

To Members of St Helen Without Parish Council

23<sup>rd</sup> November 2022

You are hereby summoned to attend the Meeting of St Helen Without Parish Council to be held at Shippon Church Hall on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2022, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Members of the public and press are welcome to attend and may make representations under item 3 of the agenda. Anyone wishing to address the Council will be given three minutes to do so. They may then observe the rest of the meeting but will not be able to speak other than at the express request of the Chair.

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Clerk, St Helen Without Parish Council

### AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Declarations of Personal or Personal and Prejudicial Interests
3. Matters raised by members of the public
4. Attending Councillors and MOD
5. Minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2022
6. Matters arising from the Minutes
7. Heritage Lottery Jubilee Grant expenditure review
8. War Memorials
9. Dalton Barracks SPD / CPRE
  - Progress to Date
  - Masterplan
  - Transport Consultancy
10. Matters arising from the Minutes
11. Matters raised by members of the Council
12. Finance and Administrative Matters

a) Accounts for payment (In Accordance with Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972)

Payee	Purpose	Total	VAT
Parish Clerk	Salary October & November Backdated salary Backdated uplift April 22 – September 22	£1,283.40 £2,368.34 £676	
Clerk Expenses	Expenses October & November Backdated Expenses Backdated Uplift Expenses – April to November Stamps Microsoft Annual Subs Ink cartridge	£104 £186 £48  £7.60 £59.99 £65.99	
British Legion	Remembrance Wreaths	£75	
Caroline Parkin	Condolence Book Queen Elizabeth	£120	
Mike Page	Zoom Subs	£158.29	

Ian Bristow	Website domain renewal	£247.89	
BGG	Grass Cutting	£126	£21
ST Grounds Maintenance	Bin Emptying September & October	£40	
PCC Of Shippon	Room Hire PC Meeting December	£20	
Toolstation	Litter Picking Kit	£35.59	
IT Solutions	Laptop / Installation	£672	£112

## b) Grant Requests

Friends of Shippon

## 13. Recreation Ground

### 14. Correspondence

#### Oxfordshire County Council

**Funding available! Smokefree Community Fund** - Organisations can receive up to £1000 in funding to create a smokefree space or hold a smokefree event. [smokefreeoxon@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:smokefreeoxon@oxfordshire.gov.uk) to start

#### **Matthew Barber Newsletter**

#### **Cost of Living Help**

<https://news.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cost-of-living-help/> Residents can find out the latest national and county advice and the organisations that can help, as well as information on key district and city support.

#### **OALC**

OALC have partnered with Breakthrough Communications, who offer a wide range of communications and information governance training sessions designed for local council clerks, officers and councillors.

<https://breakthroughcomms.co.uk/calc-training-events/>

OALC October update

#### **Vale Communications**

**New LED lighting** at the White Horse Leisure and Tennis Centre in Abingdon has given the centre a new lease of life and is saving energy at the same time.

#### **Improving engagement with Town and Parish councils**

**Briefings** - We'll continue to hold forums but in the form of briefings on new policies or projects that will affect your work or communities, so they'll be subject specific.

**Bookable surgeries** The sessions are once a month, and you can book a 15-minute appointment through the following link:

<https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/TownandParishPlanningbookings@capitacouncilspartnership.onmicrosoft.com/bookings/>

#### **Vale News**

New waste collection routes for some started this week. Some of you might have new bin days. If that's you, you'll already have received a letter about it. If you haven't had a letter, this means that there are no changes for you, however you can check on our websites here [www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/collectionchanges](http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/collectionchanges)

#### **Call for Land and Buildings Available for Change**

We've released the results of our Call for Land and Buildings Available for Change, part of the process in making our Joint Local Plan.

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/83c42d77f9104794a8cb49a815ff2352>

#### **The Queen's Green Canopy**

We're approaching tree-planting season, which means people and businesses are planting them across right South Oxfordshire and the Vale as part of The Queen's Green Canopy. If you're taking part, send us pictures of you doing so, or your planted trees [communications@southandvale.gov.uk](mailto:communications@southandvale.gov.uk) along with information about where it is planted to help us create a record of this amazing legacy to Her Majesty Following the wishes of the King, The Queen's Green canopy initiative has been extended to the end of March 2023 to give people more time to plant their trees.

More information can be found at: [whitehorsedc.gov.uk/greencanopy](http://whitehorsedc.gov.uk/greencanopy)

#### **Funding available for community climate projects**

Communities have another chance to apply for funding from our Climate Action Fund! From Monday 17 October you can apply to support grass roots projects which help to tackle climate change and raise awareness of the climate emergency. If you have a climate project you'd like to get off the ground, or which could benefit from some additional funding, please visit [whitehorsedc.gov.uk/grants](http://whitehorsedc.gov.uk/grants) for more details, including how to apply.

### **May 2023 elections**

We're looking for people to work at the May 2023 elections. It's a great chance for you to play an important part in local democracy.

Postal vote staff – Abingdon, Monday 24 April to Friday 5 May (various shifts available)

Polling station staff – locations across South Oxfordshire and the Vale of White Horse, Thursday 4 May (from 6am until finish – likely to be around 10.30pm)

To register your interest, simply email [electionstaff@southandvale.gov.uk](mailto:electionstaff@southandvale.gov.uk). Our Elections team will send all the information and ask you to confirm your availability for the various roles. Please note, we are unable to offer the roles to people that work for or are connected with a political party.

### **Land Trust keen for further sites as Botley development begins**

The Oxfordshire Community Land Trust (OCLT) is keen to work with town and parish councils to find sites across our districts that could see the development of affordable housing. The non-for-profit organisation recently used funding from Vale of White Horse District Council and the Future Oxfordshire Partnership to help pay for the building of five one-bedroom and three two-bedroom flats in Crofts Court, Botley. The homes will be available to those on the Vale housing register to apply for. For more information on the OCLT, please visit their website - [oclt.org.uk](http://oclt.org.uk)

**Review of constituency boundaries** The Boundary Commission for England (BCE) has launched its final consultation on proposed new constituency boundaries as part of a review aimed at rebalancing the number of electors represented by each MP. Following feedback from the public, BCE has now published a revised map of constituency proposals - to see the map and to submit your feedback, visit the BCE's consultation website - [bcereviews.org.uk](http://bcereviews.org.uk). The closing date for comments is 5 December.

### **Bird flu (avian influenza) in birds: Housing order introduced**

The government has introduced a mandatory housing measure for all poultry and captive birds in England. More guidance on how to spot it and report Avian influenza is available on the <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/avian-influenza-bird-flu>

**Flu and Covid vaccinations** We're encouraging anyone who is eligible for the flu and Covid-19 vaccinations to book theirs asap to help boost their immunity ahead of the winter. You can find out more about the Flu vaccine on the NHS website - [nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/flu-influenza-vaccine](https://nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/flu-influenza-vaccine) And more information on how to get a [Covid-19 booster here](#).

**Colourful bench** presented to the winner of Vale of White Horse District Council litter bug trails competition, Wootton St Peters School.

### **Council motion pledges support for businesses struggling with rising costs**

Vale of White Horse councillors agreed to help support struggling local businesses and to urge government to do more for businesses affected by the cost of living crisis. The council will also request that renewable energy grants are fast-tracked to help businesses move over to using more sustainable energy, such as solar panels, to help them become less reliant on mainstream energy suppliers. The council will also look at ways in which it can bid for government money to further support local businesses to reduce their energy usage.

### **Report highlights council's work towards tackling the climate emergency**

Vale of White Horse District Council's work towards tackling climate change has been highlighted in a new quarterly report. As part of its commitment to openness and transparency, the Vale publishes a performance report showing the progress of its Climate Action Plan. For more information about Vale of White Horse District Council's work on tackling the climate emergency and to view the council's Climate Action Plan, visit [whitehorsedc.gov.uk/climateaction](http://whitehorsedc.gov.uk/climateaction)

### **Council votes to oppose fracking in the area**

Making a clear anti-fracking stand, Vale of White Horse District Council has voted to resist any exploration of fracking in the district. Whilst there is no direct threat that fracking will take place in the district as no viable deposits of shale gas have been identified in or around Vale of White Horse at this point in time, the council agreed to make clear its concerns about environmental damage and safety, and the need for local consent for any exploration of fracking in the area. Councillors unanimously supported a cross-party motion to oppose this controversial practice in the area after the Government said it would allow fracking in areas with local consent.

### **A new approach for community health and wellbeing**

The strategy is a brand new approach to health and wellbeing developed by the two neighbouring councils to help their residents come together to take part in sport, health and recreational activities that improve their physical and mental wellbeing, while forging stronger social links within their local

communities. The next steps are for the councils to investigate where there are currently gaps in what activities are already provided, and to develop partnerships across the two districts with key stakeholders that ultimately support residents to **Be Active, Be Healthy and Be Happy**.

**Nearly £6.5 million awarded to help local businesses**

More than 2,000 businesses have received a much-needed relief award totalling almost £6.5 million to help reduce their business rates thanks to South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils.

**Action taken to help deliver affordable housing**

A new housing delivery strategy and action plan to help bring more genuinely affordable homes to the Vale of White Horse has been approved by Cabinet Members. The new housing delivery strategy aims to meet current and future local housing needs and intends to bring more well-designed net zero carbon housing to help tackle climate change. The action plan also includes projects that could see a reduction of empty homes in the district and support for housing providers and residents apply for funding and grants to help retrofit their homes to maximise energy efficiency.

**Free parking days being offered to help local businesses**

Shoppers in the Vale of White Horse are being given a helping hand to buy local this Christmas. Starting on 26 November and running until 17 December, free car parking is being provided at various sites by the Vale of White Horse District Council, to encourage people to visit their independent shops for Christmas gifts to help support local businesses. Drivers will be able to park for free in local car parks on these following Saturdays:

- Abingdon 26 November, 3 and 10 December
- Faringdon 3,10 and 17 December
- Wantage 3,10 and 17 December

[www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/carparks](http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/carparks)

**Waste Facility Tours 2023**

As **National Tree Week** begins on Saturday, Vale of White Horse District Council is encouraging community groups and residents across the district to plant trees to help tackle the climate emergency. Through its partnerships, and its [policy for planting trees on council-owned land](#) the council aims to contribute to national tree planting campaigns including the government's target to increase tree planting to 30,000 hectares per year across the UK by 2025.

**Other**

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**Community First Oxfordshire has developed a range of Town Planning services.** From support with planning applications and appeals to helping navigate Section 106 agreements and advice with Neighbourhood Planning, CFO offers a range of services to help your council get the most from the planning system.

**15). Cllrs reports and items for future agendas**

**16). AOB**

**17). Date of next meeting**

To confirm the date of the next Parish Council Meeting, which is scheduled for 7.30 p.m. on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2023 at Shippon Church Hall.

**Minutes & Agendas can be found on our website at: <https://sthelenwithout-pc.co.uk>**