

New Issues	
A S	Received email from resident: <i>'We live at xx Sandford Ln, Kennington, Oxford OX1 5RW. After the downpour yesterday (Friday 13th October) at around 6pm the drains were overwhelmed because the run off from the new Redrow estate flooded over onto Sandford lane for the second time this year (last time was in March). Our driveway was flooded, we had to move our car up the road and could only access the house in wellies making it hard to get the children into the house at the end of the day. Once the water drained away it left stinking brown sludge all over our gravel driveway which is smelling quite badly today. We have a young family and an elderly lady from Ukraine living with us and as we move into winter and inevitable further rain this can not continue, it is unsafe for all of us and the smell and mess it makes in the aftermath is unacceptable. Please could you let me know what is going to be done about this. I can not find any email address for anyone from Redrow to discuss this with so will try and contact them via social media.'</i> Residents are in communication with Leigh Travers, (Vale of White Horse District Council – Flood Risk and Drainage Engineer) who plans to meet up with the residents during 1 st week of November.
B S	Received following email: <i>'I have a boat available which I would like to donate to an organisation such as yours that would be able to either use it or sell it to raise funds. In reasonably good condition it is perfectly usable as is, or a potential project for improvement if so required. It is fitted with a 5HP Tohatsu outboard motor. Currently moored on an Environment Agency mooring to the west of Oxford, acquirer would need to collect if movement is necessary (for which, of course, I would make every effort to assist with). Now retired, I purchased it 11 years ago and am no longer fit enough to maintain it nor afford the mooring or River Thames licence fees associated with it. If you are possibly interested in knowing more, or in viewing the boat'</i>
C ?	Received email from resident of Sandford-on-Thames: <i>'I live in your neighbouring parish of Sandford-on-Thames, in the estate on Sandford Lock. My 12-year-old uses Sandford Lane every day walking over to get the 35 bus from Kennington. I wanted to raise the below issues with Kennington Parish Council and ask if there were any plans to address these already, and, if not, if there could be, please.</i> 1. Lighting: <i>Now that the nights are drawing in and the mornings are darker, the lighting on the road is inadequate. While I ensure my child has high-visibility gear on while walking, the areas under the railway bridge and just after the industrial estate are very poorly lit and it is very hard to see where you are going or for other people to see you if they are coming around the bend too quick.</i> 2. Car speeds: <i>Cars/vans/trucks drive down that road way too quickly for the quality and shape of the road. Given it is a road used a lot by pedestrians and cyclists it would be great if some speed lowering measures could be considered like speed humps especially around the bends. Most cars treat it like a dirt track and fly down even the bit under the railway bridge. There is not a continuous pavement making it very difficult as a pedestrian to find somewhere to stop to let a speeding car pass.</i> 3. Road surface quality: <i>This is a difficult one given that the road tends to get flooded etc affecting the integrity of the tarmac, but the cratered surface in the rain is disastrous for both cyclists and pedestrians to not get injured or splashed with muddy water from vehicles that are speeding past. It would be great to know if something could be done to improve the road surface.</i> <i>I appreciate not all the issues can be addressed at once but I wanted to bring them up and find out if there was anything already being done.'</i> Acknowledged email
D S	Graffiti reported at Forest Side play area (25 October) Clerk reported it to Thames Valley Police (INC-20231031-0079) and contacted M R H Services to request a quote for getting rid of the graffiti. They reported that the climbing wall is rotten, as if the floor at the top of the slide, with graffiti on the inside of the walls at the top. They can get the graffiti off the walls but strongly recommends that the main climbing wall and floor be replaced as soon as can be arranged. Clerk asked for an estimate (see agenda item 11)
E ?	Received following email: <i>20mph speed signs 'suddenly' appeared in Upper Road (and other roads) yesterday. Whilst I do recall there was talk a while ago about this action, I do not recall any updates as to when so it was a bit of a shock to see them. There was a deal of interest when I made comment on Kennington Connected and general opinion seemed that the residents of Kennington had not been kept fully informed - not everyone has 'social media' to pick up points, but a follow up in The Chronicle, notices in Post Office maybe?</i> <i>We are experiencing problems with Upper Road being used as an unofficial park and ride/park and cycle! Whilst there is nothing 'illegal' about parking like this, it would help if drivers did it sensibly. I note that Edward Road has had white lines marking access to drives to be kept clear, is this something that residents of Upper Road could ask for please?</i>

F S	Received following email: <i>I understand that a blanket 20mph speed limit will cover all roads leading on and off the Kennington Road and The Avenue. After reading the below article* on the Parish Council website I beg the question why are the above afore-mentioned roads included and on what basis the decision not to include them was made. These roads are frequently used by cyclists and if any traffic survey was done this would prove to be the case. I would ask therefore as we live on this very busy road what traffic calming measures, if any are planned.</i> *Oxfordshire County Council wants to make our built environments safer and more attractive places to walk and cycle. To enable this, 20mph speed restrictions are being used to help promote alternative modes of transport for local travel. Further details on how the council is considering making 20mph the new 30mph for Oxfordshire communities can be found here.
G	Local resident reported that the street lights at the flats at Poplar Group (where the flower troughs are situated) have not worked for some six weeks. Clerk reported to FixMyStreet – this issue has been reported before - OCC has informed the electricity company requesting repair.
H P	Resident visited the Clerk and handed letter from Cllr. Liz Leffman (leader of OCC) regarding various highway issues within the village that was in response to previous letters written over a period of time.
I ?	Received email requesting the use of Forest Side for cycle coaching groups, which will be reported at the next Playing Fields Committee meeting. However the last paragraph was as following: <i>As a resident of the village, I am also interested in helping to improve the condition of the BMX track and resurface with 'tarmac'. This has been done with great success at Upton, if this was ever up for discussion I would love to be involved'.</i>

Continuing issues

J	Received a response from OCC regarding Sandford Lane. The adjacent landowner had reported the leak at the bottom of the footpath (from Poplar Grove to Sandford Lane) to Thames Water before they had erected the fence and whilst works were being undertaken within TW's compound area. Therefore, further communication has been made with TW with the proposal that the footway is excavated to establish the source of water as the testing they undertake is not always accurate when testing on the surface. This will also clarify whether their apparatus is the cause or whether it is due to other utility damage or a natural spring. Also Redrow Developers has agreed to carry out both drainage remedial repairs and improvements where the carriageway ponding occurs nearby and under the railway bridge. OCC are awaiting a start date for these works, but the road will remain open and will not have an effect on local residents/businesses access.
K S	Received following email (31 Oct) from local Sandford Lane resident: <i>'I'm sorry to keep moaning but I took my car to Kennington motors this morning for mot and walked back, apart from dodging the lorries, cars and cycles under the bridge, the water is still flowing from somewhere so it very wet and lots of potholes. One potholes is so big about 2ft round and at least 6ins deep, it concerns me that a cyclist could get killed being thrown into the road as the hole is full of water so not so easy to see. Again I'm not sure if this is a Kennington problem or Radley but it needs looking at quickly'</i> – reported residents concerns via FixMyStreet (ref: 5158738) and acknowledged email. Same resident emailed following day: <i>'Just a quick update on the lane, one lad in a lorry arrived about 10am put a cone in the deepest hole then parked in the cemetery waiting for the gang to turn up, by 3ish he disappeared. I've just walked down to see the progress, nothing!!!! Hopefully they will be back tomorrow. There is also a flow in the alley that has white stuff coming out, I spoke to Thames water a while ago and he said it wasn't coming from them. But now there us a sewage smell as well, it seem that the whole lot need big investing'</i> Forwarded emails to officers at Oxfordshire County Council; Vale of White Horse District Council and Thames Water.
L	Replied to resident who had complained about Royal mail, suggesting they complain directly to Royal Mail.
M	Contacted electrician asking him to quote for putting timers on the lights at the War Memorial as he was there repairing the light within one of the two bushes. He reported that the light was not broken – the lights have sensors on them – for these to work the bushes need to be trimmed back to enable the sensors to work properly. He cannot installed additional sockets without digging up the path.
N	Met with M R H Services, who carry out play area inspections for many parish councils as well as Abingdon Town Council. We walked around the three play areas in the village and has priced £85 for a monthly inspection of all three play areas and £145 for a quarterly inspection for all three. All inspections include the BMX track. They have offered to come along to a council meeting to report back with regard to the state of the existing play equipment. (See agenda item 10) M R H Services are also getting back to the Clerk with a cost for

	a metal fence around Forest Side Play area. (See agenda item 13) The frequency of checking playgrounds is all based on how well used the equipment is and what the insurance company deem necessary. Twice a month would seem a sensible frequency during autumn and winter -during the summer months ideally it could be a weekly check. As regards checking the defibrillators Thecircuit.uk (linked to the British Heart Foundation and NHS) stated 90 days.
O	Contacted South Hinksey and Sandford parish councils with regard to who carried out their play area checks. South Hinksey does not have a play area. Sandford has 4 play areas and which are inspected quarterly by Kompan at a cost of £500 each quarter. Contacted Radley Parish Council regarding the new play area at The Lawns – this is maintained by a management company – Radley has nothing to do with it.
P	Whilst Mr Herring (M R H Services) was at the Village Hall play area he inspected the two cradle swings, he recommended they be replaced as soon as possible – they are worn, with a lot of metal showing. The seats have split and are rusty. Clerk requested an estimate for replacements and forwarded to Village Hall Management Committee explaining Mr Herring's concerns.
Q	Cllr. Feather arranged for structural survey to be carried out on garage wall at Playfield Road pavilion – awaiting report, although there is no imminent danger regarding the wall as they would have alerted the council immediately. Their report will be confirming that the wall needs tying back to the roof structure and to be partially rebuilt at the top corner where there are missing bricks. They will specify the tying back and rebuild works. Clerk sent an email out to all councillors explaining this – received report and specification of works from structural survey company. (see agenda item 12)
R	Clerk amended 2023/24 Asset List, taking off the OCC's salt bins, which before last month, thought they were assets of the parish council. Additional list generated so bins can be annually inspected, with findings reported to OCC for their records and to carry out any actions/replacements of bins.
S	Wrote to Deputy Civil Enforcement Manager asking why data forwarded to the councillors did not add up. This could be any of the following prompts on the hand held device once the vehicle has been logged: Vehicle has a valid traders permit; vehicle may have a marker (police vehicle, NHS permit etc); a vehicle that was initially logged for a 30 min observation, but was gone upon officer's return. But there is no where to note these reasons.
T	Wrote to the village organisations who have wreaths purchased for them by the poppy organiser, requesting they forward their donations directly to The Poppy Appeal – forwarded details of how this can be done.
U S	Reminded Toby Flemming and Rosey Hollinrake about leaving the leaves in readiness for Remembrance Day at the War Memorial. Rosey sent photograph with email: <i>'I've enjoyed tidying the War Memorial flower beds today. I will give them a final tidy the week before Remembrance Sunday. Some violas got nibbled by snails, so are taking a while to do their stuff. The hardy cyclamens seem happy. I've left a white self-seeded Ammi Majus, but will cut it down prior to the big event, as I know the councillors don't like tall and frothy! There is a poppy about to flower!'</i>
V	Responded positively to the proposed upgrade to the existing radio base station installation at Kennington New Pumping Station, Sandford Lane.
W	Sent purchase order to Prime Compliance Services for carrying out the regular checks and monitoring for the coming 12 months.
X	Confirmed that council would like to purchase 14' spruce Christmas tree from Highfield Christmas Trees - will delivery on Tuesday 28 November.
Y	Henry Lynch of Lynch Brothers Homes, confirmed that Christmas tree will be erected, with the lights, on Wednesday 29 November – in readiness for the weekend, when the lights would be switched on before the Carols Around the Tree
Z	Ordered 100m of warm white LED Christmas tree lights – will not be delivered until company has received payment.
AA	Posted signed agreement letter regarding the Grass Cutting Contract with OCC, together with a copy of the amended schedule to OCC. Attached second signed copy together with amended schedule to original agreement dated 21 June 2017.
AB	Commented on the proposed speed limits consultation that the council was happy with proposals.
AC	Contacted Oxford Preservation Trust regarding its two plaques, one in the wall by the gate into the Memorial field from the Playfield Road playing field and the other at the entrance off The Avenue, reporting that they

	could no longer be read – they had ionized so unsure if they can be cleaned or need replacing. They will look into it and get back to the council.
AD ?	Leigh Travers, of Vale of White Horse District Council contacted Clerk regarding a drainage scheme at Forest Side playing fields. This is due to regular flooding at 3 Forest Side back in 2020. Clerk responded to Mr Travers explaining that as St John's College is the landowner, correspondence should be directed to Savills (St John's agents) – copied in Savills. Clerk sent separate email to Savills explaining that this proposed drainage scheme was going to be discussed with the councillors and that she would get back to him. Received email from Layla Moran MP asking what had been done and what was happening regarding drainage at Forest Side as she had received a communication from resident at 3 Forest Side explaining they had been flooded six times this year. Clerk responded forwarding previous Clerk's notes which clearly described what was carried out back in 2020, and informed Layla Moran that the proposed drainage scheme now had funds and the Vale of White Horse District Council is in correspondence with Savills.
AE	Thanked John Ashton and Jean Mulligan for their time in attending parish meetings keeping the councillors up to date with the change over of Kennington Health Centre, wishing all the PPG's members all the best once the current group is disbanded.
AF ?	Contacted Oxfordshire Playing Fields Association (OPFA) enquiring about play area inspection course and how many would be needed for a specific course to be arranged. OPFA is in touch with OALC and plan to run a course towards the early part of 2024. Any councillors like to attend the course?
AG	Copied in on email from Gordon Buxton to local resident: <i>'I'm sure we are all concerned what will happen to traffic through Kennington once the Lodge Hill slip roads are built, and the only way to see for sure is to have ongoing data from before and after the change. Speaking to friends who live in East Oxford and Headington about their own traffic issues, there has been a growth in self-monitoring using a bit of kit from a Belgian supplier called Telraam. This is a unit that sits in your window counting traffic (lorries, cars, people, bikes) and estimating their speeds. It's not cctv and doesn't upload pictures it just uses software to monitor a camera and do the counting. I've taken the plunge and bought myself a Telraam unit and have set it up - you can see the counts here: https://telraam.net/en/location/9000005902</i> <i>It would be ideal if we could get a couple more set up maybe in St Swithun's Road, and further up the Avenue and in Kennington Road. This would give baseline data before and after any changes to lodge hill. Unfortunately there is a cost of approx. £200 to buy the unit as a private person - or there are options to buy a number of units for a specific project which could be funded by a local authority (such as parish council). I've paid for mine myself but if anyone knows if it would be possible to get funding and/or volunteers for a couple more I think it would really help with things if and when we see an increase in traffic due to the new interchange. If anyone has any ideas how we can get more of these on the main routes in the village I'd be really happy to talk and help set it up.</i>
AH	Received following email from local resident regarding St Swithun's Road and Bagley Wood Road safety – update – funding Lodge Hill and TV police on board: <i>Firstly, by way of e-introduction, may I introduce PC Karl Roberts to our group. Karl has been introduced to the group by Sergeant Kev Hickman who rang me the other Saturday. Karl is happy to be our liaison on how the community problem solving is progressing. Karl will also work together with the TVPolice School Officer to advise us on some good practice from other Schools in terms of road safety. Some of you may have seen the Thames Valley Road Traffic Police Officer, that Sergeant Hickman sent along the week before last. I gather he was well received by the Community here in Kennington and it was great to see the Traffic Officer and PCSO in action. The feedback and observations from the Traffic Officer has been supportive too in terms of Road Safety. Here is an extract from the report:- The Roads Policing Officer who attended on Thursday did not observe any speeding offences but did recognise a traffic congestion issue that interferes with road safety.</i> <i>He did advise on some problem solving solutions which we discussed on the phone this afternoon including a designated drop off point and 'No Parking' cones. I have pointed out to Sergeant Hickman, that the responsibility of the school is educational outcomes and safeguarding children. The role of the Caretaker and Headteacher is to deliver, enable and facilitate those outcomes. f budget is used to purchase no parking cones as well as resource to put out and collect it is detracting from the purpose of the school. In the meantime, though we await PC Karl Roberts response and I am sure that both school and pre-school would welcome in person visit to the School for the children. @Sharaz Arif and @ Matthew Gardner – we need the road safety mitigations for St Swithun's Road and Bagley Wood Road in place by Spring 2024 - This is because</i>

	<i>we have just had news that the Lodge Hill Expansion has secured the final funding and work to commence in Summer 2024. @Sharaz - Please could you kindly update us on progress and confirm that the Kennington Parish Councillors are progressing matters following your personal commitment to the Community in maintaining traction on the project. Re: Parish Council meeting on 14 September. @Everyone – we are nearly there, after so many years of working together on this – one final push now and we should get this over the line....</i>
AI	Kennington Strollers returned the keys for the pavilion at Playfield Road until they are needed again next year.
AJ	Confirmation from Barclays that Cllrs. Brown, Scott and Smith are now authorised persons within the bank's system. To enable the councillors to gain access to the on-line banking they need to register by contacting the bank individually. Necessary information forwarded to the councillors by Clerk
AK ?	Cllr. Johnston contacted St John's Ambulance enquiring as to first aid instruction for the councillors. St John's Ambulance recommended an awareness and basis knowledge course which is free but has no formal certificate or either Emergency Fire Aid Awareness session/Emergency First Aid which does come with a certificate and has a charge. Any councillors like to attend a course?
AL	Oxfordshire County Council would like to hear the Parish Council's views – there is an Oxfordshire Councils Charter Survey which closes 10 December 2023. It is requested that councillors and officers submit individual responses to this consultation, please, rather than a response on behalf of the council. (request from OALC)
AM S	Purely Plants has planted the autumn/winter plants in the 4 new planters within the village.
AN ?	Received quotes for installation of the sand box at The Links from Steve Moncur - £1850 to dig out and install sand box with concrete and £1295 without concrete. Clerk thanked Steve explaining that it would be something that could be carried out next spring, with additional quotes needed to be provided before any decision could be made.
AO ?	Important legislative changes in the responsibilities of Responsible Persons following the implementation of Section 156 of the Building Safety Act 2022 which are due to come into force on 1 October 2023. Clerk has guidance which explains what responsible persons need to do as a result of changes made to the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 ('the Fire Safety Order') through the Building Safety Act 2022. You are a responsible person if you are an employer, have control of the premises or are an owner of a premises.