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| 025/18 | Oxfordshire County Council         | County Cllr Lorraine Lindsay-Gale gave a brief summary of news from OCC. See also mentioned the Oxford/Cambridge Expressway at minute <b>030/18</b> . A full report from OCC is attached at appendix 2.   | For info |
| 026/18 | South Oxfordshire District Council | <p>Cllr. Caroline Newtons February report is at Appendix 3. Other issues discussed were:</p> <p><b>a. Local plan</b><br/>The Local Plan 2033 was presented to OCC who have said that the costs of the infrastructure that would be required to support it are unaffordable therefore the plan, in its present form, is undeliverable. The next steps are not yet clear but it is believed that if the Chalgrove option is taken out of the plan then there are other alternatives including Harrington (Junction 7 M40) and Grenoble Road. OCC is also concerned that SODC is not delivering enough houses in the plan.</p> <p><b>b. New food waste trucks</b><br/>Congratulations go to Stadhampton Primary School for choosing one of the names for the new food waste trucks. Their winning choice was "Waste Warrior".</p> <p><b>c. New lottery</b><br/>SODC has set up a local lottery to raise money for local organisations.</p>   | For info |
| 027/18 | Planning Matters                   | <p><b>Applications Granted:</b></p> <p><b>P17/S4263/FUL – The Potting Shed, Ascott</b><br/>Change of use of agricultural potting shed to holiday letting and associated outside amenity space. This application was permitted with some conditions about the number of letting days per year.</p> <p><b>P17/S4031/DIS (Discharge) – Barn No. 2 Camoys Court Farm, Chiselhampton, OX44 7UZ.</b><br/>Discharge of conditions 3 – materials on application<br/>P16/S2118/FUL Operational development and demolition associated with the prior notification permission granted (Class P) P15/S3706/PSA. Fully discharged by SODC on 17<sup>th</sup> Jan.</p> <p><b>P16/S3534/MPO</b><br/><b>Newington Nurseries A329 Newington Road near Stadhampton OX10 7AW</b><br/>Modification of planning obligation relating to P01/N0273. Recommendation by SODC-agree modification to planning obligation.</p> <p><b>P17/S4273/LDP – The Willows, School Lane</b><br/>Single storey side extension. (As amended by drawings received 29 January omitting the rear dormer from the application). Permitted development.</p> <p><b>P17/S4342/FUL – Oxfordshire Animal Sanctuary, The Green, Stadhampton</b><br/>Demolition of existing kennel and ancillary buildings and construction of two new kennel buildings, Training Hall and Reception building together with exercise runs and fencing. Granted.</p> <p><b>P17/S4240/HH - The Gables, Cat Lane, Stadhampton, OX44 7UN</b><br/>Lifting of existing roof to provide additional living space, insertion of dormers to roof. two storey side extension. Granted - Conditions apply including restricting access to the site for vehicles over 7.5 tonnes.</p> <p><b>Appeal reference: APP/Q3115/W/17/3176196</b><br/><b>Watlings Paddock Watlington Road Stadhampton OX44 7UQ</b><br/>Proposed development: The use of land for the stationing of caravans for residential purposes, together with the formation of hardstanding, and utility/dayrooms and keeping of horses. Planning permission granted</p> <p style="text-align: right;">.../...</p> | For info |

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|  |  | <p><b>Applications Refused:</b><br/> <b>P17/S3713/FUL – The Crown.</b><br/> Development of a surplus secondary carpark area to the side of The Crown pub to provide a single detached four-bedroom dwelling. This application went to a planning committee meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> February. SM spoke on behalf of the SPC and Mrs. Sam Robinson of 1 Crown Terrace spoke on behalf of her family and the neighbours affected by this proposed. The plan was refused: <i>“That having regard to its size, scale and siting in close proximity to the boundary and the location of a bedroom window in the side elevation of 1 Crown Terrace the proposal would have an intrusive and overbearing impact on that adjoining property and result in a loss of light. As such it would cause significant and demonstrable harm to the amenities of that property contrary to Policies D4 and H4 of the South Oxfordshire Local Plan 2011.”</i></p> <p><b>Planning Applications in progress:</b><br/> <b>P17/S4426/HH &amp; P17/S4427/LB</b><br/> Church Farm House Copson Lane Stadhampton OX44 7TZ<br/> Addition of one extra bay to previously permitted detached garage building &amp; minor external and internal alterations to previously permitted 'stables' building<br/> Target Decision Date: 4th April 2018</p> <p><b>P18/S0510/HH - 8 The Close Stadhampton OX44 7TS</b><br/> Two storey rear extension - Target Decision Date - 11th April 2018</p> <p><b>P18/S0632/FUL</b><br/> <b>G. A Blundell &amp; Son, Pasture Farm Stadhampton. OX44 7UG</b><br/> Extension to existing building for agricultural storage. Target decision date 19<sup>th</sup> April</p> <p><b>P17/S1726/RM - Land to the east of Newington Road, Stadhampton for 65 houses.</b><br/> Planning application amendment (no.5), on application P17/S1726/RM, for development work (65 houses). Decision deadline is now 7<sup>th</sup> March.</p> <p>&amp;</p> <p><b>P18/S0547/DIS</b><br/> <b>Newington Rd Stadhampton OX44 7US</b><br/> Discharge of conditions 6 - construction method statement and 9 - programme of archaeological works on application ref. P14/S4105/O Demolition of existing structures and outline planning permission for residential development of up to 65 dwellings (Use Class C3) and associated works including means of access, with all other matters (relating to appearance, landscaping, scale and layout) reserved.<br/> Date registered 23 February 2018 Target decision date 6<sup>th</sup> April.</p> <p><b>P16/S3988/O</b><br/> <b>Newington Nurseries A329 Newington Road near Stadhampton OX10 7AW</b><br/> Discharge of condition 9 (Archaeological WSI) on planning application P16/S3988/O Outline permission for the demolition of existing structures and erection of up to 21 dwellings and associated infrastructure including means of access, with all other matters reserved. Target Decision: Date 6th March 2018.</p> <p><b>Planning Appeals awaiting decision:</b><br/> <b>Appeal Ref No: APP/Q3115/W/17/3185510.</b><br/> <b>P17/S1993/FUL – STD</b><br/> <b>Copper Beeches Watlington Road Stadhampton OX44 7UQ</b><br/> Demolition of outbuildings and other structures and erection of a new family dwelling and associated infrastructure. <b>Decision awaited.</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;">.../...</p> | <p><b>For info cont.</b></p> |
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|                      |   | <p><b><u>Planning proposals for comment by the community – these proposals have not yet been submitted for planning permission</u></b></p> <p><b>Development proposals at land east of Stadhampton, OX44 7XJ</b> Mr Warner, the owner, is seeking permission to develop the site to provide thirty (30) dwellings, including affordable properties and on-site open space. The proposal is to build the new homes on the land to the south of the bridleway leading from Newells Close to Newells Farm. This abuts the existing development on Warren Hill. The principal access to the dwellings will be from Warren Hill and there will also be pedestrian and cycle access via the bridleway. Also see 028/18 below.</p> <p><b>The Crown “surplus” Carpark</b><br/>New plans for the development of a surplus secondary carpark area to the side of The Crown pub to provide a single detached four-bedroom dwelling. Also see 028/18 below.</p> <p><b><u>Easements:</u></b><br/>The Easement for Manor Barn’s new entrance – Documentation and costs of £54,150 (minus legal fees) have been agreed. SPC signed the documents this weekend. Now waiting for payment.</p>  | <p><b>For info cont.</b></p>                  |
| <p><b>028/18</b></p> | <p><b>Planning proposals not yet submitted to SODC and Neighbourhood Plan</b></p> | <p><b>a. The Crown’s “surplus” Car Park</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mrs. Sam Robinson from 1 Crown Terrace felt the new proposal would still overlook her property – the reason for SODC’s refusal. The arguments remain the same.</li> <li>• Many people were concerned about the loss of one car park as cars would inevitably overflow in neighbouring streets which are already congested.</li> <li>• Concern was also expressed about the loss of the beer garden and Aunt Sally pitch as these are used by many families in the summer months.</li> <li>• There was a great deal of discontent about the potential loss of the pub generally.</li> <li>• There was a suggestion to register the pub as an Asset of Community Value. AES pointed out that SODC does not currently accept this as a Material Consideration in its planning decisions.</li> <li>• The majority were in support of the idea of the Crown becoming a community pub if Hawthorn Leisure were to put it on the market. However, no one volunteered to take the lead on this.</li> <li>• SPC has written to Hawthorn Leisure, the owners, asking for a meeting to see if it is possible to determine their long-term plans for the pub/site. They will report back at the next meeting.</li> <li>• During the course of the discussion Cllr. Caroline Newton announced that she had just received notification of a new application for the site from the developers REL, on the SODC Planning website. The developers had advised SPC that they were seeking our views before submission.</li> </ul> <p><b>b. 30 houses on land east of Stadhampton</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12 of the 30 will be affordable housing.</li> <li>• The initial reaction was that the village is being overwhelmed by property developers and people wanted to know how to stop it.</li> <li>• The major concerns about this proposal were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Access as Warren Hill would be the only route into the development and would be the only route available for any construction traffic. During the day when people are at work the road is relatively clear; when all the homeowners return, cars park by straddling the pavement and road.</li> <li>○ Impact of additional traffic particularly at the junction of the B480/A329 at the Corner House. Traffic backs up at this</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | <p><b>For info</b></p> <p><b>For info</b></p> |

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|        |   | <p>junction at peak hours now – additional traffic will create a log-jam and problems of access into homes along Newington Road as well as the new developments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The impact on the school.</li> <li>○ A safe route for pedestrians from Warren Hill into the village.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● In terms of the houses themselves. If the development were to go ahead the meeting wanted to see: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Genuinely affordable houses for young people to be able to stay in the village where they were born.</li> <li>○ Bungalows and housing for older people so that people living in the village could downsize and meet their changing needs as they grew older.</li> <li>○ No more five bedroomed houses.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>c. Neighbourhood Plan</b><br/>The pros and cons of Neighbourhood plans were explored. There was no appetite for preparing a neighbourhood plan mainly because of the time commitment required and the number of building developments that are already in progress in the village. It was agreed that SPC should talk to nearby villages, e.g. Warborough, which has just put its plan out to consultation and Nettlebed, which had made a conscious decision not to write a plan to try to learn from their experiences.</p> | <b>SPC</b>   |
| 029/18 | <b>Local Plan 2033/Local Developments</b> | See SODC report above   | <b>For info</b>  |
| 030/18 | <b>Oxford to Cambridge Expressway</b>     | OCC had written requesting a public enquiry – this has been refused – it is too late.   | <b>For info</b>  |
| 031/18 | <b>Play Area Village Green</b>            | <p><b>a. Tidy up</b><br/>DMS reported that that the Community Payback Service had done a great job:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Refreshing the bark on the play area.</li> <li>● Cutting back the limes.</li> <li>● Beginning to clear the D'Oyles pond – they need some steel reinforced soles in their waders for safety - these have now been supplied.</li> <li>● Clearing the pond at the Manor.</li> <li>● Sue White was thanked for supplying milk and tea for their breaks in the pavilion.</li> </ul> <p><b>b. Requests for Parking on the Green</b><br/>OAS open day – 5<sup>th</sup> August and<br/>Private party – 12-17.00h Sat and Sun 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> April - agreed.</p>   | <p><b>For info</b></p> <p><b>For info</b></p>                |
| 032/18 | <b>Footpaths and Transport</b>            | Dr. Caroline Keenan has been working with SM on behalf of the SPC on the clearance of foliage on both sides of the wall in Mill Alley. This work has now been completed. The costs for this work were shared equally between both parties.  | <b>For info</b>  |
| 033/18 | <b>Community Resources</b>                | <p><b>a. Village Hall @ St. Johns</b><br/>It was agreed that as the Village Hall was now fully established as it has been operating for nearly five years. It should no longer be a standing item but it should continue to report to the SPC in the form of an Annual Report along with other village organisations at the Annual Parish Meeting.</p> <p><b>b. Pavilion</b><br/>Sue White (SW) is looking into the possibility of a contact for hiring fire extinguishers for the pavilion.</p> <p><b>c. Youth Club</b><br/>The SPC has agreed to support the Youth Club (YC) by paying 50% of the hiring fees for the village hall for their meetings in the last financial year. The Youth Club has asked if it might be possible for the SPC to make an ongoing annual commitment to make invoicing easier. It was agreed that the</p>  | <p><b>For info</b></p> <p><b>SW</b></p> <p><b>SPC/YC</b></p> |

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|        |                    | Youth Club should make an annual report of its activities to the Annual Parish Meeting and use this opportunity to request financial support for the following year if it is required.  |  |
| 034/18 | Consultations      | <p>a. <b>The Baldons Neighbourhood Plan</b></p> <p>b. <b>The Warborough &amp; Shillingford Neighbourhood Plan</b></p> <p>c. <b>The Chalgrove Neighbourhood Plan</b></p> <p>d. <b>Public update advisory group report on Berinsfield</b></p> <p>e. Thirty-two applications for definitive map modification to <b>upgrade restricted byways</b> to byway open to all traffic status Natural Environment and Communities Act 2006 (“NERC Act”) &amp; Wildlife &amp; Countryside Act 1981 – specifically for SPC this included the footpath from Camoys Farm to Drayton St Leonard. Following discussion it was agreed that SPC should write supporting its status as footpath only. There was no recollection of it ever being used by motorized vehicles.</p> | <p><b>For info</b></p> <p>“</p> <p>“</p> <p>“</p> <p><b>SPC to write</b></p> |
| 035/18 | Financial Update   | Balance £16,087.13 in bank Jan 25 <sup>th</sup> 2018 – last statement received. The cheques for payment at the 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2018 meeting were approved and authorized.   | <b>For info</b>  |
| 036/18 | Correspondence     | The Oxfordshire Council for Volunteer Action (OCVA) is seeking nominations for the Best Group in South Oxfordshire. Any volunteer group can be suggested for the award. Deadline 10 <sup>th</sup> April 2018.   | <b>For info</b>  |
| 037/18 | Any other business | The issue of a forthcoming easement for crossing the Village Green to gain access to Cat Lane for the two proposed new properties was raised from the floor. The lane itself is private, therefore, any new access points along it are not the responsibility of the SPC. SPC’s current Title Deeds state that on 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2017 Mrs. Valerie Hicks the owner of the building plots on Cat Lane, registered “ <i>a right of way with or without vehicles. The extent of this right, having been acquired by prescription (20 years use), may be limited by the nature of use from which it has arisen.</i> ”  | <b>For info</b>  |
| 038/18 | Next Meetings      | The next meeting will be: Ordinary Meeting and Annual Parish Meeting on Tuesday May 1st, 2018. PAGE/Gravel extraction will be giving a report at this meeting along with village groups.  | <b>For info</b>  |
| 039/18 | Meeting Closed     | All meetings on Tuesdays 8.00pm at the Village Hall, St John’s.<br>9.40pm   | <b>For info</b>  |

## Appendix 1

### Site visit re: creating a safe footpath in front of Anvils on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2017

#### Present:

Mr & Mrs Fairbairn, Anvils, Stadhampton

Mark J Francis, Technical Officer (Traffic Schemes) Area Ops South, Oxfordshire County Council (OCC)

Stadhampton Parish Councillor Ann Stead (AES)

According to OCC's Highways Department records, the narrow strip of tarmac between Anvils boundary and the main road (A329) which includes the drain, that lies between Crown Cottages and Anvils, does not appear on their maps and is therefore not their responsibility.

On their plans it appears that OCC's Highways responsibility for the pavements stops after the end of the pavement outside of No. 3 Crown Terrace and starts again at the pavement edging on the triangle of land outside of Horseshoes and The Smithy, that borders the main road near the roundabout. The gap in between does not show on OCC plans and therefore they are not currently liable for its upkeep and they not able to do any work on it even if it is to improve safety.

Mr & Mrs Fairbairn confirmed that this strip of land does not appear on their deeds.

*Having re-checked the parish land plans after the meeting, the strip of land in question is not registered to Stadhampton Parish Council. It is assumed that it should have been registered when the new houses were built but as of now, it appears to be in **no-mans-land**.*

Mr. Francis was therefore asked what was technically possible to achieve a safe walkway, regardless of ownership, to at least provide a goal to aim at.

1. A minimum of **1200cm (4ft)** is required for a footpath to allow a mobility scooter and a pedestrian to pass each other. (Mr Francis noted that the section outside Crown Terrace is narrower than that. But any new pavement must comply with these regulations.
2. Creating a footpath that crosses land that is private, i.e. land that has not been adopted by OCC, does not have to comply with the above width requirements.
3. A key limiting factor is the level of the road for drainage.
4. The situation is also complicated by the path turning left after Anvils, across the shared driveway.
5. It is not possible to put in a raised pavement outside of Anvils without raising the level of the surrounding house frontages. This would then cause problems for access to No. 3 Crown Terrace and the rear access of the three Crown Terrace cottages, so any workable solutions must be at road level.
6. Notwithstanding points about levels, the strip of tarmac in front of Anvils is not wide enough to put in a footpath compliant with current legislation.

7. A number of options were discussed including:

- a) Using 'imprint paving' on the strip of road in front of Anvils but the space in question is very small so it would not be cost effective.
- b) The use of concrete bollards, on the strip of road in front of Anvils but this was also dismissed as if they are struck by a speeding vehicle, they can cause serious injury to people or damage to nearby properties.
- c) SPC negotiating the purchase of a small piece of land from Mr. & Mrs. Fairbairn to create a footpath. It was mentioned but it was agreed that other options should be explored first as even if SPC purchased the land it would then also be responsible for ongoing maintenance of both a small stretch of footpath and a drain.
- d) SPC registering the strip of land in question – the same issues as above would apply re maintenance.

#### **TECHNICAL RECOMMENDATIONS:**

After considering all the options Mr. Francis recommends the following:

1. Lay a continuous white line from the end of the pavement at No. 3 Crown Terrace across to the pavement edging on the triangle of land.
2. Lay white cross-hatching in front of Anvils between its boarder and the white line on the road.
3. Lay the words KEEP CLEAR in white behind the white line across the shared driveway, to deter cars and delivery vehicles from blocking the drive.

#### **ACTION:**

AES to contact OCC Highways Department to see if they can find a way around the ownership issue and carry out the work detailed above.

Ann E Stead  
Chair  
Stadhampton Parish Council

## Appendix 2

### REPORT TO PARISH COUNCILS MARCH 2018 From Cllr Lorraine Lindsay-Gale OCC BUDGET 2018/19

OCC agreed its budget at a Full Council meeting on 13 February following a five-hour meeting of all 63 county councillors. Council Tax will rise by 5.99%, the maximum amount allowed without a referendum. Key points include:

- Finances are sound compared to other councils, with difficult decisions having already been taken
- The Council Tax rise will deliver extra money for adults and children's social care
- Proposal to extend £500,000 contribution for homelessness for an extra year in 2019/20 (subject to consultation)
- 10-year programme to improve transport network and release more money for road maintenance
- £15,000 for each of the 63 county councillors to spend on local priorities in their area

### OCC STEPS UP POTHOLE WORK AS WINTER HITS THE ROADS

Repeated cycles of ice, thaws and snow have created the worst possible weather conditions for roads over the last few months leading to a rise in reports on Fix My Street from 3,000 pre-Christmas to 7,000 during January. OCC has drafted in more staff to carry out inspections and contractors Skanska are sending out more teams to carry out repairs. An additional Dragon-Patcher is now in action on the road network travelling round on an 'inspect and fix' basis on the rural network. There is also good news in the form of almost £1m in extra funding from the Department for Transport in recognition of damage done to the roads by bad weather. This money will be spent on road patching later this year as that will give longer lasting benefits and better value for money. Defects that make roads hazardous will be dealt with within 24 hours as usual. Remember, if a defect has paint markings around it then it has already been scheduled for repair and does not need a new report.

### OXFORDSHIRE'S LIBRARIES ARE THRIVING – NOT JUST SURVIVING

I was delighted to welcome Libraries Minister Michael Ellis MP to the official opening of the Oxfordshire County Library on 22nd February. The newly refitted facility at the entrance to the Westgate Centre welcomed more than 100 guests including John Howell MP, the High Sheriff Jane Cranston, Deputy Lord Lieutenant John Harwood, staff, volunteers and community groups who have helped ensure the county's 43 branches have a bright future.

Mr Ellis toured the library and spoke with staff and volunteers about its transformation and wider network of Oxfordshire branches. He said: *"This is a wonderful example of a library that is an integral part of the community. We want to see libraries thrive - not just survive – and this is a classic example of a thriving library. Libraries are still greatly valued by many people."*

Also among the guests was Philip Pullman, author of the famous *His Dark Materials Trilogy* who signed autographs and said, *"I'm very impressed with what I have seen. I knew the old library very well and used to use it regularly, and now it's looking absolutely splendid."* Since reopening just before Christmas the library has signed up 2,000 new members.

### CARE QUALITY COMMISSION (CQC) REVIEW IN OXFORDSHIRE

The Care Quality Commission (CQC) visited Oxfordshire in November 2017 to carry out one of 20 targeted reviews taking place in England. The CQC report, published on Monday 12 February says: *"People were treated with kindness when they moved between health and social care services. Frontline staff were dedicated and provided person centred care, going the extra mile for people they cared for."* Across all areas of health and social care, an above-average proportion of services achieve a 'good' or 'outstanding' CQC rating in Oxfordshire, compared to the national average. However, there remain significant challenges to join up services across organisations in Oxfordshire. The final report has provided areas of action for senior managers in the NHS, social care and other

bodies to act upon to make the whole health and care system work better. All of the CQC's recommendations for actions have been agreed by the five organisations involved which are:

- Oxfordshire County Council (local authority)
- Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust (OHFT)
- Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group (OCCG)
- Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (OUHFT)
- South Central Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust (SCAS)

CQC inspectors found the problems of recruiting care staff in Oxfordshire were holding back improvement. Incompatible computer systems also hampered integration of services. The inspectors did find that Oxfordshire had made progress in tackling 'delayed transfers of care'. Health and social care leaders from the five organisations involved in the inspection have already met with the CQC to develop an action plan. The key points of the action plan are:

- Making services more local by using a 'place-based' approach to design and delivery of care
- Improving information available to people who fund their own care so they can get the support they need more quickly
- Investing more in recruitment and retention of care staff so more care packages can be delivered, particularly for older people.

### **PLASTIC POLLUTION IN OXFORDSHIRE**

Residents in Oxfordshire have been amongst the best at recycling (including plastics) and composting for a few years now, and the countywide recycling rate is around 60%, one of the best in the country. However, the ambition is to do better. Plastic is a topical target. The OCC Recycling Team has put together top tips to kick the plastic habit:

- Remember your reusable bags when shopping.
- Invest in a reusable water bottle (stainless steel bottles are more sustainable than plastic)
- For takeaway coffee, use a reusable mug. Collapsible ones that fit easily in a bag are obtainable, or there are ones made from bamboo to avoid more plastic. (Disposable coffee cups are lined with plastic and hard to recycle.)
- Look for products with less packaging, or no packaging, such as fruit or vegetables.
- Buy concentrated products and refill packs instead of fully packaged products, such as fabric conditioner, washing powders and some beauty products.
- Recycle the packaging where possible. While 90% of packaging is recycled in the kitchens, only 50% is being recycled in the bathroom. Shampoo, conditioner, make up, hand wash and cleaning product bottles can all be recycled (pump trigger must be removed).
- Buy larger or economy sizes of goods such as breakfast cereal, tomato ketchup, toilet rolls and soap powder. This saves money and creates less packaging in the long run.

All the councils in Oxfordshire are working together to seek views on reducing waste and increasing recycling. Respond to the consultation here: [www.recycleforoxfordshire.org.uk](http://www.recycleforoxfordshire.org.uk)

## Appendix 3

### **SODC A CONSERVATIVE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S VIEW (OR WHAT THE COUNCIL IS DOING - FEBRUARY 2018.**

#### **Housing Matters.**

South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils have adopted a new strategy which sets out how they will meet the significant challenge of delivering thousands of new homes over the next 14-16 years. The number of new homes proposed in each district is set out in the councils' respective adopted and emerging local plans. The councils' new Joint Housing Delivery Strategy will work alongside the respective local plans to guide how these new homes will be delivered, in line with infrastructure, and ensure that the types of homes provided meet the various needs of our communities. In adopting the new strategy, the councils are taking on an 'enabler' role to ensure that the required number of new homes can be delivered, which are also of the right type to meet local need. To view the new strategy click on Joint Housing Delivery Strategy or visit [southoxon.gov.uk/housingstrategy](http://southoxon.gov.uk/housingstrategy).

Cllr Lynn Lloyd, Cabinet Member for Housing at South Oxfordshire District Council, said: "Our new housing delivery strategy details how we will work with others to meet the major challenge of delivering the homes required in South Oxfordshire. This will help to ensure the right type of homes are built at the right time in the most appropriate locations allocated in the local plan." The councils adopted the Joint Housing Delivery Strategy following a public consultation on a draft version of the strategy in 2017.

#### **Planning update**

##### **Brownfield land register**

We have published details of all brownfield development sites in our district that have full or outline planning permission. The register also includes sites that may be considered as appropriate for residential development. You can view the brownfield land registers on our South website:

<http://ebtk.co.uk/resources/stats/click.php?c=2636&e=7&o=9492&url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.southoxon.gov.uk%2Fservices-and-advice%2Fplanning-and-building%2Fplanning-policy%2Fbrownfield-land-register>

##### **Submitting a planning application?**

If you're submitting a planning application, or if an application is being submitted on land you own, you need to make sure they are submitted by the same process we expect of all applicants. This means you should email the application to the planning team: [planning@southoxon.gov.uk](mailto:planning@southoxon.gov.uk) Following this procedure, we will make sure your application is correctly recorded and processed and will avoid any unnecessary delays.

##### **Engagement matters**

Planning's customer engagement officers had a busy year raising the profile of the service and encouraging residents to get involved in the development of our Local Plans. For example, during their work they spoke to 2,100 people at events across South Oxfordshire and Vale of the White Horse districts. If you'd like to know more about the work they did, take a look at their annual update here.

<http://ebtk.co.uk/resources/stats/click.php?c=2636&e=7&o=9492&url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.dropbox.com%2Fs%2F7xma6wo8577sgb9%2FEngagement%2520Matters%2520Dec%252017.pdf%3Fdl%3D0>

##### **How much of your area is built on?**

The BBC has created an interesting map that shows how much land in every council area of the country has been built on, and how it compares with the national averages.

You can access the map on the BBC website at;

<https://southandvale.us8.list-manage.com/track/click?u=33bec1cf8b5523ad47c7183a0&id=7da03130c1&e=eda6ce4f57>

##### **Broadband update**

Little Wittenham, and Waterperry are among the latest villages getting improved broadband services as part of the Better Broadband for Oxfordshire project, which we're helping to fund.

If you'd like to know more, see the update for South.

<http://ebtk.co.uk/resources/stats/click.php?c=2636&e=7&o=9492&url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.dropbox.com%2Fs%2F2pd66sgw1uyi3od%2F171208-OXF-REP-South%2520Oxfordshire%2520Phase%25202%2520update.docx%3Dl%3D0>

### **New project to help people with diabetes**

We are supporting a new countywide project to help people with diabetes to be more active and we'd like your help to spread the word. Go Active Get Healthy aims to help the 28,000 people in Oxfordshire who are registered as having diabetes. Adults with diabetes can sign up to receive coaching sessions, subsidised activities and advice on managing their condition.

You can find out more information and people can sign up on the Get Healthy Oxfordshire website.

<http://ebtk.co.uk/resources/stats/click.php?c=2636&e=7&o=9492&url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.getoxfordshireactive.org%2F>

### **Support for athletes**

Budding athletes in your area could benefit from up to £1,250 of funding thanks to our leisure partner GLL. The GLL Sport Foundation could also provide support for athletes with training membership access to more than 300 venues across the UK and give them access to physio and injury rehabilitation. Athletes can apply via the GLL Sport Foundation website until 20 February.

<http://ebtk.co.uk/resources/stats/click.php?c=2636&e=7&o=9492&url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.gllsportfoundation.org%2F>

### **Work experience 2017 Reminder**

Since January 2017 we have provided work experience for 39 students and young people to learn about how we work and gain some new valuable skills. Every one of them said in their feedback that they enjoyed their placement and that they would recommend it. The students and young people worked with teams right across the council as well as at Cornerstone and The Beacon. We currently have opportunities for work experience for year ten students during term time for 2018 and, during February half term, other art workshop projects at Cornerstone, so if you know of any schools or young people who might benefit, or if you want more information on our work experience programme, contact Karen Tolley.

### **Rail vision and consultation - Reminder**

Strategic vision for our railways The government is setting out a vision for the country's railways, which is likely to have an effect on our districts - you can read more about it here.

<https://southandvale.us8.list-manage.com/track/click?u=33bec1cf8b5523ad47c7183a0&id=bd2cbe2854&e=eda6ce4f57>

### **Great Western Railway consultation**

The Department for Transport is also setting out its proposals for improving train services on the Great Western rail network after the current franchise with GWR ends. They are running a consultation to help identify passengers most pressing priorities for improvements from 2020 onwards. You can download the proposals here.

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/n6ho0yozhaqyv8i/great-western-rail-franchiseconsultation-web.pdf?dl=0>

You can respond to the consultation here. <https://southandvale.us8.list-manage.com/track/click?u=33bec1cf8b5523ad47c7183a0&id=6b0a5a983b&e=eda6ce4f57>

You will need to submit your comments by 21 February next year.

### **SO Business action plan launch**

We've officially launched the SO Business and Innovation Strategy Plan 2017 to 2020 to support and boost the wide variety of businesses in our area. The plan has four main actions: introducing superfast broadband helping businesses to find sufficient space to allow their organisations to grow and succeed supporting businesses with skills and employment issues improving business support and communication Full details on the action plan can be found here on the SO Business website.

<http://ebtk.co.uk/resources/stats/click.php?c=2636&e=7&o=9492&url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.so-business.co.uk%2Fbis-strategy-action-plan-2017-2020%2F>

### **Our food waste trucks need a name – vote now!**

Southern Oxfordshire residents are being invited to vote for their favourite names put forward by local schoolchildren for a new fleet of food waste recycling trucks. Whether it's Chomper Charlie,

Green Gretel or Banana-Munch Bob, names suggested by primary pupils in South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse are out for public vote.

Residents are being asked by South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils to choose their top three out of ten names whittled down from dozens thought up by local children. The most popular will be printed onto the two districts' new food waste trucks and residents will see them out and about on the roads carrying out weekly food waste collections. The children whose suggested name gets the most votes in South Oxfordshire and Vale will scoop £150 book tokens for their school and a swimming pass for their family.

**It's quick and simple to vote at: South Oxfordshire: [southandvale.gov.uk/namethatruck](http://southandvale.gov.uk/namethatruck)**

Cllr Tony Harbour, South Oxfordshire District Council's Cabinet Member for waste and recycling, said: "The food waste trucks are brand new and we wanted to do something to celebrate this while having a bit of fun too. Getting school children involved in the names has been a great way to help spread the recycling message. We're really impressed with all the suggestions and hope residents will support them by voting." Residents can also look out for how to vote on the councils' social media channels: Twitter: @SouthOxon Facebook: [www.facebook.com/southoxfordshire](http://www.facebook.com/southoxfordshire) Voting will close on Friday 16 February.

### **Residents asked to talk rubbish**

We've joined forces with all the councils across Oxfordshire to ask residents how they think we can recycle more and create less waste. The consultation is open until 18 February - the results will help us review the joint countywide waste strategy, which sets out the county's shared priorities for waste and recycling until 2030. The county council will publish the results in July and any actions arising from the consultation will be approved by all councils over the summer. We will adopt any changes relevant to us later this year. You can complete the online survey via [www.recycleforoxfordshire.org.uk](http://www.recycleforoxfordshire.org.uk).

### **Hotels still failing to challenge potential Child Sexual Exploitation**

Hoteliers in South Oxfordshire are still failing to spot the dangers of child sexual exploitation (CSE), a recent test operation has revealed. Last month, South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils worked with Thames Valley Police to carry out a series of tests to check whether hotel staff recognise the signs of CSE and understand what action they need to take if they suspect there's a problem. The operation ran over two nights covering 12 hotels in southern Oxfordshire. The test involved a police officer in plain clothes attempting to book a double room while accompanied by a 14-year-old girl with no identification. To pass the test, the hotels should have refused the booking and called the police. Six hotels accepted the booking, potentially allowing a serious crime to take place and putting a child at risk of being sexually exploited. While the other six refused the booking, they did not call the police. The results of the CSE test are a slight improvement from a previous operation that took place in June when nine out of 12 hotels accepted the booking. Following the June operation, 'Hotel Watch' – a scheme which sees police, councils and hotels sharing information, arranged for hotels and B&Bs to take part in awareness training delivered by the Oxfordshire Safeguarding Children Board's 'Kingfisher' team. Following the latest results more training sessions are planned in 2018 to help raise awareness of what staff need to be aware of. In the most recent operation the hotels that accepted the booking were also tested to see if they would allow the girl to buy alcohol. Two premises failed to ask her for ID and subsequently served her an alcoholic drink. As a result, those two premises have since attended a meeting with the district councils' licensing team and improvements have been implemented. Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie, Cabinet Member for Community Safety at South Oxfordshire District Council said: "While there was some improvement from the previous operation it is extremely concerning to see that several hotels are still not challenging someone who could be putting a young person in serious danger." Sgt Steve Bobbett from Thames Valley Police, said: "As the TVP lead during this operation I was disappointed at the level of failure, especially since we had run the operation earlier. There were some repeat failures which was particularly disappointing. On the positive side, a number of establishments had attended training and implemented safeguarding procedures. "This is potentially exposing young and vulnerable victims to very serious abuse and we must do all we can to safeguard these potential victims. These hotels may be the last point for safety for these victims and the industries co-operation and awareness is key in helping us all to deal with this." "We will be running further operations during the course of the year and will be looking to highlight both good work as well as

challenging repeat failures.” If you are in the hospitality industry and see something suspicious, always say something, to your manager, or the police by calling 101. In an emergency always dial 999. If you are a hotel interested in future training please email [communitysafety@southandvale.gov.uk](mailto:communitysafety@southandvale.gov.uk)

For more information on the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults visit [http://www.barnardos.org.uk/what\\_we\\_do/our\\_work/sexual\\_exploitation/about-cse/](http://www.barnardos.org.uk/what_we_do/our_work/sexual_exploitation/about-cse/)