
THE OXHILL NEWS

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SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS THE 15TH OF EVERY MONTH.

MOBILE LIBRARY

The mobile library has books with **large print**, ordinary print, picture books, children's books, paperbacks, non-fiction, novels, sagas, crime, mysteries, adventures, westerns and romance. The van has talking books, cassettes and CDs.

The library van will continue to visit Oxhill, stopping at the Village Hall at 14:30, staying there for 30 minutes. The van will visit us on Friday June 15th.

REFUSE COLLECTION

Recycling and green waste bins (blue and green bins) will be collected on Tuesdays 5th and 19th June. The grey rubbish bins will be collected on Tuesdays 12th and 26th June.

WEEKDAY WALKERS

This walking group usually walks on the 4th Friday of the month. If you are interested in joining or to find out further information, please contact Jim Saxton on 680645 or email admin@jimsaxton.co.uk

AT THE PEACOCK

Village Events

The village coffee morning is on June 6th at 10.30 am.

The village lunch is on Wednesday June 20th at 12:30pm.



DEANERY NEWS FOR JUNE 2018

A couple of arts events, and a fascinating Deanery Synod Meeting mark the end of our year of activities ahead of the summer break.

Amici, the Cathedral's Chamber Choir are coming back!

This time they are performing at **St. Mary's Church, Tysoe, on Friday, June 22nd at 7.30pm**. Tickets are £10, including a glass of Pimms, available from Revd. George Heighton, 01295 680201 or revgeorgeh@outlook.com

As part of the Cathedral's Plumblin Festival of Arts celebrating our centenary, we have a very special choir event on **Sunday, June 24th at 5.00 pm in St. Edmund's Church, Shipston**.

A Celebration of Reconciliation, featuring a piece entitled Cross of Nails by Composer Andrew Atkins, will be performed by the massed choirs from schools of the Deanery, with adults from choirs across the Deanery. It will last about an hour, and there is no entrance charge.

Finally, on **Tuesday, June 26th at 7.30 pm** we have our **Deanery Synod**, this time at **Blackwell Village Hall, CV36 4NP**. Our speaker this time will be Revd. Jet Jones, who is the Transforming Communities Officer for the Diocese, who will speak about 'Together for Change', a diocesan charity that works to resource and equip churches to transform their communities and tackle issues of poverty.

As well as all this, there will of course be a host of summer fairs, fetes, open gardens and other events: I look forward to meeting many of you at one or the other. Enjoy the summer!

Blessings, Jill

PCC MEETINGS ON APRIL 17TH

Afternoon Tea and Prosecco

Although the number of attendees was low we had an excellent afternoon. Lots to eat and drink! Everyone was very relaxed and we were asked when would we do this again. A compliment indeed. Thankyou to the team who planned it and brought it all together. Thank you for your support. Approximately £300 was raised for church funds.

PCC Annual Meeting

Reverend George Heighton chaired the meeting.

The result of the elections are as follows:

Church Warden.	Carol Fox
Deputy Church Warden.	John Mckail
Lay Vice Chairman.	Belinda Marklew
Secretary.	Linda Synge
Treasurer.	James Synge
Electoral Roll Officer.	Douglas Nethercleft
Safeguarding.	Linda Synge.
Deanery Synod Representative	Douglas Nethercleft
PCC members.	Martin Hunt Sue Hunt Diane Harper Charles MacCall Nadia MacCall
Sidesman duties.	All PCC members plus Bill Fox, Katy Dowding, Jo Collings

REPAIRS to the CHURCH FLOOR



During the redecoration work to the church there was some damage to the floor caused by the access towers. This has all been repaired and the pews reinstated in their original locations.

The left hand picture shows pews removed, and the right hand picture shows everything is back in the correct place.

BEES, BEES, BEES....

The Oxhill News recently received an email that seems both interesting and informative.

There were a lot of pictures of different types of bees, and it just seemed worthwhile passing on the reference, which is :



<https://diygarden.co.uk/wildlife/ultimate-guide-to-bees/>

OXHILL GARDEN CLUB

The Plant Sale on 10th May was a virtual sell out - virtual in the old fashioned sense meaning almost 100% rather than conducted outside of reality. There was very real competition (almost a scrummage) to secure a bargain from the tables of plants and shrubs on display in the village hall car park. A lovely summer's (?) evening brought out keen potential buyers and Oxhill Garden Club members had raided their gardens and greenhouses to provide an amazing variety of produce. On the dot of 7.00pm the sale was started by Martin Hunt our chairman and ten minutes later the tables were bare!

The Club benefitted from 20% of the evening's 'take' and participating members will be paid their share of the balance shortly – or so I am told!



Advance warning - the next date in the Club's calendar is the Annual Garden Party at the home of Peter and Margaret Rivers-Fletcher on July 19th.

Douglas Netherclef



**CHAMPIONS OF THE SHIPSTON
DOMINO LEAGUE**

TYSOE TENNIS CLUB

JUNIOR FUN TENNIS SESSIONS

Sundays, 9.30 am – 10.30 am

(starting 13th May)

Term time only

Open to all under 16's

MUST be accompanied by an appropriate adult

Tennis racquets available to borrow

PLEASE WEAR SUITABLE TRAINERS

New members welcome

Adult mix-in sessions

Tuesday, 7.00 pm and Sunday 10.30 am

Contact Carol on 07708 412767 for details



Carers4Carers

Finding support through supporting each other

We're having a

Cream Tea



Do come and join us!



Handmade crafts stall
Raffle



Friday 15th June

3.00—4.30 p.m.

Kineton Village Hall

Tickets £4.50 in advance or £5.00 on the door

Available from Fishers' Hair Studio, Bridge Street
or phone Gillian on 01926 640203

**FRIDAY 22ND JUNE 10.30 – 12 NOON:
CARERS4CARERS MEETING AT KINETON VILLAGE
HALL.**

There's no speaker this month giving us time to relax with more chat and biscuits! Please let us know in advance if you would like us to look after your loved one in our Companionship Group. For more details, including help with transport, please phone Gillian on 01926 640203/07947 893504.

OXHILL GARDEN CLUB AND OXHILL VILLAGE DAY TRIP

16th August - JCB and Shugborough Hall, including lunch

To make this trip viable we need to have 40 places booked and current
have 21.

If you are planning to go on this trip, please get in touch soon to book
your place.

Further details if you need it from me or Martin Hunt.

Peter Rivers Fletcher - Text 07730800729. Phone 01295 680396

TYSOE OPEN GARDENS SATURDAY 2ND & SUNDAY 3RD JUNE, 2.0 - 6.0PM

Tysoe is opening its gardens for the NGS again this year.

We shall be offering a warm welcome to visitors with 10 glorious gardens
to explore, either on foot or by free bus, and a jolly good tea provided by
the WI at the Village Hall.

OXHILL VS TYSOE CRICKET AND ROUNDERS FESTIVAL

The annual cricket and ladies rounders matches between Oxhill and Tysoe
will take place on Sunday 19th August, on the recreation ground in Tysoe.
All-day bar, burgers and hot dogs, teas, cakes.

Rounders match 11am for 11.30 start

Cricket 2pm for 2.30pm start

If you would like to play, or for details of cricket/rounders practice
sessions, please contact:

Cricket - Adam Jordan, 07590 960992

Rounders - Lucy Mercer, 07531 136136 /

lucymercerevents@gmail.com

OXHILL VILLAGE HALL UPCOMING EVENTS AND NEWS

Saturday 9th June – Family Treasure Hunt and BBQ

NOTE THE NEW TIME FOR THE BBQ!

The ‘main tent’ event is the BBQ (see details below), but If you didn’t find time to do the Family Treasure Hunt during the Scarecrow Weekend last year, this is your chance to have a go. Pick up the clues at the Village Hall from 3.30pm onwards.

Alternatively, there will be a longer walk for those who want to stretch their legs. This will be just over 3 miles and take about 1.5 hours, going across fields, over the A422 to the Oxhill Bridle Road and back. Suitable footwear required. The walk will start from the Village Hall at 3.30pm.

By popular request, we’ve brought forward the start time for the BBQ so that families with little ones can eat at 5pm but food will continue to be available for the returning walkers and others who have booked a ticket.

Tickets are £4 for a burger and salads, or £3 for a hot dog and salads. Half-price for children under 12. To help with catering, please **reserve your tickets before the event by email to gill@northside.me.uk or phone Gill on (01295) 688199.**

Looking ahead.....

Saturday 14th July – Annual Boules Day

This event is reverting to its usual start time of **12 noon** this year. No doubt competition for the coveted Gardner Cup will be as intense as usual, and the buffet of French food is always delicious. Search out that Breton sweater and beret and get into the mood! There will be a special children’s category with plastic boules this year. Ticket prices are held the same as last year at £10 for adults; £5 for 13-19 year olds, and FREE for 12 and under! Put the date in your diary now (a beautiful summer day is anticipated).

Please book your place by calling Ali Sayer on 07970 922352 or email ali.sayer@btinternet.com

Saturday 22nd September – Progressive Dinner

Last year’s event saw 40 people starting the evening with drinks and canapés in the Village Hall, having starters and main courses at various

houses and then desserts back at the Village Hall. Let's try and beat that attendance figure this year. It's not obligatory to provide a course, so don't be put off if you haven't participated before. Watch out for more details nearer the date.

HIRING THE VILLAGE HALL

If you want to hire the Village Hall for a class or event, please contact Ali Sayer in the first instance. Either speak to her on **07970 922352** or email her at ali.sayer@btinternet.com but Ali doesn't take the OVH diary on holiday with her (how unreasonable!), so Tricia Harbour is the person to contact if Ali can't help you. Tricia is on 01295 680676 or dandt@laurelhardy.co.uk

THE OXHILL LAAAAADIEEES CARB LOAD

At the Peacock before the big ride



Another light lunch, and they were ready to go.....

OXHILL LAAAAADIEEES – WOMEN V CANCER RIDE THE NIGHT

Cometh the hour, cometh the laaaaadieees, the training had been done, the sponsorship had been collected, the carbs had been loaded, the bikes had been covered in pink fairy lights, all that stood between us and victory were 64 miles in the pitch black from Windsor racecourse into Central London and back.....

The appointed hour was 9pm, so just as the sun sank below the horizon, the intrepid 4 started off on their adventure.



We started from Windsor racecourse and headed out towards Staines at a brisk pace, we soon settled into formation riding with those with the best eyesight at the front and a myopic rear-guard.

It wasn't long before we were into our ride, that us simple country folk encountered some new experiences to us that our training hadn't prepared us for: - speed humps, pavements, roundabouts, traffic lights and vehicles on the road! It all came as a bit of a shock to us, although we didn't have to avoid any sheep, get held up behind tractors or hold our noses after muck-spreading, all of which we were very well prepared for. But being stalwart souls, we didn't let it put us off and we pressed on into the night, with the our squadron leader shouting 'go' the rear-guard shouting 'clear' as we perfected our overtaking technique, passing pink punk-rockers, Super-Women, several tutus and things that flashed pink that we never could have imagined!

Leaving Staines behind us, we pressed forwards into Richmond, to a 'warm' welcome as the pubs were full to capacity and a rather tricky gyratory system, but we didn't let it dampen our spirits as we surged towards Putney and our second Thames crossing of the night, by now the

riders had started to thin out into a long stream of twinkling lights both ahead and behind us as we crept every deeper into the night.

A stones throw from the rowing centre and we were descending into the West End of London to be welcomed by the towering cranes of Battersea Power Station, the bright lights of Chelsea Bridge and the roar of sports cars as the millionaire youth of Chelsea and Kensington revved their super cars up to impress one another, but we had no time to stop and stare, the miles stretched out before us and we weren't at the half-way point yet.



We shot back across the Thames at Lambeth Bridge and towards St Thomas' hospital, it was at this point we were passed by the welcome sight of our support car containing Stuart, Russell and Oliver, flagging them down we pulled over for supplies of food drink, minor bike repairs before we pressed on, crossing Westminster Bridge, tipping our hat to the Houses of Parliament, before racing on towards The Mall, Buckingham Palace and the half-way point.

Leaving London behind us, we surged on ahead, the night started to cool, the roads emptied and the sound of silence started to descend with just the occasional reveler to cheer us as we passed. We still remember the bleary startled face of one as they staggered along muttering 'I've just seen pink Christmas trees on bikes!!!!'

Now was the time to dig-in, 40 miles complete and 24 to go, the legs were aching, the saddles were losing their charm and it was way past all of our bed times. Fortunately our wonderful supporters, both with us in the car, at home baby-sitting, writing spreadsheets in Oxhill and all of our great friends and family who had sponsored us, kept us going. We were

determined not to let you down, so with a fistful of flapjacks, lots of orange squash and the occasional sing song we kept on going.

Back into Richmond and this time out into Kingston, we peddled through the empty streets, dodging pot-holes, manhole covers and even at one point a hedgehog! We reached our last feedstation with 12 miles to go, only an hour on the bike and one monster hill stood between us and victory. It was lovely as we rode along to see so many people out on the street and in their front gardens cheering us on, it really made a huge difference.

5 miles to go and the killer hill faced us, with gritted teeth and shouts of 'come-on the laaaaadieees – do it for Oxhill' we made it red-faced and puffing to the top. Nothing could stop us now as we hurtled down hill at breakneck speed with shouts of '15 minutes to the champagne'.....and then at 4:20 in the morning we turned the corner into the very welcome sight of Windsor race course, a medal, our support crew and of course that very welcome glass of fizz.....



Thank you all so much for your great support, to date we have raised £1,410.00 for breast, cervical and ovarian cancer charities and there is still time to donate should you wish, just go to;

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/oxhill>

With thanks, the Oxhill Laaaaadieees;

Caroline Keena, Catherine Kimmins, Katy Dowding & Suzanne Hall

THE VILLAGE DEFIBRILLATOR

You will all have seen the Yellow Box on the wall of The Peacock and around a dozen of you will have experienced a very useful and entertaining 90 minutes of training on CPR and the use of the Defibrillator from Dougie Price of Morgan Sindall. What you will probably not have realised is that this has all come about thanks to Ed Morgan (no relation to the above company). Ed thought about the needs of the Village and his alertness in realising that we could have a very valuable piece of potentially lifesaving kit and training as the unit became available from the de-commissioning of equipment used on the Crossrail Project. Thanks Ed, on behalf of the whole village.

I gave the code to access the Yellow Defib Box to get hold of the actual Defibrillator to those who attended the training but if others feel confident in how to use the unit and want the code please call me on 680676. Please note that even if you do not have the code, it can be obtained by dialling 999 and asking for the Ambulance Service and quoting the Postcode and unit number (both are shown on the box) – they will give you the code.

Derek Harbour



Oxhill Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 16th
May 2018 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present

Cllrs Grenville Moore, Derek Harbour, Duncan Harper and Sue Hunt

Christine Coles, Parish Clerk, County Councillor Chris Williams, District Councillor John Feilding and six villagers

1. Welcome and Apologies

Cllr Moore welcomed everyone to the meeting. The order would be changed slightly as both Cllr Williams and Cllr Feilding have other meetings to attend. An apology was received from Cllr Stuart Whittaker.

2. Report from County Councillor Chris Williams

Before Cllr Williams gave his report he updated the Parish Council on two issues.

The condition of a road was mentioned at the last Parish Council meeting. Engineers have looked at it and agree it needs repairing. Work will be done to make it safe although timings have not been given.

The Horton Maternity Hospital. Warwickshire County Council have received a request from Oxfordshire Public Health for a separate Scrutiny Committee to be formed involving Northamptonshire/Warwickshire and Oxfordshire. This follows the 'in principal' decision by Oxfordshire to close the maternity unit at the Horton and move it to the John Radcliffe Hospital. There will be one member from Warwickshire, 3 from Northamptonshire and the rest from Oxfordshire on the committee.

It is nearly at the end of the first year that the Conservative Group have been in full control of the administration at Shire Hall. Throughout the past year there has been a strong message from government that austerity continues and this is the second year of a three year savings plan. The County Council's finances are in a sound state. The pressures have been brought about by a reduction in the amount of support that is received from Central Government. Mandatory services have been maintained despite a 30% reduction in staffing over the last six years.

Warwickshire is performing well when compared with other authorities. Unemployment is 2.9% compared with a national average of 4.5%. Productivity is 10% higher than the West Midlands average and there are now more than 25,000 businesses registered in this county. Warwickshire is a popular county in which to live. As well as wealth creation the expanding population and increase in housing numbers brings its problems to the infrastructure especially traffic on the roads. The budget for 2018/19 provides £100,000 for extra staff in the Highway Planning Section to help with the logistics.

From the budget of nearly £470M, £132M will be allocated to Adult Care and £57M to Children's welfare, ie, fostering, adoption and safeguarding. The total budget for the District Council was £12M. To continue the strong financial position of the County Council as well as maintaining the growth and the well-being of the less off, the County Council need to increase their revenue by £45M over the next two years. Further savings through staff efficiencies will provide £25M of this sum, increases in housing numbers will produce £10M and the proposed increase in Council Tax for this year produces £10M.

It was predicted last year that the County Council intended to increase their Care Staff and Cllr Williams was pleased to report that they have employed an additional 40 carers to help with adult care responsibility.

25 children in the care of the County Council have been accepted by various universities including three places to Oxbridge. There are currently over 700 children in care and the Fostering and Adoption Service is recognised nationally for its enviable position.

Cllr Hunt asked how much the County Council would be spending on mental health? The reply was £30M.

3. Report from District Councillor John Feilding

Cllr Feilding spoke about a potential joint venture between Stratford District Council and Orbit to provide more Social Housing. There is a concern that there are too many big houses and not enough smaller houses. Cllr Feilding spoke about planning. He will continue to keep the pressure

on the Developer of The Leys field. Warwickshire County Council are dealing with the potential Flooding spring issue.

Cllr Harper asked for the definition of affordable housing. There is a formula. Cllr Hunt spoke about the planning application for two houses in Green Lane. The plot is very small for two houses and they will be of a high specification and expensive and the concern is that the houses will not be affordable. One villager asked how many people were registered on the housing list in the village? Cllr Feilding agreed to find out. Cllr Feilding confirmed that Stratford District Council are looking for housing stock.

The Chair thanked both Cllr Williams and Cllr Feilding for attending the meeting and they both left.

3. Report from Parish Council

Cllr Moore gave the following report.

Planning

The last twelve months has been dominated by negotiations over Leys Field. This has taken considerable amounts of time and includes discussions with the Planning Officer, developer, architect and specialist engineers over drainage and flood control. Sophie Wynne at Shire Hall is looking at the flooding issues. She has halted progress and will not allow reserved matters and planning permission to be granted until she is happy. There have been various issues associated with the Public Open Space and amenities.

There have been a number of other planning applications where the Parish Council has usually been successful in seeking amendments to proposals. This year the Parish Council has also seen the commencement of various building projects. The Parish Council has been involved in responding to residents' concerns over the impact of these projects on the village.

New Era

This last year has seen quite a dramatic change for the Parish Councillors in their overall responsibilities. They now have to set up and maintain a website, all councillors have had to sign new Code of Conduct contracts,

and they are expected to attend various additional training days. The Parish Council now has to have permission, under the new Data Protection Act, to hold email addresses of residents in the village. It seems highly likely that the future will bring more responsibilities to the Parish Council and so they will need to be even more professional. Earlier in the year the Clerk, Lis Stuart, decided to stand down from her post. Cllr Moore added here that the Parish Clerk now has also to be the RFO (Responsible Financial Officer). The Parish Council have been fortunate, thanks to Lis, to find Christine Coles. Christine is a professional clerk and looks after other Councils as well as this one in neighbouring counties.

Precept

Following guidance from District Councillors and Stratford District Council concerning the need for carrying greater reserves, the decision was taken to increase the precept. A more detailed report appeared in the Oxhill News. Oxhill still remains one of the lowest local tax areas.

Speeding

The Parish Council had special fixed digital speed records fitted for a short period. They are still awaiting the results.

Dog Fouling

After numerous pleas in the Oxhill News, this has been gradually reduced, but still needs improvement.

Crime Watch

Last year the Parish Council, with the help of Mick and Barbara Shepherd, organised a presentation from the Neighbourhood Safety Officer to encourage the prevention of local crime.

Footpaths

The Parish Council made the landowner and Footpaths Agency aware of the destruction of a footbridge during the last floods on a popular footpath behind the church. A larger bridge has been ordered and once in stock will be installed. It could take six months.

Phone Box

Again, after a long wait and persistent emails, the old telephone box was at last removed. The Parish Council will now be looking to improve this

corner. Some funding for this has been raised from the sale of the old footpath flagstones.

Defibrillator

The village now has a defibrillator situated outside the Peacock pub, and last week a number of residents underwent training in its use. Special thanks go to Ed Morgan for arranging for the gift of the defibrillator.

Lis Stuart

Finally, the Parish Council extended their best wishes to Lis Stuart who has served faithfully as their Parish Clerk and was recently badly injured in an accident at work. They wish her a very speedy recovery.

5. Open Forum

Mr Bucknell of Dale House spoke about the amount of houses being built in the village. There has been a 40% increase within the last two years yet the village has only a pub, village hall and bus route.

He asked where the justification was to increase the size of the village? Cllr Moore agreed that the increase was unfortunate and commented that if there are sound grounds to object then the Parish Council would continue to do that. Cllr Feilding noted that the wrong sort of houses are being built, they are not affordable for young people to buy.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.10pm.

OXHILL PARISH COUNCIL AND GDPR (GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS)

Please be aware that under the new data protection regulations your Parish Council is not allowed to hold data about you, like your e-mail addresses without your specific permission. This means that we cannot send you information that concerns the village unless you have informed us that this is acceptable to you.

So far we have only received a small number of permissions so if you want to be kept up to date with issues like planning, traffic, etc, please send an e-mail giving us your permission to hold this data to Christine Coles, the Parish Clerk at oxhillpc@btinternet.com .

Oxhill Parish Council
Minutes of an Annual Parish Council Meeting
held on Wednesday 16th May 2018 at 8.10pm in the Village Hall

Councillors Present

Cllr Harbour, Cllr Harper, Cllr Hunt and Cllr Moore
Clerk to the Council, Mrs C Coles and six villagers

18/01. Elections

Election of Chairman

Cllr Hunt proposed that Cllr Harbour be Chairman. Seconded by Cllr Harper.

Signing of Declaration of Acceptance of Office form

Cllr Harbour signed the form. This will be kept on file.

The Chairman formally recorded a vote of thanks to Cllr Moore who was previously Chairman. He was pleased to confirm that Cllr Moore will not be leaving the Parish Council. Cllr Moore has done a lot of work for the Parish Council and village in general. He thanked him for his remarkable efforts and outstanding service.

Election of Vice-Chairperson

Cllr Harper proposed that Cllr Moore be Vice-Chairperson.
Seconded by Cllr Hunt.

18/02. To receive apologies for absence

Cllr Whittaker

18/03. To receive Declarations of Interest under the Council's Code of Conduct relating to business on the agenda

No interests were declared.

18/04. To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 13th March 2018

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.

18/05. To note any matters arising from the minutes not included on this agenda for report only

Footpath behind Main Street - Cllr Moore has looked at the footpath. The wall has collapsed and the footpath requires some work. Oxhill

Manor would like the path re-instated. The Chair and Cllr Moore will speak to the owner of Oxhill Manor.

18/06. To receive a report from the County and District Councillor
Reports were given at the Annual Parish Meeting.

18/07. To discuss a new bus shelter and planters

The phone kiosk has now been removed. A previous idea to install a new bus shelter with planters will be progressed.

Action: Cllr Moore and Cllr Harper to re-visit and measure the area. To be discussed at the next meeting.

18/08. To receive an update on Leys Field and to discuss the Flood Control Management Issues

A brief update was given at the Annual Parish Meeting. Emails are being received and circulated to Councillors. Cllr Moore had asked Stratford District Council why they did not have consultations with the Flood Risk Management Committee at Warwickshire County Council as this was the major concern in the application. Sophie Wynne replied that they objected at the time but withdrew the objection subject to conditions.

It was agreed that Cllr Moore would remain in control of the work and correspondence at Leys Field.

18/09. To receive an update on GDPR

Work is ongoing. Some approval forms have been returned.

18/10. To receive an update on planning

Two new applications had been received since the last meeting:

18/01034/AGNOT, Formation of ponds in existing depression and wet ground at Oxhill Manor, Main Street. No objections.

18/01357/FUL, Full application for the construction of two dwellings (alternative scheme to that approved under application 17/00521/FUL) at Plot 2, Land on north side of Green Lane. Under consideration.

An update was given on older applications:

18/00343/FUL, 1.5 storey side extension, 1.5 storey front extension, single storey rear extension and construction of two dormer windows in existing front facing roofslope at Oakwoods House, Green Lane. Approved.

18/00591/TREE, Tree work at The Old Rectory, Main Street. No objections.

18/00448/LBC, Re-roofing of existing Manor House together with any necessary timber repairs and the replacement of 2 existing rooflights with conservation rooflights at Oxhill Manor, Main Street. Approved.

18/11. Financial Report

a) *The following payments were approved:*

£19.76 to L Stuart (Website quarterly charge)

£960.00 to L Stuart (salary)

£159.23 to Zurich Insurance (general council insurance)

b) *Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2017/18 Part 2*

To approve and sign the Certificate of Exemption and Sections 1 and 2

The Certificate of Exemption and Sections 1 and 2 have been completed. They were signed by the Chair and Parish Clerk. The internal audit will take place soon.

18/12. To receive Councillors Reports

Cllr Harper reported damage to the pavement and clipped kerbstones by Applegrove. There has been scarring to the road surface. Although this may be something for the developer to sort out, the Parish Clerk will first report to Highways.

Dog fouling is continuing. Another note will be put in the Oxhill News.

The Chair spoke about a recent planning training course that he attended. It was a good course. There are material concerns that Stratford District Council will accept if an objection is raised. The village did a Parish Plan but this ranks very low compared to a Neighbourhood Plan which holds a lot more weight. There are significant areas of green land within the village which require protection. The Parish Plan was very detailed and some of the papers had to be removed before being submitted as a Parish Plan. It was agreed to revisit this as a lot of work has been done already.
Action: The Chair to call Stratford District Council to get more information for the next meeting.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.45pm. The date of the next meeting is 10th July at 8pm in the Village Hall.

TYSOE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL – MAY UPDATE

We have welcomed the better weather with many seasonal outdoor activities. The youngest children had a visit from Hetty, a three week old lamb, which had been hand-reared by Libby and her family. The youngest children were proud of their spring miniature gardens which really brightened up the office area. Also a team of volunteers had a working party in the school grounds, including improving the school vegetable garden for Gardening Club.

Many children were delighted to see that the Men's Gymnastics Team had won a gold medal at the Commonwealth Games in Australia. Team member, Dominick Cunningham, had visited school in the autumn, performed on the floor and apparatus, and really encouraged the children to get involved in sport. A recent visit by two cricket coaches from All Stars Cricket, also promoted sport. A fun assembly introduced some basic skills by getting the teachers to demonstrate! Four year groups each had an hour full of activities and games with an opportunity to join the All Stars programme.

Oak Class enjoyed a fantastic outing to Warwick Castle. The children learnt about the trebuchet, watched the birds of prey and the Bowman's archery skills. When asked his favourite part, Alfie enjoyed looking at the prison and climbing up to the flagpole. Rowan Class enhanced their learning about the Ancient Mayans, by visiting the tropical enclosures at Stratford Butterfly Farm. Not only were there beautiful butterflies and dancing pupae, but also a wealth of information about the Mayan culture. The children then constructed pyramid temples in very inventive styles.

Silver Birch Class have been learning to maypole dance. Look out for a performance at the Summer Fete and Dog Show on Saturday 14th July from midday.

Visits to see the school in action are always welcome, please contact the office on 01295-680244 to make an appointment.

Jenny Coates, Head of School

TYSOE W.I.

We enjoyed a busy month of May. We visited Kelmscott Manor, a William Morris property, absolutely wonderful place to visit, and we had amazing weather!

Our members walkie Talkie group had several good walks with lots more in the pipeline.

At our May meeting, following The Annual resolution meeting, we held a “Hen Party” for Alison, one of our committee members. Everyone joined in the fun creating her a wedding dress mainly from toilet paper, complete with bridesmaid, headdresses, bouquets and even a garter. She looked fabulous, so much so that she went to the pub to show off her designer creation!

We would all like to congratulate Alison and Steve on their wedding at the end of May, and wish them love and happiness.

You will notice that fairyland has been taken down, but don't despair, it's not gone far. We donated all the toadstools and fairies to Tysoe Children's Group, we are sure they will get endless fun from it.

We enjoyed a visit to the National Memorial Arboretum, courtesy of Martins Coach, and again we were blessed with good weather. A truly beautiful, inspiring and stirring place. If you haven't visited, do so, you won't regret it.

We have organised a summer day trip on Martins Coach to Marlow and Henley on Thames on July 19th, departing Tysoe at 8.45am.

This is open to everyone so if you fancy a great day out contact Dee on 680971 £15 per person. No need to be a W.I. Member

Our June meeting on the 6th sees us welcoming our speaker Martin Sirot Smith from Sulgrave Manor. Starts at 7.30pm with a glass of wine. Visitors welcome £5 entry.

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WOT2GROW COMMUNITY ORCHARD

Another month of different weather where we have had some glorious days with considerable warmth, some rainy ones and some very chilly ones. All of which meant a late blossoming of the apples but masses of the earlier beautiful pear blossom. The plum varieties were much earlier and it looks as though they managed to set some fruit and hold on to it. I look forward to the June drop when we really see just how much fruit has set on all the trees. We do sometimes get late frosts but hopefully this year we won't as there are some little apricots and peaches in evidence!

The bees are visiting the tree blossom as well as the many wild flowers that are in bloom. We also have lots of white honesty in the sensory garden which is proving popular along with the rosemary. The dandelions of course are always there and the mowers are battling them on a regular basis, we also have the bonus of scything around the trees to keep the grass from competing where the mower can't get in close.



All the orchard has had its spring boost of feed and the trees have been organically sprayed to help combat the aphids and bacteria as well as a foliar boost of seaweed. So far everything is looking strong and apart from a little powdery mildew pretty healthy!

Not so many raspberries this year but lots of other fruit for our members to enjoy. Why not come and help us and get some of the delicious harvest? We are off the Shenington Road behind the allotments and are working, weather permitting, on Wednesday and Sunday mornings.

Contact one of us for more information

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WHAT'S ON IN & AROUND OXHILL

June

Saturday	2nd	14:00	Tysoe Open Gardens
Sunday	3rd	14:00	Tysoe Open Gardens
Tuesday	5th		Blue & Green Bin Collection
Wednesday	6th	10:30	Peacock, Village Coffee Morning
Wednesday	6th	19:30	Tysoe WI
Saturday	9th	15:30	Treasure Hunt, OVH
Saturday	9th	17:00	Barbecue, OVH
Saturday	9th	19:30	Swan Singers Cabaret, KVH
Tuesday	12th		Grey Bin Collection
Friday	15th	14:30	Mobile Library, OVH
Friday	15th	15:00	Carers4Carers Crema Tea, KVH
Tuesday	19th		Blue & Green Bin Collection
Wednesday	20th	12:30	Peacock, Village Lunch
Friday	22nd		Weekday Walkers
Friday	22nd	10:30	Kinton VH
Tuesday	26th		Grey Bin Collection

July

Tuesday	10th	20:00	Oxhill PC Meeting, OVH
Saturday	14th	12:00	Boules Day, OVH
Thursday	19th		Tysoe WI Coach Trip

August

Thursday	16th		Oxhill Garden Club Trip to JCB & Shugborough Hall
Sunday	19th		Annual Oxhill v Tysoe cricket and Rounders matches

September

Saturday	22nd		Progressive Dinner
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