

New Issues	
A	Received email from resident: <i>'At the PC open meeting the other week I expressed a desire to put forward a proposal for a pétanque piste to be made in the village, for general recreational use. Please can you advise me on the next steps I need to take to try & pursue this further'.</i> Clerk invited resident to a future meeting or to produce a paper for the councillors to consider. Resident would like to present proposal at a future meeting, Clerk recommended coming along to July's parish council meeting.
B	Resident reported that the beech hedge on the left going into the car park at Forest Side is very overgrown, making it difficult to use litter bin situated along that edge. Car parking space is narrowing due to overgrowth.
C	More tree branches broken and snapped down at Forest Side playing field – Cllr. Feather has started to cut down. Resident reported this on Facebook, further resident emailed in this hazard, with Clerk explaining that it is being dealt with.
D	Oxford Preservation Trust emailed council : <i>'I wanted to make you aware that over the next two months St Hildas college will be doing a study of Radley Large Wood using a drone to find out about how much carbon is being captured and stored. The drone will be launched from Kennington Memorial Field. As it's dependent on weather conditions they're not able to plan for a certain time and day which is why they've asked for permission for a 2-month window. Please can you bear this in mind if you hear reports of a drone and make interested parties aware?'</i> Clerk informed the councillors as soon as aware, posted on the Website and Facebook. Copied to Radley Parish Clerk for information too.
E	Resident requested a bench to be installed on Forest Side playing field, near the car park, by the beech hedge.
F	Received email from resident: <i>I note with interest and delight the interest shown by the PC about the problems of irresponsible car parking. I am not surprised by the number of complaints the PC must be receiving. However, I do disagree with the advice proffered by the Council! They state that illegally parked vehicles can be reported - which is quite clearly a nonsense for two reasons. First, the council are asking Tax payers to do their job for them - quite unacceptable. Second, if a well meaning citizen undertook to do the reporting, it would be a full time job! The solution, surely, is for the Council to take action, impose penalties and in time inconsiderate parking would largely disappear. The Council has to be pro-active in this matter or we wait for the day when a serious accident occurs and then it will be too late. It is surely within the remit of the PC to embarrass the Council to the point of action, which I would encourage.</i> Acknowledged email
G	Kennington Youth Club Trustee reported to Kennington Village Hall Management Committee and the Clerk that one of their young people came off their bike in the Village Hall car park on 23 May coming into the car park. Trustee has been invited to the next Village Hall Management Committee meeting to discuss.
H	Received email from resident: <i>when driving down St. Swithun's Rd to the roundabout on the main road, it is quite difficult to see the cars coming up from the Radley direction. Worse, those cars can't see into St. Swithun's Road. Both myself and a colleague of mine have had a couple of close calls. The bushes I'm referring to are opposite 93/ 95 The Avenue. If you could check them out?</i> Acknowledged email.
I	Received a telephone call from local resident explaining that her child fell hurting herself on Sunday 2 June, as a result of the broken chicken wire on the path within The Links play area. Received an email from another resident reporting that her son fell on the same tripping hazard. Cllr. Feather repaired the path the following day.
J	Resident emailed: <i>I and several others, regularly use the public footpath between the bungalows alongside No.185 The Avenue, going into Poplar Grove. The far end in Poplar Grove is clear as there are two solid concrete block walls either side, but half way down the path where the walls finish, this section is now getting very overgrown, especially alongside No.185 and is in quick need of being cut-back.'</i> Clerk asked BGG to clear.
K	Received email from Wild about Kennington: <i>'At our committee meeting tonight, we agreed to hold two Community Bulb Planting days on Sunday 13th October and Saturday 19th October from 1 to 4 p.m. on each day. The idea would be to invite the Kennington public to help us plant 1000 native daffodil bulbs and 1000 native crocus bulbs in the verges. We look forward to the support of the Parish Council for this project. More details will be shared nearer the time but it will certainly bring a great deal of colour to the verges and by using native bulbs, at the same time, we would help to increase the biodiversity in the verges. Please could you let me know who in the Rotary Club I could contact to let them know about this. Our plan will be to plant the crocuses and daffodils but not interfere with the ones that they planted some years ago by keeping away from those. Out of courtesy, we thought we should let them know'.</i> Acknowledged email

Continuing issues	
L	Meadow View Road resident reported that the two street lights have been fixed and they now have light. Received an explanatory email from Cllr Gant apologising for the length of time it was taking to fix the issue. Gave copy of email to resident for his information. Informed and thanked Cllr Gant copying in Layla Moran.
M	Notification from Play Safety that the RoSPA play area inspections will be taking place during July. Each annual inspection will cost £78 with both play areas and the BMX track being inspected, totalling £234.00. RoSPA also offer to purchase a routine checklist specifically tailored to the village's play areas. The cost for this is £40.00 plus VAT per area. This will provide a template to help when inspecting the equipment.
N	Wrote to Mr Bob Bakewell accepting his resignation from the council and thanking him for all his support throughout the years he has been on the council.
O	Informed the Elections Team of Vale of White Horse District Council (VWHDC) of the casual vacancy, posting Notices throughout the village, on the website and Facebook.
P	Resident reported the concrete cover to communications pit that has already been reported as broken/caved in, has got worse, her concerns were that someone could fall over it or through it. Clerk updated the report on FixMyStreet. Cllr. Cuddy reported issue and arranged a 2hr defect report it be raised to make it safe, OCC also reported that they would contact BT to replace the cover. Temporary cover now in place.
Q	Forwarded purchase order to accept Oxford Garden Gang's quote for watering the summer plants throughout the season. They will liaise through Cllr. Feather.
R	Graffiti on the walls along the alleyway between The Avenue and Poplar Grove have been cleaned. Thanked firm who carried out the task as they did an excellent job.
S	Responded to resident regarding the parking of vehicles at the beginning of Bagley Wood Road, explaining that although the council sympathises with this issue, there is nothing that the council can do, as the vehicles are not in breach of any parking violations.
T	As part of the Chronicle's article, informed residents that minutes of all council meetings can be found on the village website. Also included details of how to report illegally parked vehicles within the village.
U	Responded to resident reporting that minutes could not be found on the website. Clerk suggested looking at website with resident in an attempt to uncover something that may be amiss with regard to the website.
V	Posted the vacancy for a Village Warden in the Chronicle, noticeboards, website, Facebook, St Swithun's School Newsletter together with South Hinksey and Sandford parish websites.
W	Confirmed with Savills that the council accepts St Johns College's offer of extending the lease for Forest Side for an additional 10 years. Confirmed that the council accepts paying both the legal and agent's fees (in the region of £2,000 including VAT) to cover the college's costs. Also confirmed that at present the council would not be employing a solicitor. Received email from Savills: <i>'On reviewing the details, it has been noted the inflationary rent review wef March 2023 hasn't been implemented. I have just run the figures and this is showing a revised rental of £2,647.61pa. Please can you confirm agreement so the details can be incorporated within the lease extension and adjusted accordingly? (See item No 10)</i> Received draft copy of lease for council to approve then Knights (St John's solicitors) will prepare lease for signature. (Copy of draft lease forwarded to councillors). Knights has requested payments be made to both Savills and themselves as soon as possible. Clerk awaiting invoices for payment
X	Informed both ENRYCH Oxfordshire of council's decision to give them a £100 grant and Kennington Strollers of the £231 grant awarded to them to cover the cost of the hire of Playfield Road Pavilion on Wednesday afternoons throughout the summer. This was also reported as part of the article for the next edition of the Chronicle
Y	Confirmed that Cllr Gamble would be attending the Annual General Meeting of The Abingdon Bridge on 6 June
Z	Posted the current Review Schedule of Council Documents, the reviewed Standing Orders and Financial Regulations on the website. Amended Terms and Conditions for the Events and Personnel Committees to reflect the additional councillors joining the committees.
AA	Forwarded Purchase Order to Purely Plants for the War Memorial plants requested by Rosey Hollinrake. Thanked Rosey for her commitment to the War Memorial and that the council very much appreciated it. Met with Rosey before planned grass treatment at The War Memorial, to go through the risks associated including

	the safety data information. Parish safety fencing and poles being used to cordon off the areas of grass under treatment.
AB	Informed resident that their comments regarding the weeds along verges and that treatment to eradicate weeds along the edges of the roads will be discussed at a future meeting.
AC	CLlr. Cuddy has resurrected SID and hopes to get it back up and running in the near future. A spare battery would be very beneficial for the future. (See Item No 18)
AD	Received email from resident: <i>'Scott Powles's suggestion of counsellor surgeries monthly at Apple Cafe is a brilliant idea. It would be so much easier for parishioners to have easy 2-way discussions / sharing of ideas in such a setting. The current system of having to bring a proposal or issue to the formal parish council meeting can be pretty intimidating. It's great that the parish council are looking at better ways to listen to residents' concerns and ideas. Thanks'</i> Is this something the council would like the Clerk to arrange?
AE	Mr Mastroddi met with the Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) Highways Operation Manager during the month and reported the issue on the slip road in the north of the village. He received a response, which the clerk was copied into: <i>'Further to our meeting, I just wanted to let you know that we had a crew on the slip road today clearing the gullies and catch pits, they did also find an additional catch pit which they also cleared. I have not been on site to see if it has made a difference to the flow of the water, but hopefully it has, I would be grateful if you could confirm either way'</i> . Responded reporting that it would seem to be a little better and also requested that this clearing work be added onto a maintenance programme going forward. Also asked for a meeting together with VWHDC to discuss the procedure in times of flooding and road closure – to enable this to be added into the Village's Emergency Plan. OCC Highways Operation Manager responded that he is pleased there has been some improvement with regard to the gullies on the slip road, but is not sure whether they have completely resolved the problem so there will be more follow up work to be carried out.
AF	OX365 resolved CLlr. Bob Johnston's computer issues. His parish council email address can now be used without any problems.
AG	Emailed Sustrans requesting an explanation of the extent and timing of the cutting back of brambles etc along the cycle route 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.
AH	Contacted Waste Department at South and Vale District Councils to consider installing a litter bin on the other side of Sandford Road, from where the existing poo bin is situated. A request has been made to relocate the dog bin on Sandford Lane to the other side of the road at the end of the footpath from The Lawns.
AI	Church Wardens responded to Clerk's request as to where grass cuttings should be put after each cemetery visit by BGG. It was explained that in previous years, all grass cuttings have been taken away, as per contract. Forwarded copy of contract to BGG who have apologised and will ensure all future grass cuttings are removed from site.
AJ	Received quote for two options for the restoration of the three war memorial plaques in Kennington Memorial Field from Oxford Preservation Trust (OPT), that the council requested after OPT asked if the council would be prepared to contribute to the plaques' restoration. (Quote document forwarded to councillors)
AK	Requested OCC make the existing sign for the mini roundabout at Upper Road more visible as well as requesting additional signage for vehicles approaching this roundabout from both ways. Received response: <i>'I have issued a defect for the vegetation obscuring the sign to be removed, I have also looked at the existing signage and can confirm that there are advance warning signs for the mini roundabout from both approaches on the Kennington Road'</i> .
AL	Filled all poo dog bag dispensers and checked all defibrillators within the village.
AM	BGG cleared the alleyway from Rowles Close to Kennington Road of weeds and small trees. Clerk needs to contact residents whose fences are falling in onto the alleyway.
AN	More lidless bins found abandoned after the latest bin collection – Clerk reported to Biffa again. Received further email from irate resident: <i>Apologies for bothering you again with this subject, but I'm attaching 2 photos of lidless bins that people seem to have gathered together on Upper Road. It is not a pleasant sight for residents... The above is not the first time these bins have again appeared since you informed me that individual residents should contact Biffa or Fix my Street about the matter. It is Biffa/the refuse collectors/refuse lorries who use these lidless bins to collect the food caddies and then are leaving the lidless bins around the village. Individual residents will have no sway to change Biffa's activities; it is the</i>

	responsibility of the Parish council to uphold the well being, health and acceptable appearance of the village. In my view the parish council should be supporting the residents in this lidless bin matter and make it clear to Biffa that this practice is NOT ACCEPTABLE. I would also remind the council that in one of my previous emails I noted that one of the lidless bins had vomit all down the inside wall and a horrible layer of vomit in the bottom. This is filthy and unhygienic. I have discussed the advice from the council that individuals should contact Biffa, and everyone without exception feel it is the parish council's job to support them and work on their behalf to get this bin problem sorted once and for all. Please see the two attachments. I look forward to your attention. Responded to resident explaining the reason behind requesting individual residents to report this practice was in order to keep the issue in the forefront of Biffa's issues to solve, and to inform them of the present whereabouts of the bins that need to be collected. Also not to think that this means the council is not working behind the scenes to resolve this issue. It was felt the more complaints received by Biffa, the bigger this issue would become for Biffa. Clerk contacted Biffa again, reiterating the council's request to confirm that this way of working has been dealt with i.e. the practice of leaving lidless bins at various locations within the village will cease. Also forwarded 5 photographs of different locations where these bins have been abandoned. Copied in the Waste team of South and Vale District Councils. Bins have since been rounded up and collected. Reassurance from the Waste Team has been given that this practice has stopped.
AO	Received email from Amena Sutton: 'Wild About Kennington have taken it upon themselves to regularly check the safety of the verges. I have attached a rota so you can see when this is being done and what the follow up will be. Sue Milne will get in touch with you if there is anything that needs to be done following an inspection. I hope this is satisfactory to the Council'.
AP	The overgrown shrubs/trees along The Avenue have been cut back.
AQ	Parish assets (annual) and tree inspections (6 month) need to be carried out
AR	Cllr. Feather has removed the graffiti from the flower trough at the bottom of the slip road in the north of the village and also from the bus shelter opposite Egrove Park.
AS	Requested more detailed information from the Festival Group who have asked for some health and safety advice. On 17 June the Festival Group have a meeting so will get back with more details after this date.
AT	Received notification from OCC's Lead Local Flooding Authority Funding for 2024/25,, that the parish council's Expression of Interest for funding was unsuccessful. (Email forwarded to councillors for their interest)
AU	Received documents from VWHDC for signature regarding the transfer of the land at the War Memorial. Clerk has forwarded to Julia Kent to review before signing. Is the council going to ask OCC to advise how much of the verge and footpaths adjoining the War Memorial it considers to be within the maintainable public highway, as Julia suggested?
AV	Internal Auditor raised a couple of points before he completed his audit. He questioned the interest earned and balances regarding Cambridge and Counties Bank – Clerk corrected errors. 2 Grundon invoices were not authorised/signed off – will rectify at June's meeting.
AW	Rosey Hollinrake and partner carried out treatment on the grass at The War Memorial, fencing off the various areas until the treatment was dry. 'Risk Assessment was prepared by Rosey and the Clerk. Clerk received following email from Rosey: See 1st attached photo giving overview of war memorial site a few days ago. James and I have happily reshaped the cotoneaster bushes. However, if anyone has a hedge trimmer (eg Toby?), it would be great if the new sticky out bits are kept cut back, to help maintain the more symmetrical balanced ball shape. Also, this photo highlights the disparity in the 2 trees either side of the monument. Tree work at some stage to reduce the dominance of the tree on the left may be all that is needed. 2nd and 3rd photos show the colourful planting that arise from the beds as a result of perennials previously planted (i.e. no new costs)'.
AX	Annual PAT testing carried out together with the annual check of the emergency lighting in both pavilions.
AY	Between 3 and 10 June Cllrs. Brown and Powles erected the Unknown soldiers and raised the 80 th D Day Flag at the War Memorial and raised further 80 th D Day flag at the Village Centre.