



CULHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Clerk's Report and update from Parish Councillors
MAY 2024

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 14th May 2024 at 7.30pm in the Church. Public and press attendance is welcomed. **The Annual Community Meeting** is arranged to take place on Wednesday 15th May 2024 at 7pm. All are welcome and we look forward seeing you at St Paul's Church. Light refreshments available.

I have returned from Annual Leave (4th – 11th May) and am busy catching up with email correspondence and actions.

Transfer of The Green – Paul Gillitt from Wellers has now been appointed and I have forwarded the draft TP1 and correspondence received by email from John Taylor. I have forwarded the details of Morrell's Solicitors to PG.

Finance – I have completed the AGAR for review and in readiness for 30th May internal audit. I have also upgraded the Scribe software package to professional as this will enable uploading of documents and to customise the account/cost codes to fit with the needs for CPC. I will be issuing a budget variance report in June, once I have uploaded all information to the upgraded Scribe package.

Diocese of Oxford - ongoing - I am awaiting the invoice for the difference in rent from Diocese of Oxford and have chased it. I have also written to advise that the PC are in agreement to paying towards the costs of the Diocese to extend the lease/renew. No further contact from the Diocese during March. I will follow up with an email and contact Wellers to review the lease.

The Community Orchard – The planning officer has raised concerns. Wellers have been appointed to review and I will follow up with Paul Gillitt.

HIF INQUIRY update from Caroline Baird:

The public inquiry into the HIF planning application by Oxfordshire County Council which was called in by the Secretary of State closed on 9th May. The closing statement on behalf of the Neighbouring Parish Councils Joint Committee and POETS organisation was given by David Woolley on 23rd April. All the inquiry documents are available to view online at: <https://gateleyhamer-pi.com/en-gb/didcot-garden-town/inquiry-documents/>.

The Inspector will now write her report and make a recommendation to the Secretaries of State for housing and transport. When they make a decision the NPF-JC will be informed.

Denise Corney

13th May 2024