

New Issues	
A	Lady from the allotments by Red Bridge Hollow, was ringing around trying to find out which parish council looks after these plots, as they would like some wood chip delivered to the end of the drive. Clerk explained that it was most probably South Hinksey – which it was, but although it manages these allotments it will not help at all with the arrangement of delivering wood chippings, as the drive is in Kennington.
B	Concerned resident reported large potholes along the footpath at the entrance to The Tandem. Clerk reported via FixMyStreet (ref: 7091864). Requesting photos of potholes

Continuing issues	
C	Responded to The Lawns development (Radley) proposed 20mph speed limit consultation supporting this limit.
D	Liaised with Utility Aid in setting up a new 36 month contract with Yorkshire Gas and Power (YGP) with regard to the supply of electricity to both Sports pavilions and the War Memorial. Cancelled smart meter installation at The War Memorial by SSE. YGP will be installing smart meters at all three sites. Meter readings given on 31.1.25
E	Clerk met with Mr Mastroddi for a pre-meet regarding the protocol for closure of Kennington Road in times of flooding. Cllrs. Cobb; Feather and Johnston, together with Mr Mastroddi met with Paul Wilson of OCC, to discuss and agree with what the future protocol in times of bad weather - copy of notes forwarded to councillors. It was suggested that the parish council could house the various signs, to be able to display, when instructed by OCC in times of flooding. Also suggested the benefit of purchasing empty sandbags in readiness for future events. (See agenda item 17)
F	Clerk reviewing the council's Emergency Plan, to include any agreed protocol for when Kennington Road is in flood with Cllr. Powles. Is there a councillor who would volunteer to become part of the reporting chain?
G	Council copied in on a response from Radley Parish Council to an email sent by the Bursar at St Hilda's regarding Radley Large Wood – forwarded to councillors.
H	Updated Terms of Reference to both the Personnel and Playing Fields Committees, taking out Cllr. Buckingham's name and inserting Cllrs. Andrews and Douglas's respectively, posted on the website.
I	Responded to Clean Slate who requested a community grant, forwarding them to the Kennington Parish's website requesting they complete the grant application form.
J	Contacted BGG requesting they quote for cutting trees back along Cow Lane to enable the light from the street lights to illuminate the lane. At present the trees are hanging over and growing in front of the street lights.
K	Thames Water have 'made safe' the manhole cover outside 18 Kennington Road whilst they investigate whose asset it belongs to. The clanking remains – Clerk contacted TW again and raised another report. Being temporarily sorted before investigation occurs. Received response from Customer Relations officer: <i>'Apologies for the delay. Regrettably, this has been replanned for 13 February, due to other priority work, such as pollutions which our Network Engineers have needed to attend. I have expressed to our planners to avoid deallocating the new date if they can. I should be able to provide you with an update on Friday.'</i>
L	Wrote to The Friends of Kennington Library thanking them for what they do for Kennington residents and the library and informing them of the £125 collected as The Chair's 2024 Charity.
M	Wrote to the owner/occupier of 49 Playfield Road reassuring him that the council will review its decision for Christmas trees to be collected from the car park at Playfield Road next Christmas, due to their concerns of a fire risk to their property.
N	Wrote to the driver of the minibus who parks overnight at Forest Side car park, requesting they find alternative parking arrangements due to the regulations around the no overnight parking at this car park.
O	Informed Age UK Oxfordshire of the £50 grant awarded to them.
P	Going forward, Clerk to email all papers; agendas and minutes to councillors – with councillors requesting hard copies, if needed, at meetings. Hard copies still to be delivered to the usual village organisations and posted on the village hall noticeboard.
Q	Contacted PCSO Highmoor, making her aware of the parking situation at the top of Poplar Grove and including the blind corner, where, at dropping off and picking up times for St Swithun's school, the parking of cars is resulting in a dangerous situation for other road users, including those riding bikes. Received response: <i>'Please can I confirm, is this the end of Poplar Grove that has the double yellow lines painted on the roadside? If so, unfortunately there is little action that Police can take, since parking on these restrictions has been decriminalised, and is now enforced by Oxfordshire County Council. At my last 'Have Your Say' event in</i>

	<i>Kennington, some residents of Poplar Grove advised me that they had seen a Parking Enforcement Officer attend the location and issue tickets to vehicles parked on the double yellow lines. As you have mentioned, I believe that contacting the school would be a positive course of action to take. Unfortunately, the situation around parking at school pick up and drop off is the same for most schools, and is not one that is easily solved'</i>
R	Contacted St Swithun's School making it aware of the current parking situation at the top of Poplar Grove and requesting something is included in the weekly Newsletter sent to all parents/guardians.
S	<i>Cllr. Cuddy forwarded email received from OCC: 'I wanted to let you know we have a process for waste collection, from cutting back verges / vegetation; Disposing of waste following the cutting back of vegetation Before any collection is made, we require clear before and after photographs of the highway vegetation cut back, as well as a map or picture showing the stockpiling and its location. To ensure we provide value for money, our waste collection must be efficient in allocating resources. For minor waste items, we hope these can be placed in household bins. Please place in tonne bags or a tidy pile and leave on highway or common land, provided it does not obstruct passage or views. Email volunteercoordinationteam@oxfordshire.gov.uk with the photographs and map/location for collection. Collection approx. 2 week turnaround once recorded'</i>
T	Cllr. Jempson carried out Quarter two internal checks with assistance from the Clerk.
U	Received two quotes to carry out the maintenance on Forest Side BMX track. (See agenda item 16).
V	Could not pay Kennington Women's Institute's (WI) recent community grant into its bank account as it is too old. Can only be cheque or cash. Clerk delivered cheque to secretary of WI
W	Clerk prepared 2025/26 council meeting dates – on the Village Diary, with copies emailed to all councillors.
X	Annual service carried out on all fire equipment at both pavilions on 24 January 2025.
Y	Mick Herring carried out inspection of The Links play area – copies forwarded to all councillors, together with a report on the subsequent meeting with the Clerk. Clerk has cost of replacement timber uprights for the swings (See agenda item 15).
Z	At the beginning of the year Grundon Waste Management, the company the council hire the wheelie bins from failed to collect the rubbish from the green wheelie bin at Playfield Road as the bin had been contaminated with other non recyclable rubbish. Clerk requested the Football Club to make sure that this rubbish was taken out of the green bin. Clerk also sent an email to both the Football and Cricket clubs reminding them to lock this bin. Mark Baker from the Football Club explained that they do not use the green wheelie bins. Does Council want to continue to hire the two green wheelie bins? Costs for 2023 & 2024 forwarded. Council paid £421.40 for green wheelie bins
AA	Further to the council's Notice of Vacancy for a councillor at the beginning of January 2025 – VoWHDC has confirmed that it has received no requests for an election to be called so the council can therefore proceed to co-option of a councillor. Clerk to advertise co-option – which will hopefully be filled at April's council meeting.
AB	Reported the increasing graffiti on the columns under the by pass bridge via FixMyStreet (ref: 7086041). Received response: <i>'We can only clear if it is racist, sexist, offensive or graphic. If you have any images so we can assess this but if you do not have any, please confirm the context of the graffiti.'</i>
AC	Clerk contacted OCC again requesting confirmation of the Sandford Lane trash screen being one of its asset. Also suggested an appropriate platform together with safety railing be installed, which may encourage residents to clear screen themselves. Received response from Paul Wilson OCC Operations Manager: <i>'The Cyclical team also form part of my team. Following our meeting last week I did make note of the concerns re the Sandford Lane trash screen, and that is certainly on my radar now. It does make sense to consider some form of platform, if nothing else to make it easier for our own teams to clear it , if other feel inclined then even better, but not something we would push as a recommendation.'</i> Clerk responded requesting confirmation that trash screen is now on the cyclical programme of maintenance, together with requesting OCC's Asset number.
AD	Village Garden Competition – Events committee requested Clerk to ask the Chair if the Gardening Club would be interested in taking on the Village Garden Competition.
AE	Contacted South and Vale again regarding the report of the damaged street sign outside St Swithun's Church. Received response: <i>'The order was submitted last week for a single sign to replace <-- Kennington Road and The Avenue -->. The names will be stacked one under the other. Installation should be within 8 weeks.'</i>