

<p align="center"><u>BRIZE NORTON PARISH COUNCIL</u></p> <p align="center">Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council on Monday 4th December 2017 at 7.30 pm at The Sports Pavilion, Brize Norton</p>		
<u>249/18</u>	<p><u>PRESENT</u> Cllr Squire, Cllr Shillingford, Cllr Way, Les Goble, Cllr Campion, Cllr Ball, Cllr Guest, Nicholas Field-Johnson, Cllr Alex Postan, Alison Riseley,</p>	<u>ACTION</u>
<u>250/18</u>	<p><u>1 – APOLOGIES</u> Cllr Taylor</p>	
<u>251/18</u>	<p><u>2 - DECLARATION OF INTERESTS</u> TIMMS – Cllr Way 17/02058/FUL</p>	
<u>252/18</u>	<p><u>3 – MINUTES</u> The minutes of the meetings on both Monday 2nd October and Monday 6th November were agreed and signed.</p>	Clerk to scan and post to website
<u>253/18</u>	<p><u>4 - PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</u> Mr Les Goble voiced concern over speeding in the village. During the April community survey 100% of residents raised concerns about traffic, traffic speeding, volumes etc. The volume will only increase with the volume of proposed housing in the Parish and surrounding area. The Lagan Homes transport survey showed 86% of traffic travelling north entered the village at speeds in excess of 30mph whilst 96% were speeding South as they left the 30mph signs. Funding is to be made available for speed awareness signs/monitoring. Due to budget cuts and devolution local government and residents may be given the opportunity to monitor roads and speeds themselves. Cllr Ball will feed information back when it is available.</p> <p>At the Neighbourhood Plan, Community Event due on Saturday 9th December the results of the NP Survey will be displayed. The results are very informative and will help when preparing the policies required to underpin the Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>Concern was raised about the resurfacing of the roundabout at the junction of Station Road, Carterton Road and Manor Road. It was resurfaced several months ago, it the took a period of time to paint the lines. Now it has been resurfaced again and the lines are yet to be repainted. Comments were voiced over the waste of money of having to complete the same task twice. Cllr Campion advised that temporary signage from the last set of roadworks has just been thrown over the fence near the hangars.</p>	<p>Mr Les Goble to list concerns with facts to send information to Clerk. Forward to Cllr NF-J & Cllr Squire Cllr Ball to feed back on traffic monitoring info.</p> <p>Clerk to provide brief to Cllr NF-J for action with OCC.</p>
<u>254/18</u>	<p><u>5 - CHAIRMAN'S MEETINGS</u> Cllr Squire and Cllr Shillingford reported on their attendance of the Parish Liaison Committee meeting on 22nd November 2017 at WODC Offices.</p> <p>This concerned the structure of Publica (a shared services organisation providing services to WODC, Cotswold DC and Cheltenham TC). All bar three WODC staff (who have been retained from compliance purposes) have been transeferred over to Publica. A combined service level agreement aims to maintain comparable services, but with less complications and at lower cost. Specialists for certain departments will oversee a wider area to avoid duplications between the three-member councils.</p>	Any questions, queries and issues



	<p>Services that are substandard following the change need to be highlighted asap so that any teething issues are resolved.</p> <p>There will be another meeting at a later date to list questions to put to the company. Issues to be sent to Cll Postan first.</p> <p>Publica acknowledge that there have been teething problems with the new waste management services and they are working hard to solve the problems early in the process.</p> <p>One of the other advantages of these utility procurement services is that it may be able to provide cheaper energy and water services than current utility providers. This will be researched as Publica is established.</p> <p>It was noted that Publica will not accept overfilled bins as these constitute a hazard to operatives during loading. Operatives have been instructed to accept the first overfilled bin, leave a note advising of the hazard caused and then refuse to collect overfilled bins in the future.</p> <p>Super-fast internet to the door is to be provided by Gigaclear in those parts of the District that will not be covered by the BT superfast Broadband programme. The WODC website has a programme showing the location and timing of the Gigaclear roll-out. As Brize Norton Village already has BT superfast broadband it will not benefit from the Gigaclear rollout, although rural parts of the Parish will.</p> <p>With regards to the Local Plan – WODC is pushing hard to complete as soon as possible. Unfortunately, housing numbers are not changing to reflect more recent studies. WODC have prepared some additional evidence in response to questions raised by the inspector, this is being consulted on with anticipation of a final response early in the new year.</p>	to be forwarded to Cllr Postan to be passed on to the company.
<u>255/18</u>	<p>6 - DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORTS</p> <p>Report received from Cllr Nicolas Field-Johnson. Please see attached.</p> <p>Oxfordshire Growth board has five-year plan for-Housing and Growth Agreement with the government investing £215m. The breakdown is 30m p/a bid for infrastructure, including an upgrade of the A40 and A34. The Councillors requested consideration for developing the B4477, which still needs improving in the light of the new or proposed housing developments.</p> <p>The Lagan homes proposal (ref 17/01394/FUL) has been deferred due to the submission of additional information by the developer. Cllr Squire to prepare a further response to WOD demonstrating that the revised proposals do not address the issues raised in the Council's initial objection to the proposal.</p>	Cllr Squire to prepare objection
<u>256/18</u>	<p>6 – a – i - NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE</p> <p>Cllr Way advised that the steering group is ready for the presentation of the results of the NP survey on Saturday. It was agreed that there would be a section where participants could comment on the new waste management process discussed earlier in the meeting.</p> <p>It was proposed that there would be a briefing at 1pm with the doors opening at 2pm. Cllrs were encouraged to show a presence and would be very welcome.</p> <p>The Steering Group have published 4 coloured copies of the NP survey and Young people's survey. Other copies have been sent by e-mail for individuals to</p>	



	<p>print for themselves. Hard copies were handed to Cllr Postan and Cllr Field-Johnson and 2 additional copies were kept for reference.</p> <p>Astrid Harvey's next consultation will be after 9th December public consultation.</p>	
<u>257/18</u>	<p><u>6 – a – ii – WEBSITE</u></p> <p>Amendments to information, including meetings are not always being adjusted on the website in a timely manner. It is essential that regular amendments are carried out in a timely and efficient manner to reflect accurate information. Monthly updates and procedure around these were discussed including a suggestion to train the Clerk and a councillor on how to manage/upload documents to the website (or send them on a course).</p> <p>Cllr Way and Cllr Shillingford to check website for items not yet completed as requested. Cllr Way to send list to Cllr Shillingford and Cllr Squire and Clerk who will liaise with Kyle about managing time, completing tasks on schedule and responding to communication.</p>	Cllr Squire and Cllr Shillingford to meet Kyle regarding list of work to be completed, and a process for timely accurate updates.
<u>258/18</u>	<p><u>6 – b – i - POLICY AMENDMENTS</u></p> <p>The policies have been amended. We need to expand on or define what a sub-committee consists of. In their policies and mission statements the Neighbourhood Plan need to state they comply and are a sub-committee of BNPC. "Approved sub-committee of BNPC having been agreed at a BNPC meeting".</p>	Cllr Squire to send to clerk to print and post on Website.
<u>159/18</u>	<p><u>6 – b – ii -SPEEDING</u></p> <p>Cllr Ball reported that 14 villages will be holding speed awareness schemes. This will include training on how to operate a speed gun and tracking/ reporting speed. Residents will be asked at the open day if they wish to participate.</p>	Cllr Ball to circulate Discuss idea with school to undertake a traffic survey
<u>260/18</u>	<p><u>6 – c – BATTLE'S OVER: CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS</u></p> <p>Cllr Shillingford stated that currently there was no discussion required. Further developments will be brought up at the next meeting.</p>	
<u>261/18</u>	<p><u>6 – d – i - SAVILLS LAND AGREEMENTS</u></p> <p>Cllr Squire has been in contact with Jeremy Briars from John Welch and Stammers regarding fine tuning and signing of the land agreements. The buffer land lease/ sports lease has a new clause regarding an authorised use of football/ sports pitch for 25 years.</p> <p>Cllr Squire to amend, quote e-mail and send back to Savills for approval/further discussion.</p>	Cllr Squire prepare letter - Submit by tomorrow
<u>262/18</u>	<p><u>6 – d – ii – LAGAN HOMES</u></p> <p>See minute 255/18 above. We do not appear to be receiving automatic notifications from WODC about extensions to planning and planning meetings. Clerk to investigate process for obtaining automatic notifications.</p>	Clerk to speak to Carolyn about WODC passwords.
<u>263/18</u>	<p><u>6 – d – iii - QUARRY</u></p> <p>The quarry have been requested to install a feeder lane on the A40 which will improve sightlines at the T-junction will help with visibility. Passing places more efficient (narrower so not for people stopping). No right turn for lorries, so they would have to go left into Burford and come back to go East along the A40. If coming from the West they would have to go to the Windmill roundabout and turn around.</p>	Mr Glazier to forward notes. Clerk to set up meeting with David Cuthbertson at Shilton/ BN PC Quarry and OCC



<u>264/18</u>	<u>6 – e – TRAINING</u> Clerk - Planning 13 th December in Witney 10-1pm Cllr Way – Developing GP Services and a Locality Based Plan for West Oxfordshire Thursday 13 th December 6:30pm Witney Corn Exchange No other courses were required at present. However, provision will be made in the precept for more extensive training for the clerk with SILCA. –	Cllr Shillingford to explore courses and costing in January/ February
<u>265/18</u>	<u>6 – f – LAUREN JACOBS APPLICATION FOR COTTSWAY HOMES</u> Clerk has drafted a letter, Council approved and requested it be sent to WODC (an e-mail to inform of arrival of a letter by post). Copy to Cllr Postan to follow up.	Clerk to send letter to WODC, copy to Cllr Postan
<u>266/18</u>	<u>6 – g – DELIVERY OF NEWSLETTER/ HOUSES AND ROUTES</u> The clerk would like to update the delivery of houses and routes, in the light of the survey distribution and the recent newsletter delivery. Councillors felt that only minor modifications were required to the list: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are some houses on Burford Road East whose letterboxes were not visible. • There are no postboxes outside the holiday lets on Burford Road East. • Cllr Way to add 52 and 52a Station Road to her list. • Cllr Ball offered to deliver to Brize Norton School. • ‘Mijeshe’ on Elm Grove to be added to Clerk’s list. Rev. James Maddern has left, but replaced at the Church by Rev. Blakey. 	Clerk to send distribution list to Garry Griffin for further deliveries.
<u>267/18</u>	<u>6 – h – REMEMBRANCE TREES</u> The Clerk has ordered the agreed trees from Bampton Garden Plants. They arrived on Friday 1st December. John Holtom will replace/ plant the trees on the weekend of 2-3 rd December.	
<u>268/18</u>	<u>6 – j – PRE SCHOOL</u> The Clerk - fencing for the pre-school. The pre-school are under the impression that they were not to paint the fence despite the council authorising it during the council meeting in November. Further discussions to be mediated.	Clerk to correspond with Hannah Gush at the pre-school
<u>269/18</u>	<u>8 – PLANNING</u> One planning application has been received, and two have been accepted this month (see attached appendix).	Clerk to respond with ‘No comment’ to RAFBN application
<u>270/18</u>	<u>9 – FINANCE</u> Consider payments to be made (see attached appendix). The Clerk also advised that the precept has been prepared for further inspection and consideration during the December meeting.	
<u>271/18</u>	<u>PRECEPT</u> Make provision for Training £500 (WODC grant?). Clerk to add training line in. under payroll. Deduct £500 from Recreation Ground to make it £500 from £1000 and add £500 for training. £940 Elderbank Hall. Cut Elderbank Hall to £500	Cllr Shillingford to investigate training courses Submit precept with amendments.
<u>272/18</u>	<u>10 – CORRESPONDENCE</u> Consider other correspondence during this month (see attached appendix).	



273/18	<p>COUNCILLORS REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Cllr Squire to look into building work on Manor Road by Chapel Cottage. 2) A quote has been requested for repairs to the notice board wooden surround and backboard as it is letting in water/ damp. Suggestion was to replace the Perspex with glass as it is stronger and more durable. Cllr Way asked for Perspex or glass to be used to protect the notice board in the allotments at the same time. Costs to be considered after audit. 3) Cllr Guest to order new leaf collector for leaf blower. Cllr Guest proposed, Cllr Campion seconded Cllr Ball thirded. Agreed. 4) Chapel Hill b/w signs needs replacing. Cllr Guest to take photo. Forward to Clerk, Cllr Field-Johnson and Mr Wright. 5) Speeding implementation. 2 hours training for set up & operating speed gun. £20 for documentation BN NP team to seek volunteers. 	<p>ACTION</p> <p>Clerk to write letter to Miranda Clark.</p> <p>Cllr Guest and Kyle Anderson to clean.</p> <p>Clerk to write cheque for RBL</p>
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There being no further business the chairman declared the meeting closed at **9.55 pm**.

Date of next ordinary meeting **Monday 8th January 2018** in **The Pavillion** at **7.30 pm**.



APPENDIX - PLANNING APPLICATIONS 269/18:

17/03664/FUL	Mr Gary Lee RAF Brize Norton Carterton Road Brize Norton	Erection of rear extension to Gymnasium to create new changing room facilities. Respond by 15th December 2017
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PENDING PLANNING DECISIONS

16/02588/OUT – (sent through by Minster Lovell PC)	Mr and Mrs Kinch Land West of Minster Lovell	Residential development of up to 85 dwellings together with a new vehicular access onto Burford Road (B4047), footpath links, areas of public open space, children's play area, landscaping and land for potential burial ground (means of access only). Awaiting Decision
17/01394/FUL	Lagan Homes (agent West Waddy LLP) Land south Upper Haddon Station Road Brize Norton	Erection of 41-44 residential dwellings to include up to 35% affordable homes, new access and associated works (Amended Plans) Under Consideration – modified application on 8/10/17. Revised flood risk on 6/11/17. New deadline 23/11/17
17/02058/FUL	A Timms 80-82 Station Road Brize Norton	Change of use of part of builder's merchants yard to café Under Consideration

PLANNING DECISIONS:

17/03017/HHD	Mr Chris Skillan Poplar Cottage, Burford Road, Brize Norton OX18 3NR	Alterations and erection of single storey extension Approved 7th November
17/03059/HHD	Mr C Dyer Malthouse Burford Road, Brize Norton	Erection of single storey extension Approved 21st November

APPENDIX - ORDERS FOR PAYMENT 270/18:

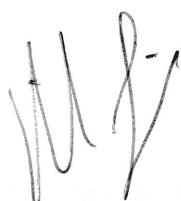
101207	60	Poppy Appeal	donation
101208	23.5	Les Goble	NP - (Shillbrook stationery)
101209	47.15	Stuart Guest	Petrol
101210	25.16	Carolyn Peach	1&1 internet protection (quarterly website fee)
101211	180.34	Shillbrook Stationery	Ink cartridge, newsletter printing, NP printing
101212	317.11	Kyle Anderson	November village maintenance/website
101213	406	Alison Riseley	November clerk services
101214	11	5A's tool hire	Chain oil
101215	16.23	Carolyn Peach	November clerk services
101216	93.6	Bampton Garden Plants	populus trees
	1180.09	Total	

PAYMENTS RECEIVED

		Total	

BANK BALANCE

	£
Current a/c balance at 18 October 2017	15,073.04
Total order for payments	<u>1180.09</u>
Total receipts	<u>0.00</u>
Bank balance at 17th November 2017 after payments	13,095.99
WODC investment	<u>31,700.00</u>
Total funds at 4 December 2017	<u><u>44,795.99</u></u>



APPENDIX - OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE 272/18 :

- a) Barclays – cheque book
- b) Shillbrook stationery – invoice
- c) War Memorials Trust – Bulletin
- d) Thanks for donation from Citizens Advice
- e) Barclays statement

E-MAILS CIRCULATED IN MONTH

Civic voice – 14/11, 27/11,

HMRC 2/11, 3/11, 6/11, 9/11, 14/11, 20/11, 21/11, 28/11, 30/11,

ICO newsletter – 3/11

Oxfordshire Community and Voluntary Action – 16/11, 30/11, (→ WW)

Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group – Talking Health 4/11, 8/11, 13/11, 17/11, (→ WW)

PCS – UK – 20/11, 29/11

PSE – 3/11, 4/11, 5/11, 6/11, 10/11, 13/11, 16/11, 20/11, 24/11, 25/11, 27/11, 30/11 (not circulated)

PSN – 20/11, 2/11, /11, (not circulated)

PULSE – 3/11

Rural Services weekly update (not circulated) - 2/11, 6/11, 13/11, 20/11, 24/11, 27/11

Rural services seminar - /11, Rural fuel - 15/11, Rural Vulnerability– 29/11, Rural Opportunities – /11, Rural Places, rural Health – 9/11 (not circulated),

Wychwood Forest Project 2/11, 12/1, 24/11,

1/11 Pip Squire – Savills response

1/11 Joshua Kapp – ONECPD training

2/11 AK TIMMS invoice

2/11 Westminster briefing

2/11 Kyle Anderson - timesheet

2/11 Georgia – payman payroll processing

2/11 5A's invoices

2/11 Ben Campion - agenda

2/11 Jamie Davies (Bampton Garden Plants) – Populus quote/ update

2/11 Andy Ball – speeding boards (←)

3/11 Carla Davies - WODC

3/11 Gordon Grant – Waste Exemption letter T23

3/11 Rev. Bill Blakey – Remembrance Service

3/11 Zurich – payment reminder

3/11 Castle Water - invoice

3/11 Carolyn Peach – remembrance wreaths

3/11 Garry Griffin - newsletter

3/11 Andrew Smith WODC

3/11 Wendy Way – re: Kyle's e-mails (↔)

3/11 OALC – NALC smaller council committee

3/11 Will Benbow – Savills – response to e-mail (→ PS)

4/11 Kevin Issacs – Smartwheelie.co.uk – speed awareness stickers

4/11 OALC – VAT for Clerks course

4/11 Andy Ball – query to Mulcahy e-mail response.

5/11 Nicholas Field-Johnson – apologies

5/11 Wendy way - Kyle

6/11 Robert Courts – newsletter (→ all)

5/11 Pip Squire- attachments (↔)

6/11 Lorraine Horne – The Oxford Museum, Woodstock (→ all)

6/11 Julia Stackhouse – NHS South, Central and West Commissioning Support Unit meetings (→ WW)



- 6/11 OCC repatriation notice
- 6/11 Andy Ball – response to Annabel Mulcahy
- 6/11 Big Conservation Conversation
- 6/11 OCC repatriation Notification
- 6/11 Andy Ball – letter to Annabel Mulcahy
- 6/11 Kyle Anderson – Website payment
- 7/11 Etka Kapoor - training
- 7/11 Yahia Rezgui – GDPR compliance
- 7/11 Jeremy Briars - (→ PS)
- 7/11 Sarah Stokes – Police and Crime commission (→all)
- 7/11 Linda Allport – Zurich Insurance
- 7/11 Kate Webster – Local Consultation (RAF - BN) minutes May 17th 2017
- 7/11 Les Goble – updated documents re: NP (→ all)
- 8/11 Fred Bellenger – Water metre reading (←)
- 8/11 Diane Davies – water meter reading (←)
- 8/11 Zena Sparks – Rough sleepers (←)
- 8/11 Carolyn Peach – thanks for Bonfire
- 9/11 Naomi Stuart – Onecpd – training courses ‘preparing for GDPR’
- 9/11 Westminster Briefing – women in local government
- 9/11 Elaine Burton-Johnson – Grass cutting agreement (↔)
- 10/11 Chris Mulcahy – playground incident (←)
- 10/11 Andrew Smith – WODC – Kelmscott Hall new roof
- 10/11 OALC – training courses
- 10/11 Sue Hunt – CFO Newsletter
- 10/11 Andrew Smith –
- 10/11 Andrew Ball – Playground letter
- 11/11 Les Goble – poster for display (←)
- 11/11 Pip Squire - Amended documents (←)
- 12/11 Hannah Gush – pre-school thanks
- 12/11 Les Goble – Poster (↔)
- 12/11 Craig Snell – planting trees on Recreation Ground (←)
- 12/11 Nicholas Field-Johnson – enquiry regarding minutes of meetings (←)
- 12/11 Les Goble – letter to schools regarding number of children
- 12/11 John Holtom – acceptance of planting trees on Recreation Ground (↔)
- 13/11 Jane Breedon – Brize Norton Students at Carterton Community college
- 13/11 Pip Squire – check of letter to Garry Griffin
- 13/10 Carolyn Peach – Castle Water
- 14/11 Lauren Jacobs – Housing Application (↔)
- 14/11 OALC
- 14/11 Joanna – speed signs
- 14/11 Carys Davies – WODC – Press Release
- 14/11 Oxfordshire Playing Fields Association – Playground inspections
- 14/11 Pip squire - Amended minutes
- 14/11 Andy Ball – Amended policies (↔)
- 15/11 Garry Griffin – newsletter for checking
- 15/11 Carys Davies WODC - Carterton Phase 2 (↔)
- 15/11 Carys Davies WODC – Press release Supporting universal credit applications
- 15/11 Mailbox – Shivercasting – ITV
- 16/11 Andrew Smith – WODC – tackling homelessness
- 16/11 Nicholas Field-Johnson – New consultation – planning 17/01394/FUL, 4 Station Road, Brize Norton (→ all)



- 16/11 WeiWei Hu – WODC – Precept form
- 16/11 Kyle Anderson – minutes to website (←)
- 17/11 Ben Campion – Quarry meeting
- 17/11 Carolyn Peach – Newsletter amendment
- 17/11 Chris Mulcahy – Brize Norton Playground
- 18/11 Garry Griffin/ Pip Squire - newsletter
- 19/11 Craig Snell – tree planting
- 20/11 Naomi Stuart – suicide prevention
- 20/11 Robert Courts newsletter
- 20/11 Local Council Public Advisory Service – A Helpful 20 document Pack (→ all)
- 20/11 Carolyn Peach – Useful Contacts List
- 20/11 David Page (Buckland Village clerk) reply to Housing e-mail from Nicholas Field-Johnson
- 20/11 Pip Squire – Grass cutting (↔)
- 20/11 Peter Gaskin re: September minutes for Quarry comments
- 20/11 Chris Mulcahy- Letter hard copy (←)
- 21/11 Carolyn Peach – Grass cutting
- 21/11 Lauren Jacobs – Housing (←)
- 21/11 Alex Postan – Quarry meeting
- 22/11 Rosie Morton – WODC – Consultation on Additional Evidence (→all)
- 22/11 Smaller authorities Audit Appointment (external audits) (→ all)
- 23/11 Town & Parish Council websites – Transparency funding
- 23/11 Carol MacKay – Emergency Planning – Yellow Wind Warning
- 23/11 Keith Butler - WODC – Consultation on Additional Evidence
- 23/11 Carys Davies – Press Release -Additional Technical Evidence
- 23/11 OCC – Latest Oxfordshire Matters
- 24/11 WODC – Planning application 17/03664/FUL (→ all)
- 25/11 Les Goble – invoices for Neighbourhood Plan (←)
- 26/11 Tony Shillingford – keyboard issues.
- 27/11 Jamie Davies – Bampton Garden Plants – populus trees (←)
- 27/11 Westminster briefing – women in Government
- 27/11 Suzanne Barton – Cross Country event (←)
- 27/11 Garry Griffin – Delivery addresses (←)
- 27/11 Burford School – Brize Norton pupils (→ WW, LG)
- 28/11 Carys Davies – WODC – Small businesses
- 28/11 Tim Gush – Pavillion Drains
- 29/11 Carolyn Peach – November clerk services
- 30/11 Susan Bolster (Rupert Gooddy Plants) - (↔)
- 30/11 Fixmystreet – litter and dog waste bin
- 30/11 James Wright – OCC Highways - thanks

(←) = Reply

(↔) = ongoing discussion or linked communication

(→) = forwarded to relevant contact



REPORT TO BRIZE NORTON PARISH COUNCIL DECEMBER 2017

FROM CLLR NICHOLAS FIELD-JOHNSON

GENERAL OCC REPORT

GROWTH BOARD ANNOUNCEMENT ON HOUSING AND GROWTH AGREEMENT

The Oxfordshire Growth Board comprises the six councils: Cherwell District Council, Oxford City Council, Oxfordshire County Council, South Oxfordshire District Council, Vale of White Horse District Council and West Oxfordshire District Council, together with the county's Local Enterprise Partnership (OxLEP). On Budget Day it was announced the Board had reached an outline Housing and Growth Agreement with Government. This will see an additional £215 million of investment over the next five years to build infrastructure, support the delivery of new homes and boost economic productivity across the county. This breaks down as: £30m pa for five years for infrastructure; £60m for affordable homes across the county; and £5m to develop a Joint Statutory Spatial Plan. The Board wants the five-year deal to be the first stage in a sustained partnership with Government to secure the ongoing investment needed to deliver properly planned growth and economic development over the coming years. This will support councils to achieve the ambition of 100,000 new homes across the county over the period 2011-2031, as identified through the 2014 countywide Strategic Housing Market Assessment and Local Plans.

HOUSING INFRASTRUCTURE FUND (HIF)

The bids to the Government's Housing Infrastructure Fund (HIF), to support the development of the Didcot Garden Town, and West Oxfordshire and North of Oxford Garden Villages, are still being considered by Government with decisions expected in the new year.

OX-CAM EXPRESSWAY

The National Infrastructure Commission (NIC) has published its report to Government on the Oxford-Cambridge arc. It advised on the need for long-term investment funding for new transport infrastructure to harness the region's economic potential, to benefit local people and boost UK plc in a post-Brexit landscape.

OXFORDSHIRE ADULT SOCIAL CARE SETTINGS OUTSTRIP NATIONAL AVERAGES

Older people and adults with disabilities are getting a better level of service from care settings in Oxfordshire than elsewhere in England, official figures have again proved. The number of care homes and home care providers in the county rated as "Outstanding" or "Good" by the Care Quality Commission was yet again comfortably higher than the national average when the latest figures were published on November 1. A total of 89 per cent of the 209 Oxfordshire providers are rated "outstanding" or "good" compared to a national average of 81 per cent. The CQC regularly publishes updated national figures and Oxfordshire has for some time outstripped the national averages.

CAMPAIGN TO RECRUIT CARE STAFF TO REDUCE DELAYED TRANSFER

Against a background of increasing demand for care services, particularly from older people with complex problems and needing support, a major campaign to recruit more care staff was launched on 20 November. *Make a difference every day* is a four month campaign targeted at residents who are Mid-life women aged



50-70, parents aged 25-50 and younger adults aged 20-30 seeking flexibility in work which care work can often provide, and existing social care workers who could recruit people like themselves. The campaign aims to increase understanding of care work opportunities available in both the public and private sectors and will direct people to job opportunities, across both sectors, on the Oxfordshire Association of Care Providers' website. It is being supported by the county council, Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust, Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group and the Oxfordshire Association of Care Providers. The campaign will show the real and positive difference care work makes to peoples' lives, that it is never too late to start a career in care and it will also refer to a recent county council and Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust survey showing 9 out of 10 care workers are proud to work in social care.

OCC ANTI-SCAM CAMPAIGN

OCC's Trading Standards is asking people to "Take a Stand Against Scams". This month, National Trading Standards started offering free call blockers to any person living with dementia that is currently receiving scam or nuisance calls. It's the latest initiative in the Friends Against Scams campaign launched last year to protect and prevent people from becoming victims of scams and empowering communities. Locally, OCC introduced free training and local awareness sessions, available online and face-to-face to provide people with the confidence and skills they need to identify and prevent scams. Around 100 people have now received training and some have become "SCAM Champions", which means they are now busy spreading the message and hosting their own sessions to recruit more "Friends". The campaign aims to inspire action, highlight the scale of the issue by encouraging communities and the nation to talk about scams, change the perception of why people become scam victims and prevent people from becoming or continuing to be a scam victim. More information can be found here: <http://news.oxfordshire.gov.uk/friends-against-scams-in-oxfordshire-would-you-like-to-become-a-scamchampion/>. Applications for a free call blocker for people living with dementia can be made via www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk/callblocker

SMOKE ALARM TESTING

OCC's Fire and Rescue Service are urging residents to test smoke alarms regularly. The Local Government Association warned that almost 40% of battery-powered smoke alarms failed to activate in residential fires in England in the past year. Figures show that more than a fifth of households never test their smoke alarm and one in 10 homes do not even have a smoke alarm. More information can be found here:

<http://www.365alive.co.uk/cms/content/smoke-alarms-0>

SPECIFIC REPORT FOR BRIZE NORTON PC.

