

New Issues	
A	Reported via FixMyStreet, wobbly & noisy manhole cover at the top of Upper Road, after elderly resident reported it was disrupting his sleep during this hot weather. (Ref No: 6319214). This has been fixed.
B	Rats were reported running around in the playfield Road pavilion (21 August). Pest control arranged following morning with traps set within the pavilion's main room. Will return for the following three weeks. Clerk made the Football and Cricket Clubs aware of the situation.
C	Resident reported the following: <i>'It is with regret I unfortunately feel the need to write this email and bring this issue to your attention about the amount of litter that accumulates outside of the co-op in Kennington village. The bin is always overflowing and litter forever surrounding the bin on the ground. As well as this there is a considerable amount of litter along the front of the Co-op on the pavement which is never picked up. I myself, and I know others in the village do the same, pick this litter up daily, however it is becoming progressively worse everyday. I feel there should be a sense of pride within the village and also the people who work in the Co-op should be taking some sort of responsibility on the upkeep and cleanliness of the frontage of the shop, like the fish and chip do, which is spotless! I feel it's very sad because I have been a resident in this village for 27 years and unfortunately now the lack of upkeep and amount of litter has become the norm which shouldn't be the case anywhere and is making the village extremely scruffy. I look forward to hearing from you regarding this matter.'</i>
D	Reported via FixMyStreet the drain at Kenville Road bus stop (going towards Oxford) as it is totally grassed up, to find that this had already been reported.
E	Reported via FixMyStreet the drain on the other corner at the end of Edward Road opposite the Post Office as it is blocked (Ref No. 6387248)
F	From 1 October, Fasthosts can no longer provide support for gov.uk domains, this follows a recent update to the registration policy. Clerk has forwarded details Adventis, who looks after the council's hosting, to ask for this to be transferred to an officially approved company on the council's behalf.
G	Cllr. Cuddy has drawn to both the County and District Councillors attention, a FixMyStreet report of damage to the pavement outside Nos 22 & 20 Bagley Close, during August by a concrete mixer. <i>'It would seem fair to have this repair covered by the company's insurance, rather than having the county pay for it'</i> . County Councillor Johnston gave Cllr. Cuddy a contact name.
H	Received following from a concerned resident: <i>'We understand that there are plans underway to route water from North Hinksey to Kennington Meadows to alleviate the floodplains. Given that this will have a negative impact in terms of: a) potentially destroying the wildlife habitat that has been established in this area b) bringing more water to an area that already floods severely during periods of heavy rainfall Has the above been raised with the relevant Council and if so, what is their response to this? We look forward to hearing from you'</i> .
I	Received following from a concerned resident: <i>'Please can anything be done about the overgrown disgusting state of Number 3 Sandford lane, for years we have had to put up with problems with this site. I feel very sorry for the close neighbours as goodness knows what they are having to cope with. It's such an eyesore as you come into the lane and needs clearing up quickly'</i> .
J	Reported, via FixMyStreet, the drain at the very beginning of Upper Road, which it totally overgrown with grass. (Ref No: 6403874).
K	Contacted the Parks department of Vale of White Horse District Council (VoWHDC) to request the cutting back of the willow trees at the bottom of the slip road at the beginning of the footpath. Clerk was under the impression that VoWHDC own that parcel of land. Apparently land abutting No. 1 Kennington Road, is not registered. Response received explaining that any tree along there not within the fence line are responsibility of Oxfordshire County Council (OCC). Reported these trees via FixMyStreet (Ref No: 6411558). VoWHDC will investigate the two willows inside the fence line within the unregistered land.
L	Phil Henderson, Chair of Trustees – Radley Rotunda Trust emailed Clerk explaining that it had been suggested that the council may be interested in the plans and timing for the new small community building at The Lawns. He has suggested he comes along to October's council meeting.
M	Stone wall has been damaged, near the adult gym area at Playfield Road playing field

Continuing issues	
N	Resident thanked the Clerk for moving the dog poo bin in Sandford Lane to the other side of the road.
O	Co-option advert went into September's Chronicle and posted on both the website and Facebook as well as on the village notice boards. Closing date of 30 September for councillors to discuss at October's council meeting.
P	Received External Auditor's report and certificate for 2023-24. Posted report and Notice of conclusion of Annual Audit on website together with posting copy of the notice on the village hall's noticeboard. (attached)
Q	Replacement Tree Planting – teams meeting with councillors and OCC to discuss the feasibility for some tree planting in the verges in Poplar Grove.
R	Reported via FixMyStreet the drains outside and opposite 5 Bagley Wood Road, as they are totally blocked again. (Ref No:6323793). OCC cleaned both of these drains. Also contacted Daniel Depp from OCC to ask if these drains could be added onto a future programme for cleaning.
S	Contacted OCC requesting an update on the plans for resolving the issues of the drains on the slip road together with asking for dates when councillors could meet with OCC and VoWH officers and Mr Mastroddi to discuss the protocol when/if Kennington Road floods. Response received from the OCC Highways Operations Manager : <i>'I am working with my Network Management colleagues to agree routes and undertake the liaison with the bus companies, who will obviously be affected by any closures hat we are to installed during periods of flooding, at the same time we will be developing the protocol for the closure implementation , i.e. who, what, why and when'.</i> Clerk thanks him and will contact him again in one month's time.
T	Cllr. Jempson has concerns over the cutting back of trees along Sandford Lane (Mr Docker Drysdale's land). <i>'The official footpath which runs through the copse has been obstructed by these cuttings. Due to amount of debris covering the verge floor, it raises concern over public safety, when accessing the copse from the Sandford Lane side. It could pose a risk of injury e.g. a person losing their footing, falling over etc. Especially in the case of wet weather or in late evening where light visibility will be significantly reduced. Sections of the stream has been affected by the debris, including the culvert's trash screen, which I believe will need to be cleared at some point. There is a concern that the debris could cause an obstruction in the stream again which then could result in flash flooding'.</i> Cllr. Jempson further reported that <i>'There seems to be a general increase of people going into the copse, some of which are using it as a public toilet (and often in full view of the lane!) Children use the wood as a play area. I'm sure that the council would agree urinating in public is both unhygienic and inappropriate.'</i> Cllr. Jempson reported: <i>'This is not the exact same issue as raised previously, but a concern relating to tree branches. I've attached three photographs which, shows tree branches resting onto electrical cable and the wooden post with ID details (if required).... I believe that, if this left unaltered for a considerable amount of time, it could pose a problem and result in damage to the cable. I suggest, we (the Parish Council) write a letter of concern to the land owner...?'</i>
U	Cllr. Cuddy has written to the Highways Engagement Team reporting residents' concerns about the lack of vision slays at the junctions along The Avenue, due to vegetation and hedges. A response was received from Highways: <i>'It seems that Kennington PC has taken care of the grass-cutting. For the vision slays, I recommend encouraging people to report these on FixMyStreet. Providing a precise location and photos, if possible, which I note you have said some are already on the system. Once reported, the relevant team can investigate and schedule any necessary work or communicate with residents regarding private hedges'.</i>
V	Applied for this year's temporary road closure for Remembrance Sunday between 10:30 – 11:30am on Sunday 10 November 2024.
W	Clerk contacted all the village organisations that lay wreaths at Remembrance Day to ask whether they would prefer to order their own wreaths or would they like the council to order the wreaths, invoicing each organisation for the cost. All would like council to purchase wreaths on their be halves.
X	Cllr. Powles has contacted Apple Café, who are happy with councillors attending the Saturday morning coffee each month. Cllr. Powles has forwarded a rota to all councillors requesting they put their name down for one of the dates in the next four months.
Y	Received request from Mark Baker of Kennington Athletic Football Club for the council to confirm that it is still happy for a storage container to be installed at Playfield Road playing field. They are applying for funding and as part of the application the club needs to show that planning permission is not required and that it has the

	permission from the land owner for installing a container. Clerk double checking that St John's College is still happy for a container to be installed at Forest Side.
Z	Contacted OCC to find out the department to report illegally parked cars in the village. Clerk received the following: 'Reports for any illegally parked vehicles may be made using the online web form, which is monitored daily by our parking contractors. The link is https://service.oxfordshire.gov.uk/reportparkedvehicle' Clerk will add this information onto September's article for the Chronicle.
AA	Cllr. Feather contacted the Lynch Brothers to ask if they were happy to erect an 18' Christmas tree this year. They are willing and able to do this. Cllr Feather will get in touch with them again later during the year.
AB	Received annual Winter Preparedness email from OCC asking if the council requires any more salt bags. All salt bins need to be checked, with a request for replacement of any damaged bins forwarded to OCC.
AC	Details of the revised rebuild proposal for Playfield Road pavilion have been included in September's edition of the Kennington Chronicle. Members of the Playing Field Committee will be at the Village Centre on Saturday 14 September between 10:30 and 12 noon and at Playfield Road pavilion on Saturday 28 September between 10:30 and 12 noon to answer any questions. Details posted on Website and Facebook, together with a Facebook poll for residents to complete.
AD	Contacted Thames Water, reporting that the gate at Cow Lane has been left open by their officers.
AE	Received update via FixMyStreet regarding report made several months ago about the fall in the pavement just before the village Hall, which the council was raising as a concern for residents in wheelchairs or walking with a stick. <i>'Based on our assessment, the highlighted area does not currently meet the criteria for immediate intervention under our Highway Safety Inspection Policy. However, rest assured that we will continue to monitor this location during our routine statutory inspections. If you observe any deterioration or worsening of the issue please feel free to open a new report.'</i>
AF	Reported, via FixMyStreet, the temporary fix for the broken manhole cover outside No 176 Kennington Road. Requested OCC urgently sort this as it is a major hazard. (Ref: 6411126). Received response received stating it was fixed. Clerk reported again, as this fix was another temporary fix. Requested permanent fix and for the councillors to have reassurance that the owner of the manhole is aware of dangers and requested to replace cover, which would result in existing hazards such as traffic cone, sandbags and temp manhole cover are removed, leaving a clear pavement. (Ref:6435425)
AG	Contacted Mick Herring asking him to make September the last monthly visual inspection of the play areas due to Justin starting – Justin booked in for Play Area Inspection Course on 23 September, so will be able to carry out inspections from October 2024. Requested Mick to continue to carry out the quarterly inspections.
AH	Rosey Hollinrake carried out further weed and feed treatment at the War Memorial.