

New Issues	
A	Resident of Sandford Lane requested a salt bin near the Cemetery. Clerk contacted Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) requesting one. OCC confirmed it will install a bin at the entrance of the cemetery, behind the sign.
B	Reported potholes from beginning of Kennington Road from Red Bridge, up until the Upper Road roundabout via FixMyStreet Nos: 5463787; 5463799 and 5463815
C	Resident contacted Clerk <i>'I'm a regular user of the cycle route from Oxford to Abingdon, for as long as I can remember the path from Kennington Road (adjacent to the bus stop, opposite the mobile home park) has been fenced off. Am I right in assuming that KPC have responsibility for this facility? If so please can you provide me with a realistic time when it might be restored?'</i> Responded that it is hoped that it will be re-opened this spring.
D	Resident contacted Clerk asking if the councillors had thought of a bench (or something) to be installed in memory of Colin Charlett. They suggested the bench outside Kerlena could be replaced and dedicated to him.
E	Resident reporting street lights not working at either end of the flats, affecting Nos 4 – 18 Meadow View Road. They have been out for five months. Contacted OCC Street Lighting Department who explained that they have been contacting SSE – will contact again. Clerk requested SSE reference number for her to escalate the issue if nothing happens within the next month.
F	OCC Highways Safety team contacted Clerk to ask if the parish council had any faint white or yellow lines that they could use up their paint – Forest Side car park was suggested but apparently they still ok. Clerk reported that bollard at the beginning of the cycle track going towards the underpass at Kennington roundabout had not been replaced since shrub clearance.

Continuing issues	
G	Sent Council's comments regarding the Section 19 inquiry relating to Kendall Copse and Kennington Ponds. Council expects that at both these areas of open space have been taken from the village, that exchange land will be provided for Kennington residents. Forwarded Riki Therivel's closing submission to all councillors
H	Equality & Diversity policy was amended and needs to be agreed (Item No 12)
I	Forwarded details of councillors varying platforms used when sending and receiving council emails to OX365. Continuing to work with OX365 to resolve emails between Clerk and individual councillors.
J	Resident reported trash screen in Sandford Road blocked – reported via FixMyStreet No. 5450689. Clerk also wrote to VoWHDC, OCC and Thames Water with regard to the blocked screen and pond.
K	Contacted the Emergency Planning Team to invite a member to next month's council meeting to assist the councillors in including in the plan what can be expected from councils in times of flood. Cannot attend a meeting but has gone through Emergency Plan, offered some suggestions and also getting in touch with a contact in Highways to help with the issue of road closures. Clerk has registered the council's interest in a flood warden scheme that is, at the moment being piloted.
L	Responded to the Joint Local Plan as agreed – <i>'We welcome the lower housing target within the green belt and has encouraged each of its councillors to complete the survey in their own right'</i> . (ID is ANON-YSZ1-CCEQ-K)
M	Arranged for OCC carry out a speed/volume survey in the same location as the traffic survey carried out in Nov/Dec 2021 (near Small World Montessori) at a cost of £190 + VAT. Survey started 27 January 2024
N	Wilding Group preparing this year's proposal in time for March's council meeting.
O	Uploaded reviewed Data Protection and Tree Policy documents on to the Website. Amended annual review schedule for documents.
P	Forwarded purchase order to Oxford Tree Surgeons requesting tree works at The Paddocks be carried out. Informed unsuccessful firms. Works will be carried out in the second half of February.
Q	Contacted OCC regarding its response to a Freedom of Information request (FOI) by the council. Requested an Internal Review
R	Sent condolence card to Mrs Charlett
S	Asked for any councillors interested in reviewing either the Use of Social Media or Community Grants policies to let the clerk know. Cllrs. Cuddy and Johnston to go through Use of Social Media bringing amended policy to March's council meeting. No volunteers to review Community Grants policy.
T	Events Committee meeting arranged to discuss April's Annual Parish Meeting amongst other 2024 events.

	Booked Cllr Locklin in for the OALC website accessibility course and Addressing the biodiversity crisis. Both Clerk and Cllr Locklin attending the SLCC themed summit of 'Engage Everyone in Your Community'.
U	Applied to the Thames Valley Police Community Grant Fund for CCTVs for both playing field car parks.
V	Contacted Abingdon Lions informing them of the amount being donated to them as a thank you for their kindness over the past three years in lending the council their sleigh for Santa's visits to the village.
W	Contacted the Village Hall Committee secretary explaining that the council would be happy with the re-siting of the bench under the oak tree outside the village centre to under one of the lime trees in the playing field at Playfield Road. Secretary plans to contact Steve Moncur to remove the tree seat.
X	Written to Vale of White Horse District Council (VoWHDC) requesting a meeting regarding future maintenance and flood prevention plans/procedures going forward at the north of Kennington. Received response explaining that at present the high priority is with flooded properties by will try and arrange a meeting for later next month.
Y	Sent a letter of thanks to the resident who gave a presentation before last month's council meeting. Reported the council's request for a meeting with the interested agencies regarding future flooding procedures.
Z	Wrote to Highway Maintenance with regard to the damaged gully on the slip road at the north of the village. On programme for 5 March to be cleaned – Clerk asked if investigation could be planned.
AA	Reminded Greene King (The Tandem) about carried out appropriate works to make their fence safe. Also reported the overhanging concrete structure and tin cans protruding into the public footpath. Received response confirming that this will be sorted. Rob Keithley, the Business Development Manager is happy to meet at The Tandem should the councillors wish to review this further. He thanked the council for taking the time to report this.
AB	Received one resident interested in becoming a parish Fix-My-Street super-user. Online training is being arranged for both resident and Cllr. Cuddy with an additional meeting in the village.
AC	Updates regarding reported near miss due to overgrown trees along The Avenue from FixMyStreet – <i>'I have visited the location and assessed the trees. I have instructed our contractors to carry out works to the trees described in the enquiry. These works will be undertaken in the coming weeks'.</i>
AD	Kennington Football Club are hoping to host its summer tournament at Forest Side this year, after a few years off. They would like to run it across two weekends, so they can host both a girls and boys tournament. Dates would be 6 & 7 and 13 & 14 July. They are 99% certain they have secured parking at Egrove Park, so there will hopefully be minimal disruption to the residents in terms of traffic. To be discussed and agreed at the next Playing fields committee meeting.
AE	Sent all councillors details regarding an OALC play area training day, suggesting that members of the Play Area Working Group may benefit for attending. Cllr. Locklin available to attend.
AF	The last professional fire risk assessment carried out at the sports pavilions was in 2016. In the process of obtaining quotes for another professional assessment.
AG	Requested quote from Purely Plants for filling the troughs and planters for this coming summer.
AH	Waste Team have been monitoring the alley between Simpsons Way and St Swithun's Road to ascertain whether a dog waste bin is required, as requested by a local resident. After three visits it was decided that a bin would not be necessary