

New Issues	
A	Double mattress dumped at Forest Side car park – Cllr. Cobb arranged for it to be removed.
B	Received email from local resident: <i>'I'm writing about a problem that's been concerning me for some time. On my daily runs I'm too often seeing brown bins without a lid just left (by whom??) next to a hedge or wall. For example at present there is one on Upper Road ("was" because it's been removed and placed in the car park area behind Forest Side) and one on its side on Kennington Road where it meets with Upper Road. I often encounter these lidless bins which, to make matters worse, usually contain filthy old rubbish at the bottom. This is not a new problem; it's been around for a year or more. These bins constitute an eye sore for the neighbourhood. It's quite unnecessary. When so many residents go out of their way to pick up litter and/or join litter picking activities in order to keep our village attractive and tidy, why should someone/some firm/some business ruin our efforts by leaving these unsightly bins around? In addition, I'd like to point out that in the Government's Environmental Protection Act 1990, section 46a, it states that "damaged or unsightly bins" should not be left out on the pavement. I am writing to the parish council in the hope that this unacceptable practice will stop immediately.'</i>
C	A concerned resident contacted the Clerk regarding paid Bagley Wood walks being organised by WalkandTone – the Clerk explained that there was little it could do as Bagley Wood is private land and suggested they contact the Bursar directly to make the college aware. This, the resident did, copying in the Clerk. In the penultimate paragraph of the email it read <i>'I do not know what time the walk is to start, possibly 9 am, I think they are meeting people at Forest Side in Kennington on Sunday morning. They have advertised free parking at Forest Side so maybe the parish council might want to investigate it too?'</i>

Continuing issues	
D	Will Piotrowski (Vale of White Horse District Council Drainage Engineer) emailed explaining that: <i>'As you appreciate the Councils are all still very busy dealing with the flooding of properties and issues across districts. It is likely that this will be the case for the next 3-6 months, at present neither district council nor county council staff can commit to a date for a meeting. It is critical that OCC highways staff are able to attend as they would be responsible for highway signs and the clearing of debris from the grid in Sandford Lane. I suggest we touch base in June, at this point we will have a better idea of our workloads and availability to attend a meeting'</i> .
E	Flagpole Company carried out inspections on both flagpoles and sent a report on each with recommendations, together with a quote of £1,536.00 to carry out the actions. Clerk has gone to two other companies for similar quotes. One company did not want to quote, second company £1,890.00. Some branches on the tree in the village play area will need to be cut back to allow for the flagpole to be lowered. (See item No 13)
F	Adventis Digital Limited has taken over the maintenance of the website as of 1 March 2024. OX365 informed council that the services should remain unaltered. Adventis Digital has given OX365 an undertaking that service levels, prices and terms will remain unaltered for all clients transferred across until 30 June 2024, which is the date on which OX365 would have implemented its annual price review.
G	Meadow View resident reported that SSE changed the fuse on the street lights that have not been working for some seven months and explained to the resident that they were all working now. The street lights are still not working. Clerk reported to OCC's Street Lighting Department, also informing Cllr Gant (copying in Layla Moran MP). Reported issue via FixMyStreet and received report that this issue cannot be completed. Forwarded this to Cllr. Gant and Layla Moran MP.
H	Responded to resident who requested permission to put up a sign 'Please do not park on the grass' explaining that OCC is the owner of the verges and it would be OCC that they would need to request permission of.
I	Contacted Tree Officer reporting the dead tree along The Avenue to the right of Simpson's Way travelling towards The Avenue, also requesting the trees and shrubs be cut back to improve the sight line in this location.
J	Responded to concerned residents regarding the 20mph speed limit throughout the village inviting them to a meeting with a few councillors, including the Parish Transport Representative. Also invited them to come along got the Annual Village Meeting on 24 April. Received a response – would like to meet sometime in May.
K	Explained the issue surrounding the costing of the regular play area inspection costs to the Village Hall Management Committee secretary. She will report this at their next meeting.

L	Explained the issue around the emptying of the litter bins to the Village Hall Management Committee secretary. She will report this at their next meeting.
M	Requested the additional costs in clearing the weeds from the Village Hall play area and sweeping the leaves from the side of the hall if this became part of the maintenance contract. BGG explained that this could be absorbed into the existing maintenance contract with no extra cost. Informed the Village Hall secretary and requested BGG add these tasks onto the maintenance contract commencing from now.
N	Posted CPRE Oxfordshire recruiting volunteers on the village noticeboards, website and Facebook.
O	Forwarded the agreed Local Government Pension Scheme Discretionary Policies document to Oxfordshire Pensions and uploaded a copy onto the website.
P	Uploaded both the agreed Protocol for What's on the Website and Use of Social Media onto the Website
Q	Letter sent to Village Hall Management Committee (VHMC) confirming that Cllr. Smith is the Parish Council representative on the VHMC
R	Received the FOI Internal Review regarding FixMyStreet data. Emailed to all councillors
S	Let the Wild about Kennington Group know that the council agreed to the group's proposal for one year, taking out the area of grass between the entrances to/from Grundy Crescent from the wilding areas. The council agreed that the further two years would be agreed in 2025 once the additional measures planned by the group has been implemented and shown to be more risk-averse.
T	Contacted BGG to ascertain if there would be any additional charge for an earlier cut and collect being carried out on the wilding verges, with regular three week cuts being carried out after mid August. BGG confirmed that there would be no extra charge. Requested BGG change the date for the cut and collect cut of the wilding verges to August and add in the additional regular cuts there after into their schedule. Requested BGG amend their schedule to include the usual three week cut for the grass between the entrances to/from Grundy Crescent throughout the whole season.
U	Contacted SSE to unravel the amount of invoices being sent to the council – the SSE apologise – it is having technical issues since its migration onto a new invoicing system. Credits will be made in the future, Clerk having been given a list totalling £524.82 at present.
V	Cllr. Jempson forwarded photographs of a flash flood in Sandford Lane on 28 March. Cllr. Jempson also reported that although some pothole repair work had been carried out on 28 March, there are still potholes which have been covered with surface water making it difficult for cyclists and pedestrians to navigate through – this issue has been reported to FixMyStreet by a cyclist.
W	Purchased 2No D Day 80 Flags of Peace for commemorating 6 June 2024
X	Arranged for Turtle Engineering to come out to fix the dampness in the defibrillator cabinet at Forest Side.
Y	Received email from Steven Corrigan the Democratic Services Manager at South and Vale regarding election material on parish noticeboards. Forwarded email to all councillors asking them to keep a look out for any such material on any of the village notice boards and take down any notices/posters that should not be displayed.
Z	Football Club contacted Clerk on 18 March asking if the grass at both playing fields could be cut. Clerk contacting BGG requesting when they were to start. Originally it was due to be within the week before Easter but if not definitely during the week after Easter. Received further email at the end of the week after Easter explaining that they will be in the village next Thursday/Friday weather permitting. Clerk responded explaining her displeasure. BGG rang explaining that it was felt to be too wet and the mowing machines were likely to damage the pitches. Clerk explained this to Marck Baker of the Football Club.
AA	Cllr. Cuddy working with the Clerk to refresh the village asset list, in terms of ensuring all assets are on Parish Online and that it reflects the current assets in current locations on the Asset List.
AB	Rosemary Aldgate has stepped down as co-ordinator of Kennington Strollers and has requested a poster asking for a replacement co-ordinator be displayed at the Annual Village Meeting. She also asked earlier during the year if the council would be willing to allow Ashley Chapman from The Vale of White Horse Active Communities team, (who is also attempting to find a replacement for Rosemary) to continue to use the pavilion chairs and kitchen if he is able to lead these walks, which he might be willing to do in the short term.