

**Kennington Parish Council
Oxfordshire
Minutes of the meeting held on
11 April 2024 at 7:30pm in the Village Centre**

Present: Cllr. Andrews Cllr. Bakewell Cllr. Brown Cllr. Cobb Cllr. Cuddy Cllr. Feather
Cllr. Gamble Cllr. Powles Cllr. Russell

In Attendance: Anne Feather (Clerk)

535.23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Cllr. Buckingham, Cllr. Locklin, Cllr. Jempson, Cllr. Johnston, Cllr. Smith and District Councillors Diana Lugova and James Cox

536.23 ITEMS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC – None

537.23 DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS – Cllr. Brown is an employee of OALC and declared her interest in payment to OALC within the Financial Report.

538.23 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Parish Council resolved to sign the minutes of the meeting on 14 March 2024.

539.23 REPORT OF THE CLERK - New issues

- A** Double mattress dumped at Forest Side car park – Cllr. Cobb arranged for it to be removed.
- B** Received emails from local resident regarding brown and black lidless bins around the northern end of Kennington. Clerk contacted Biffa who will collect them as soon as it can be arranged. Suggested to the resident that when ever this happens they could ring Biffa on 03000 610610 or email municipalteam1@biffa.co.uk Clerk received a further email from resident – contacted Biffa again, they suggested I forward resident's email to them. Have emailed resident asking if they are OK with this.

ACTION FOR CLERK – Include advice about green/brown/grey bins in the next edition of the chronicle

- 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 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?'*** The resident received the following response from St John's: ***Bagley Wood is open to permissive public access on the maintained routes and via the gated entrances. A permit from the College is no longer required to walk in the woods.***

Continuing issues

- D** Will Piotrowski (Vale of White Horse District Council Drainage Engineer) emailed explaining that: ***'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'***.
- 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 parish council 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 from.
- 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 to 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 Wild about Kennington (WaK) 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. Cllr. Andrews explained that WaK would have to amend its proposals now as having been given agreement for only one year it makes it more difficult to get funding. The Chair explained that if this year's improvements work the extension of two years will be approved so it is worth investing in planting.
- 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 an 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 filled 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 2 No D Day 80 Flags of Peace for commemorating 6 June 2024. Clerk will hand the flags to Cllr. Brown who is happy to change the flags for the day.
- 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 Mark Baker of the Football Club. Verges and fields have since been cut. Leaving just the wilding area at Forest side to cut and collect.
- 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. Cllr. Cuddy is happy to set up view only accounts for other councillors to see what is on Parish Online.
- 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. (Will be discussed at Playing Fields Committee meeting).

ACTION FOR CLERK – Send Rosemary Aldgate a card and flowers to show her the councillors' appreciation for what she has done over the years, especially with regard to Kennington Strollers.

- AC** Received the following email from Rosey Hollinrake: ***I've tackled both cotoneaster bushes, as I had time this spring. Apologies if they look threadbare at the moment. I'll explain: Aim is to have a smaller neat round bush around each light and that they will be symmetrical, with red berries over winter. Reason: smaller bushes will be less time consuming, and hence less expensive, to maintain. Neat and smart is what the Parish Council like. Red berries over winter is uplifting for passers by. In order for each bush to green up nearer it's centre, I've thinned out a lot of crossed leafless branches, to let light in. The bushes will green up from within, enabling the shaping of a smaller neat round bush in the fullness of time. A further cut will be needed late summer. I hope this is ok. PS Apologies if the lights are now more glaring for the neighbours? Do let me know if you've had any complaints. Thanks so much for all your help.*** Cllr. Andrews reported that Rosey is loathe to take away the Sacred Bamboo and plans to cut it shorter and shorter so it will not interfere with the flags on Remembrance Day. She is willing to clear the path and treat with Pathclear and also treat the lawns with Weed and Feed. Rosey would like to be involved in the re-vamping of the War Memorial as she is passionate about this space.

ACTION FOR CLERK – Add this as an item on next month's agenda

- AD** PWLB lending facility Audit Statement - 31 March 2024 – Balance of £13,726.79 left on Village Hall loan – loan will be paid off in June 2028.
- AE** Clerk copied in on email regarding a further request to Sharaz Arif (Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) Project Manager) from the St Swithun's School Group for an update on progress with Lodge Hill mitigations for Kennington. (rec'd 30 March 24)
- AF** Red Box carried out Fire Risk Assessments on both pavilions on 9 April 2024
- AG** Received notification of £13,210.01 in Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) receipts from the development of 113 Bagley Wood Road

540.23 CORRESPONDENCE AND REQUEST FOR GRANT AID

Requests for grant – None

Correspondence for discussion/action

A Oxfordshire Playing Fields Association (OPFA) – invitation to renew membership at a cost of £82.00 for 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025. This was proposed by Cllr. Brown seconded by Cllr. Powles and agreed.

541.23 It was resolved that Kennington Parish Council will renew its membership of OPFA.

ACTION FOR CLERK – Renew OPFA membership

B Flood Risk Management funding opportunity from OCC – expressions of interest need to be in by 30 April 2024. It was felt that this funding would be very beneficial to the residents of Sandford Lane, in investigating the various issues along the Lane. Although the council is not in a position to complete the expression of interest form the Flood Mitigation Officer recommended completing as much as can be, giving him names of those officers the council has been communicating with, so they can be contacted to assist with any proposals made.

542.23 It was agreed that an expression of interest be lodged with the Flood Mitigation Officer, with the clerk filling out as much of the form as possible. This was proposed by Cllr. Cuddy seconded by Cllr. Andrews and agreed unanimously.

ACTION FOR CLERK – Complete the Expression of Interest form and return to OCC by 30 April 2024

C. Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks (SSEN) Digital Toolkit – on who can register for SSEN's Priority Services

ACTION FOR CLERK – Disseminate information on the website, Facebook, the Chronicle, Toddler Group, Edith Court, St Swithun's Primary School and Small World.

Correspondence forwarded to Councillors for information

D Oxfordshire awarded £3.6 million to triple public electric vehicle charging provision by 2025 – Posted on Facebook and website

E The latest news for your communities – Oxfordshire County Council

F Over 22,000 email and social media account hacked – Thames Valley Police Alert

G Temporary Road Closure and No Right Turn Restriction at Abingdon, Stert Street & Bridge Street – posted on Facebook and website

H RTS Annual General Meeting 2024

I Letter from Thames Valley Police and Crime Commissioner

J Find your voice – choose your next Police and Crime Commissioner – Posted on Facebook and website

K Letter of thanks from Abingdon Lions for council's donation of £257 as a gesture of goodwill for the use of the Lions' Sleigh. The club has decided to put this money in its sleigh maintenance account.

L OALC March update for member councils

M Community Event - Help us shape our future plans

N Temporary Road Closure, No Left Turn & No Right Turn at Oxford, Old Abingdon Road – Posted on website and Facebook

O Message from OCC and Spring Training – Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils (OALC)

P Oxford Local Plan 2040 - Statement of Submission and updated deposit locations

Newsletters

Q The Vale News

R The Rural Bulletins

S Latest news from Healthwatch Oxfordshire

T BBOWT Nature Notes

U CPRE

V TVERC April 2024 News

543.23 FINANCIAL REPORT

Statement of Bank Accounts as at 31 March 2024

Community Account	£500.00
Business Premium Account	£147,311.00
National Savings & Investment Account	£85,681.57
Cambridge & Counties 3 Year Fixed Rate Bond	£88,001.03
Total	£321,493.60

Income received in March	£
Barclays Bank Bank interest from 4 December 2023 – 3 March 2024	612.06
Police Commissioners Fund - Thames Valley Grant for CCTV at Playfield Road and Forest Side pavilions	4,458.00

Reference	Direct debits	£	Power to Act
DD	Castle Water (paid in March) Water for Playfield Road pavilion (February)	19.34	LG (Misc Prov) Act 1976
DD	Castle Water (paid in March) Water for The War Memorial (February)	5.89	War Memorials Act 1923
DD	EDF Energy (paid in March) Playfield Road Pavilion gas supply	12.00	LG (Misc Prov) Act 1976
DD	Virtual Landline (to be paid in April) April's subscription for virtual landline	8.75	Section 111 LGA 1972
DD	Southern Electric (to be paid in April) 15.07.2023 to 29/02/2024 (invoice IV00540168) Electricity supply for Playfield Rd pavilion (71.89) Forest Side pavilion (27.37) War Memorial (28.08) +VAT	133.71	LG (Misc Prov) Act 1976 War Memorials Act 1923

Reference No. 2024/	Accounts to be paid in April	£	Power to Act
001	Mrs A E Feather Salary for March less tax, NI & pension contribution	1,295.69	Section 112 LGA 1972
002	Oxfordshire County Council Pension Fund Clerk's and Employer's contributions for March	485.63	Section 111 LGA 1972
003	HM Revenue and Customs Tax and Employer NI	506.92	Section 111 LGA 1972
004	Windsock Company Limited Inspection of both flagpoles and written report	920.40	Section 111 LGA 1972
005	Alan Cobb Milage to and from Mercure Thame Lambert Hotel to collect grant for CCTVs from TVP	16.20	Section 111 LGA 1972
006	Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils OALC membership 2024-25	882.34	Section 111 LGA 1972
007	OX365 Web hosting & website managing for February	£37.80	Section 111 LGA 1972
008	Prime Compliance Services Supply and install tank jackets at Playfield Rd pavilion	186.00	LG (Misc Prov) Act 1976

009	Calber Facilities Management Ltd Covering Village Warden's weekly cleaning of Playfield Rd pavilion and emptying litter bins at both playing fields - March	857.58	LG (Misc Prov) Act 1976
010	Kennington Village Hall Room hire for March	60.00	Section 134(4) LGA 1972
011	Adventis Digital Limited Web hosting & website managing for March	31.50	Section 111 LGA 1972
012	Mrs A E Feather 2024/25 Annual subscription for Google One + Fast host extra mailbox space for March	18.39	Section 111 LGA 1972
013	Rialtas Business Solutions Ltd Alpha Software Annual Support & Maintenance licence for 1 user	230.40	Section 111 LGA 1972
014	Rialtas Business Solutions Ltd Data Backup Service – Alpha Annual Subscription	285.60	Section 111 LGA 1972
015	S H Lewis Cleaning Ltd Cleaning of 14 x bus shelters in the village	264.00	Section 111 LGA 1972
016	Grundon Waste Management Ltd Wheelie bins in March- Forest Side 56.89 and Playfield Rd 57.84 +VAT	137.68	LG (Misc Prov) Act 1976
017	Mr T Fleming War memorial grass cutting volunteer for February and March	100.00	War Memorials Act 1923
018	Chris Lewis Fire & Security CCTV installation at Forest Side and Playfield Road pavilions (50% needed prior to commencement of works)	2,674.80	LG (Misc Prov) Act 1976
019	Red Box Fire Control Fire Risk Assessment Audit for both pavilions	510.00	LG (Misc Prov) Act 1976
020	Newton Newton Flag & Banner Makers Ltd 2 x Official D-Day 80 th Flag of Peace	54.60	Section 111 LGA 1972

Total to be transferred in April: £ 9,555.53

544.23 Reconciliation reports together with the trial balance, cash books and summary income and expenditure (against budget) and copy of annual budget reports were circulated to all Councillors for March.

545.23 The financial report was proposed by Cllr. Powles seconded by Cllr. Feather and agreed by all bar one being Cllr. Brown who abstained due to having declared an interest.

546.23 2024-25 ANNUAL COUNCIL INSURANCE

547.23 It was agreed that the council would accept the 2024-25 quote from Zurich Insurance. This was proposed by Cllr. Feather seconded by Cllr. Gamble and agreed unanimously.

ACTION FOR CLERK – Renew annual council insurance with Zurich Insurance Company

548.23 MINUTES OF PLANNING COMMITTEE

The draft minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 26 March 2024 were noted.

549.23 PLAY AREA WORKING PARTY – FOREST SIDE PLAY AREA

Cllr. Brown reported that the working party had met with Playdale, the company that provided the equipment already at Forest Side play area. Things have changed, the wooden posts now have metal shoes, the wood is injected to stop rot, giving a 20 year guarantee. Playdale is putting a design together which hopefully will be completed in time for the Annual Village Meeting on 24 April. The plan is to keep the same footprint, there are suggestions of having a different surface. £40,000 has been quoted, which

would include the fencing and a zip wire. There would be a 6-8 week lead in time. Cllr. Brown has investigated a grant from Biffa, but was unsuccessful as the minimum period of a lease is 10 years and the lease with St John's College runs out in nine years. There is a possibility that this project could go ahead without grant funding. It was suggested that the council ask St John's College for an extension on the existing lease.

ACTION FOR CLERK – Contact St John's College and request an extension on the lease

550.23 HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY

551.23 It was resolved that the amended Health and Safety Policy be adopted. This was proposed by Cllr. Scott seconded by Cllr. Andrews and agreed unanimously.

ACTION FOR CLERK – Upload the Health and Safety Policy on the Website and update the Document Schedule.

552.23 INTERNAL CONTROL POLICY AND RISK ASSESSMENT STATEMENT

Cllr. Cuddy queried the use of the Risk Assessment Statement in its existing format, Clerk would work towards producing a more detailed document in the future.

553.23 It was resolved that the amended Internal Control Policy and Risk Assessment Statement be adopted. This was proposed by Cllr. Cuddy seconded by Cllr. Gamble and agreed unanimously.

ACTION FOR CLERK – Upload both documents on the Website and update the Document Schedule

554.23 FLAG POLE REPAIRS

555.23 After discussion it was agreed that the council would enquire as to the cost of fibreglass replacement flagpoles and not accept the existing quote for repair of both flag poles at the War Memorial and outside the Village Hall. For any work to be carried out on the flagpole outside the Village Hall, the tree near by needs to be cut back, which cannot now be done until the autumn due to nesting birds and new growth.

ACTION FOR CLERK – Obtain quotes for replacement fibreglass flagpoles

ACTION FOR CLERK – Inform the company that the council will not be carrying out repairs at present as tree branches cannot be cut back until later in the year.

ACTION FOR CLERK – Obtain quotes to cut back branches on the oak in the Village Hall play area to enable the flagpole to be lowered.

556.23 REPLACEMENT UNION JACK

557.23 It was agreed that the council would purchase a replacement Union Jack. This was proposed by Cllr. Russell seconded by Cllr. Bakewell and agreed by all

ACTION FOR CLERK – Purchase a replacement Union Jack

558.23 MEMORIAL BENCH FOR COLIN CHARLETT

Cllr. Russell met Mrs Ann Charlett and mentioned that the council would like to purchase a bench in memory of Colin – she was delighted.

559.23 It was agreed that the council would install a memorial bench in the new Forest Side play area. This was proposed by Cllr. Cobb seconded by Cllr. Russell and agreed unanimously.

ACTION FOR CLERK – Get details of bench to be purchase

ACTION FOR CLERK – Liaise with Mrs Ann Charlett in the wording and style of the memorial plaque for the bench

560.23 REPORTS OF MEMBERS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

561.23 Cllr. Feather – Youth Club

Reported that Kennington Youth Club has lost its youth leader, with no information on getting a new leader.

562.23 ITEMS RAISED BY MEMBERS

Cllr. Gamble

Residents have complained and Cllr Gamble has noticed the amount of debris and rubbish along the river bank and on trees and suggested that the council contact Environment Agency to report this. It was also suggested that the Oxford Preservation Trust, being owners of the water meadows next to the river be informed about the state of the environment in this vicinity.

ACTION FOR CLERK – Contact Environment Agency regarding the rubbish and debris on trees and on the river banks in the parish

ACTION FOR CLERK – Contact Oxford Preservation Trust regarding the rubbish and debris on trees and on the river banks in the parish

Cllr. Russell

Residents reported not being able to leave the north end of the village, at the end of Kennington Road recently due to the caravan that was on fire/exploded.

Residents have been complaining to him about the ongoing issue of parking outside the Co-op. It was suggested that the OCC parking officers be contacted again requesting data for the last six months, giving number of tickets issued and at what times did the officers patrol outside the co-op, as at rush hour would be more beneficial as they would be more visible to vehicle drivers thinking of parking on the double yellow lines.

ACTION FOR CLERK – Request data for the past 6 months from OCC Enforcement Officers

Cllr. Andrews

Residents reported parking issues at the end of Edward Road, vehicles are parking on the double yellow lines, right on the corner. Cllr. Andrews themselves has experienced a couple near misses with cars pulling out suddenly – recommended that any near miss is reported to the police.

It was suggested that maybe the council could ask businesses to put up signs in their windows requesting vehicles do not park on the pavements.

ACTION FOR CLERKS BROWN AND POWLES – Prepare a sign that businesses could display

Had anything been heard from the Tandem / Greene King about the dangerous fencing along the public footpath towards the railway bridge?

ACTION FOR CLERK – Contact Greene King and ask what its plans are for the boundary fence

Cllr. Cuddy

Has been working on making sure that only non-profit making organisations are advertised on the village website. It would seem that Oxford Sewing is a business and as such will be taken off the website.

Cllr. Bakewell

Could the Bin collection schedule be put in the Chronicle

ACTION FOR CLERK – Ask editor if this would be possible

Cllr. Powles

Has been approached by a resident regarding organising a car boot sale at Forest side playing field. The council would not organise an event like this, but if enough interest is shown and an external group wishes to put forward a proposal, the council would consider this and a hire agreement could be prepared for such an event.

Cllr. Powles thanks Cllr. Cuddy, in his role as FixMyStreet super user, for all the work he is doing for the village in regard to potholes.

Cllr. Cobb

Julia Kent is retiring at the end of April and suggested the council send a happy retirement card to her.

ACTION FOR CLERK – Send Julia a Retirement card

563.23 REPORT OF THE DISTRICT COUNCILLORS – Diana Lugova and James Cox

1. **Extra garden waste weeks.** Residents who are subscribed to our brown bin service can put out extra garden waste on their normal brown bin collection day between 15 and 26 April. It's not additional collection round but rather collecting more than "normal" amount of garden waste during the scheduled collection.
2. **Climate Action Fund** opens on 3 May to help fund climate-related projects in the district. Previously grants have gone to EV chargers at a village hall, solar panels on a preschool building, creation of a wildlife habitat and carbon literacy training. The total funding available will be £100,000. The size of individual grants has doubled to a new maximum of £10,000 (minimum is £250).
3. **Police and Crime Commissioner Election in May 2024.** Voters urged to check they're election ready and register if they are not registered till midnight 16th April. All voting at the polling station should bring their photo ID with them (passport, driving license, bus pass). People with no ID can apply for free ID at [Apply for photo ID to vote \(called a 'Voter Authority Certificate'\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#) People must apply by 5pm on 24 April, to be able to use the Voter Authority Certificate on 2 May.

564.23 REPORT OF THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR – Cllr Johnston

1. The only matter of substance is to confirm, that contrary to some posts on social media that both the Lodge Hill slips and the mitigation measures in the surrounding villages will happen. In both cases the contracts have been let and signed. The slips to Balfour Beattie and the mitigations to the County's contractor. Both projects are fully funded but from entirely separate budgets. Works are expected to start shortly.
2. I have been asked by members of the public to query the recent works of Sustrans between the Tandem and Sandford Lane. The complaints are that cut backs to brambles etc have been extensive and were made after the start of the bird breeding season in March. An explanation of the extent and the timing would be welcome.

565.23 MATTERS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

Flagpole
Memorial bench for Colin Charlett
War Memorial
Forest side play area

566.23 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS - None

Meeting closed at 8:50pm

Signed Date