

New Issues	
A	Received email from District Councillor Diana Lugova - Need help to stop Radley Large Wood deforestation – email was forwarded to all councillors.
Continuing issues	
B	Completed and returned the 2025-26 precept request form to Vale of White Horse District Council. Received confirmation of same receipt together with: <i>‘As your precept exceeds £140,000 you will need to provide a summary of expenditure and income which will be published on the council’s website in March after the council tax is agreed. I’ve attached an example to guide you. (You may also be asked to explain why the precept has increased by over 29% but I will email if and when).’</i>
C	Reported damaged/rotten seat to St Swithun’s Church – needs repair
D	Responded to resident who suggested that Kennington be changed to Kennington on Thames.
E	Informed owner/user, via letter on the windscreen, that overnight parking is not permitted in Forest Side car park and requested they make alternative arrangement. Driver telephoned Clerk same day as letter was stuck on the minibus, explaining that he had forgotten about this stipulation but also explained that he felt it was making life much easier for others, as he could park it on the road in Forest Side instead of in the car park. Thought it was OK tucked away in the corner of the car park. Requested this be reported to the councillors at their next meeting.
F	Contacted resident explaining that the District Council has been made aware of their concerns surrounding the Christmas lights etc in Poplar Grove.
G	Informed residents of Bagley Wood Road that the council believes a tree which falls in their boundary fell into Playfield Road playing field, asking for their intentions are in respect of this.
H	Informed Kennington WI of the £250 grant that had been agreed and prepared payment for next month. Received a thank you call from the Secretary of Kennington Women’s Institute.
I	Informed St Swithun’s Church of the £500 grant that had been agreed and prepared payment for next month.
J	Received confirmation from FixMyStreet - the sign indicating where Playfield Road playing field is, is fixed
K	Amended the following reviewed documents and updated them on the website. Acceptable Use of Information and Communication Technology Policy and the Financial Committee Terms of Reference.
L	Thanked Oxford Tree Surgeons for their quote but explained that council decided to leave the tree at The War Memorial and monitor it again in the spring.
M	Reminded the Village Warden to include picking up the rubbish in and around the Village Hall play area when he empties the litter bins.
N	Returned completed Vale of White Horse District Council’s Deep cleanse service form in readiness for their visit in January 2025.
O	Received email from Rosey Hollinrake: <i>‘Just wanted to share with you attached photo. Snowdrops out at War Memorial! I planted a special variety a few years ago, which starts flowering early. Thanks for all your support.’</i>
P	Received further email from concerned resident regarding the installation of a parcel box collection unit outside Rub A Dub Dub laundrette. Clerk has written to the enforcement team of the Planning Department, who are investigating this site together with the collection point outside Best One at 80 Kennington Road (both sites are being triaged?).
Q	Requested the Village Warden to cut back the right hand bush where the electricity box can be found, in readiness for a new smart meter electric box to be installed on 20 January 2025
R	Collected £124.52 for the Friends of Kennington Library at December’s Carols around the Tree. Clerk is awaiting Returns from to be signed by auditor before sending it off to the Street Collection Permit group at Vale of White Horse District Council.
S	Operations Manager of Oxfordshire County Council’s Highway operations contacted Clerk regarding the future protocol for closure of Kennington Road in times of flooding, suggesting a further meeting ‘early in the new year’ to confirm some of the finer details, to ensure it is correct before sending it out. Clerk responded requesting some times and dates so a meeting could be arranged.
T	Contacted concerned residents, after maintenance work along Cow Lane had been carried out during December, asking if the lighting along the lane has improved.

U	Received an email from SSE in relation to the complaint logged with them back in July 2024.
V	Published the Notice of Casual Vacancy for a parish councillor as a result of Sylvia Buckingham's recent resignation. Vale of White Horse District council will contact Clerk on 29 January to let the council know if a poll has been called or whether the council can proceed with co-option. On behalf of the council, the Chair wrote a letter thanking Cllr. Buckingham for all her support and help to the council over the years as councillor.