

To Members of St Helen Without Parish Council

16<sup>th</sup> January 2023

You are hereby summoned to attend the Meeting of St Helen Without Parish Council to be held at Shippon Church Hall on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2023, 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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Anna Clarke  
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 5<sup>th</sup> December 2022
6. Matters arising from the Minutes
7. Jubilee Tree Planting
8. Internal Audit
9. WaDS
10. Dalton Barracks SPD
  - Progress to Date
  - Masterplan
  - Transport Consultancy
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 December & January	£1,283.40	
Clerk Expenses	Expenses December & January	£104	
Friends of Shippon	Grant	£500	
WaDS Warm Space	Grant	£600	
PCC Of Shippon	Room Hire PC Meeting January	*£24	
Mobility Smart Online	SID Battery	£94.90	

\*hourly rate raised to £12

b) Grant Requests

13. Recreation Ground

14. Correspondence

Oxfordshire County Council

Matthew Barber Police & Crime Bulletin

**Tree Planting** - Oxfordshire County Council's (OCC) Tree Service have now secured enough new trees and the budget, to plant one tree per parish in Oxfordshire. Our commitment is to carry out the tree planting during this winter season, '22/'23.

### **OALC**

Training Schedule 2023

December Update

### **Vale Communications**

Cllr Bethia Thomas is the new Leader of Vale of White Horse District Council. She was chosen by councillors during a vote at the Council meeting on 7 December. Cllr Neil Fawcett has become the new deputy leader of the council, following Cllr Thomas's election to leadership

### **Action on the cost-of-living: Hundreds of low-income households to benefit from paying less council tax**

1,400 households in the Vale of White Horse will benefit from a more generous council tax support (CTS) scheme following action to help those most at risk during the cost-of-living crisis.

At their meeting on Wednesday 7 December, district councillors at the Vale voted to remove restrictions requiring households on CTS to make a contribution towards their annual council tax bill. **The changes will be introduced from April 2023 when the new tax year begins.**

visit [whitehorsedc.gov.uk/ctrs](https://whitehorsedc.gov.uk/ctrs). To find out about other cost of living support available, visit [whitehorsedc.gov.uk/costofliving](https://whitehorsedc.gov.uk/costofliving).

### **Time to plan the right future for our districts**

South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils have agreed a revised timetable for the creation of their Joint Local Plan. Both authorities are working to create a Joint Local Plan, which will seek to deliver the councils' ambitions for zero-carbon, sustainable development and genuinely affordable homes in the districts up to the year 2041. The plan's timescale had previously been scheduled around the creation of the Oxfordshire Plan 2050 – a county-wide plan being produced by all of Oxfordshire's planning authorities, which would have set housing numbers and decided the broad locations for larger-scale developments. The five Oxfordshire councils were unable to reach agreement on the approach to planning for future housing needs and so they all mutually agreed that it was best to end work on the county-wide plan. While continuing to cooperate the councils will tackle all these issues locally through their own Local Plans. The Cabinets at South and Vale have therefore both agreed to adjust the timetable for their Joint Local Plan work, to allow time to carry out local versions of the work that would have been carried out as part of the Oxfordshire Plan 2050. The new timetable for the Joint Local Plan allows South and Vale to assess the need for housing at a local level. It also allows both councils to shape and develop even stronger policies on climate and ecological action that could lead the way nationally. The Councils will still be able to use much of the collaborative work produced as part of the Oxfordshire Plan 2050, as well as the Oxfordshire Strategic Vision that sets a series of guiding principles for 'good growth'. The full LDS is available on the councils' website: <https://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/vale-of-white-horse-district-council/planning-and-development/local-plan-and-planning-policies/local-plan-2041/>

### **Council will tackle food poverty and promote sustainable local production**

Taking action on food poverty and making good food available for all will be at the heart of work by Vale of the White Horse District Council to help realise the vision of Oxfordshire's Food Strategy. The council will work with community, voluntary sector and business partners to develop a detailed local food action plan for the district to help achieve the objectives of the food strategy. The plan's aims will include reducing food poverty in communities following the impact of Covid-19 and the cost-of-living crisis, promoting local and sustainable food and decreasing food waste. Oxfordshire County Council has allocated £250,000 of funding to be divided between district and city councils to help create and deliver the local action plans. Vale will use the funding to work with its partners to create and deliver a local action plan in 2023. The Vale is working on a focused programme for its new Food and Farming Champion to help promote food production, distribution, and healthy eating across the district.

### **Vale Cabinet approves changes to car park permits**

Car parking permit fees in the Vale of White Horse District are likely to increase slightly, following a decision at a recent Cabinet meeting to raise permit costs by ten per cent, in line with inflation levels. From April 2023, monthly permits to district council car parks will increase by £7 on average, with annual permits increasing £81 on average, to help support the delivery and maintenance of the car parks.

**Election Fees** – new election fees have been released for 2023

### **Village Hall Grant Opportunity**

In May 2022, Defra announced a £3 million Platinum Jubilee Village Halls Fund, (the Fund) to mark Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee. The aim of the Platinum Jubilee Village Halls Fund

is to support the modernisation and improvement of village halls, so that they are fit for purpose and can provide activities which seek to achieve one or more of the following outcomes for their communities:

- improved health and/or wellbeing and/or reduction in rural loneliness,
- positive impact on the local environment, contributes towards net zero,
- support for the local rural economy,
- promotion of community cohesion.

Grants are for **capital improvements only**, where projects aim to either upgrade, extend or improve facilities, or where capital items need to be purchased. They cannot be used for maintenance, repair or renewal work.

More information on the ACRE website here <https://acre.org.uk/platinum-jubilee-village-halls-fund/>

#### **Other**

I-Next Website maintenance

**Thames Water Consultation** - Our draft Water Resources Management Plan 2024 sets out the predicted water supply shortages and how we intend to provide a secure water supply for our growing population; protect against the growing risk of drought; and improve the environment over the next 50 years. Our plan sets out ambitious reductions in leakage, actions to reduce the amount of water we all use and investment in new infrastructure including a new river abstraction in west London, a new reservoir in Oxfordshire, and water transfers between regions and across the South East. We're consulting on our draft plan until 21 March 2023. You can read a summary of our draft plan, and the detailed technical reports, and have your say on our dedicated consultation website [www.thames-wrmp.co.uk](http://www.thames-wrmp.co.uk). A Forum will be held on Tuesday 31 January 2023 at the Novotel, London Paddington from 09:30 to ~ 14:30 to discuss our draft plan. At the Forum we'll provide an overview of the draft plan and hold sessions to discuss aspects of the draft plan in more detail.

Michael Barber Playgrounds

#### **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 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at Shippon Church Hall.

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