTS				
4010	Set-up		5000.00		
4020	Water - Allotments		500.00		
	£ -	£ -	£ 5,500.00	£ -	
5000	OTHER PROJECTS & GRANTS				
5010	Grants (Including S137)		1000.00		
5020	In year projects, undefined		5000.00		
	£ -	£ -	£ 6,000.00	£ -	
	£ 70,688.00	£ 50,688.00	£ 33,642.00	£ 7,825.54	

Surplus (Ignore CIL) **£ 37,046.00** <-TRANSFER TO EMR

Appendix C

Earmarked Reserves

	Start of Year	Transfer	Planned Spend	Receipts	End of Year
Operating Reserve	£ -	£ 25,000.00			£ 25,000.00
S106 from Harwell		£ 407.00			
Community Infrastructure Levy	£ -				£ -
New Allotments Project	£ -	£ 11,6369.00			£ 10,759.00
	£ -	£ 37,046.00		£ -	£ 35,759.00

Title	Finance 2023-2024
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9.1. To approve budget for 2024-2025

FY 2023-2024 - Review as of 31st October						2024-2025				
		Receipts		Payments		Receipts		Payments		
		Budget	ctual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	
1000	INCOME / RECEIPTS									
1010	Precept	50188.00	50188.00			50188.00				
1020	Grants (Transfer of funds from Harwell PC)	20500.00	500.00	500	500	0.00				
1030	CIL	0.00				0.00				
1040	Allotment Fees	0.00				0.00				
1050	Grass Cutting Contribution	0.00				0.00				
		£ 70,688.00	£ 50,688.00	£ 500.00	£ 500.00	£ 50,188.00		£ -	£ -	
	EXPENDITURE / PAYMENTS									
3000	ADMINISTRATION									
3010	Audit Costs			1000.00				1000.00		
3020	Bank Charges			60.00				60.00		
3030	Chairman's Allowance			350.00				350.00		
3040	Elections			600.00				0.00		
3050	Expenses - WFH			312.00	78.00			312.00		
3060	Expenses - Stationary			500.00	425.24			500.00		
3070	Hall Hire			500.00	512.50			500.00		
3080	Insurance			320.00	319.82			600.00		
3090	IT Support & Software			1000.00	677.60			1000.00		
3100	Office Equipment			3000.00	1099.32			500.00		
3110	Staff Costs (All Staff & HMRC)			8000.00	2009.88			8500.00		
3020	Subscriptions (OALC, SLCC)			1000.00	793.18			800.00		
3030	Training			4000.00	849.00			4000.00		
3040	Website			1000.00	561.00			1000.00		
		£ -	£ -	£ 21,642.00	£ 7,325.54	£ -	£ -	£ 19,122.00	£ -	
4000	ALLOTMENTS									
4010	Set-up			5000.00						
4020	Water - Allotments			500.00						
		£ -	£ -	£ 5,500.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	
5000	OTHER PROJECTS & GRANTS									
5010	Grants (Including S137)			1000.00				1000.00		

5020	In year projects, undefined			5000.00					5000.00		
		£ -	£ -	£ 6,000.00	£ -		£ -	£ -	£ 6,000.00	£ -	
		£ 70,688.00	£ 50,688.00	£ 33,642.00	£ 7,825.54		£ 50,188.00	£ -	£ 25,122.00	£ -	
Surplus (Ignore CIL) £ 37,046.00 <-TRANSFER TO EMR						Surplus (Ignore CIL) £ 25,066.00 <-TRANSFER TO EMR					
Earmarked Reserves											
	Start of Year	Transfer	Planned Spend	Receipts	End of Year	Start of Year	Transfer	Planned Spend	Receipts	End of Year	
Operating Reserve	£ -	£ 25,000.00			£ 25,000.00	£ 25,000.00					£ 25,000.00
S106 from Harwell		£ 407.00			£ 407.00	£ 407.00					£ 407.00
Community Infrastructure Levy	£ -				£ -	£ -					£ -
New Allotments Project	£ -	£ 11,639.00			£ 11,639.00	£ 17,139.00	£ 25,066.00				£ 17,139.00
Training						£ 3,000.00					£ 28,066.00
Parish Office - Project						Unspent Funds From This Year.					
Burial Ground - Project											
	£ -	£ 37,046.00		£ -	£ 37,046.00	£ 42,546.00	£ 25,066.00		£ -	£ 42,546.00	

9.1. To approve precept for 2024-2025

£50,188, the same as 2024-2025, most homes will likely see a decrease in their precept payment.