

New Issues	
A	Dead tree from 93 Bagley Wood Road fell into Playfield Road playing field during the recent storm Bert. The Football Club took away the branches that ended up on the pitch but the rest of the tree remains.
B	SSE need to change the meter at The War Memorial. They need space in front to exchange meter, meaning the bush will need to be cut back. The meter identification ended 11 March 2023 so must be changed for safety reasons, it will be more exposed as being outside. Slot booked for Monday 20 January 2025.
C	Received and apology from Sylvia Vetta, that she is unlikely to attend Carols around the Tree and also made a suggestion of renaming Kennington as Kennington on Thames ? Abingdon and Sonning are proud to do so.
D	Resident contacted Clerk reporting 4 black sacks having been dumped outside her house – reported to Biffa who is going to report it as fly tipping and will arrange for its collection. Informed resident.
E	Reported tree collapsing over the pavement into the main road from the trees at the service road along The Avenue (on the right – coming from Abingdon) via FixMyStreet (Ref: 6800684). Been taken down
F	Received notification from Grundon Waste Management Limited that there will be a daily rental increase of 1p for each wheelie bin the council hires i.e. 4. This comes into effect on 1 January 2025
G	Concerned resident contacted Clerk to report the dangerous sign opposite Playfield Road (near 151 The Avenue) – it has been damaged and is half off, Already been reported on FixMyStreet
H	Resident contacted Clerk concerned about issues surrounding the Christmas lights and Father Christmas at 130 Poplar Grove, including the parking and litter problems. Contacted District Councillor Diana Lugova who has responded: <i>'Thank you for bringing it to my attention. Bob told me about that and I visited it yesterday late afternoon – though there were no people there at all during my visit. Will go there in the evening and probably more people will be there during the weekend. Vale Environmental Health will look into food serving aspect. I am talking to officers regarding what can be done regarding turning house Christmas display into local attraction and advertising it. While it's nice to see beautiful Christmas displays, in this case It seems like too much for a quiet residential area'.</i>
I	Received from resident: <i>'I am writing to ask if you know when the crossing at St Swithun's road will be finished, or know who to ask? The road was closed for 2 weeks or so in October and has now just been left a muddy mess and it's still just as dangerous for kids to cross as no-one stops, particularly on days like today when everyone cuts through Kennington due to issues on the A34. It's also confusing for children as there are signs saying "crossing not in use" so they don't know where to cross the road. I can't understand why they would close the road and cause so much disruption just to leave it unfinished! Any update would be welcome!'</i> Forwarded to County Councillor Bob Johnston to ask if he knew the plans.

Continuing issues	
J	Completed annual CIL declaration form for 2023-24 forwarding to Vale of White Horse District Council
K	Completed annual waste transfer notes for 2025 returning to Grundon Waste Management Ltd
L	Received following from Cllr. Jempson: <i>'Due to stormy weather, a top part of a tree (near to the footpath) has broken off and fallen down obstructing the access route. I'm aware that, as this has happened on private land it is neither a Highways nor a FixMyStreet concern. It does however, raise a question over public safety, especially as members of the public regularly access Copse, and children also use the area as recreational space. Lidless wheelie bin left behind Sandford Lane Bus shelter'.</i> There is a further lidless bin behind Strode Court's sign along the Kennington Road. Clerk found a further lidless bin on Kennington Road.
M	Received following from Cllr. Jempson: <i>'Last week unfortunately, there was yet another case of flash flooding down Sandford Lane. Due to other commitments, I was unable to take photographs to document the incident. To note, on 28th & 29th November, large tankers were seen working near to the Railway Bridge. To clarify was the Parish Council informed of such work being carried out? Speaking on behalf of concerned residents, I should be very grateful if Cllr. Johnston would be able provide a progress update towards this ongoing matter'.</i> Confirmed council was not aware of works carried out on these dates.
N	Received an email from Vale of White Horse District Council informing the council of its proposed deep cleanse of the village during January, enclosing a form asking which areas would the council like to be done. Clerk has forwarded form to the Village Warden for completion.

O	BGG cleared the mini meadow at Forest Side - Wild About Kennington raked the grass off the mini meadow and planted wildflower seeds and yellow rattle, for next summer. The rough patch at the top of Playfield Road playing fields was also cut by BGG.
P	Responded to residents concerned with the lack of light in Cow Lane, explaining that a tree inspection is being carried out, after which quotes will be sought to cut back the trees in the lane. BGG is going to attend with the maintenance, including the trees within the wall, by Otters Reach garages.
Q	Requested details and costs for benches within the Cemetery, together with installation. Contacted Isabel Baggott. Clerk arranging to meet Ann Charlett and Roger Dennett at the Cemetery to discuss where Colin's memorial bench could be sited.
R	Cllr. Cobb and Clerk had meeting with BGG, went through the contracts, increase of maximum 5%. Had planned to carry out maintenance/cutting of Cemetery hedge the following week – resident reported still needs cutting, contacted BGG to ask when visit has been arranged. Also asked when planned maintenance of trees down Cow Lane was going to take place (as discussed at the meeting).
S	Lynch Brothers erected the 18' Christmas tree at The War Memorial. They have asked if they could advertise their company at The War Memorial.
T	Clerk ordered the new Christmas banners and amended song sheets for Carols around the Tree.
U	Clerk contacted Paul Wilson of Oxfordshire County Council requesting the protocol for when Kennington Road floods at the northern end of the village. Copied in Layla Moran MP
V	Paid in the £10.04 donation from the coffees/teas on Remembrance Day, to The British Legion (Ref: VY0907834)
W	Contracted Enforcement team of South and Vale District Councils regarding the existing Parcel Box Collection Unit outside Best One and the proposed unit along side the laundrette at Playfield Road. Reported that Kennington already has one of these units outside Best One, along Kennington Road.. Received response: <i>'The enforcement team will open an investigation and let you know the outcome in due course. In most cases this type of development is subject to the prior approval application process. We can confirm that no such application was made and so permission is likely to be needed'</i> . Clerk asked which parcel unit will be investigated. <i>'I can confirm that we will log two cases for triage:.80 Kennington Road Kennington OXFORD OX1 5PB and Rub A Dub Dub laundrette at 11 Playfield Road Kennington OXFORD OX1 5RS'</i>
X	Forwarded Oxfordshire County Council's Senior Biodiversity Officer's email regarding the wilding areas along the verge to Wild About Kennington, who have contacted him explaining the plans – which he is happy with. Clerk contacted Officer after speaking with BGG, about cutting back the lower branches of the trees where the wilding areas are situated, making it easier to maintain. He has forwarded this request to the Highways and Trees team.
Y	Sent the council's thanks and appreciation to Rosey Hollinrake for enhancing The War Memorial. Also thanked Apple Café for its support at Remembrance Sunday, via Facebook. Included thanks in December's issue of Kennington Chronicle.
Z	Informed Kennington Chorale of council's decision to award £100 to assist in their December concerts.
AA	Sent a letter of thanks to Abingdon Lions for the loan of Father Christmas's sleigh again this year. Included thanks in December's issue of Kennington Chronicle.
AB	Informed 4 Acre Ecology via the architect of council's decision to employ them to carry out the necessary Biodiversity Net Gain Assessment for the proposed pavilion re-build. Informed those unsuccessful companies.
AC	Contacted the editor of Kennington Chronicle regarding article around Roger Gelder's retirement. Article will be included sometime in the new year.
AD	Contacted Attack Environmental of council's decision not to enter into an annual contract but to contact them as and when.
AE	Included details of emergency water barriers and request for volunteers for house to house collections and/or at shops for next year's poppy appeal in December's edition of Kennington Chronicle.
AF	Reported graffiti on OCC's bridge columns via FixMyStreet (Ref: 678866).
AG	Village Warden repairing the dry stone wall, having to find additional stones to complete.
AH	Clerk in the process of changing councillors' passwords for the council emails