

BRIZE NORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council on Monday 9th April 2018 at
7.30 pm at The Sports Pavilion, Brize Norton

<u>1/19</u>	<p><u>PRESENT</u> Cllr Squire, Cllr Shillingford, Cllr Way, Cllr Ball, Cllr Guest, Cllr Postan, Les Goble, Alison Riseley, Kevin Haynes Bloor Homes, Kyle Anderson, Web technician</p>	<u>ACTION</u>
<u>2/19</u>	<p><u>1 – APOLOGIES</u> Cllr Field-Johnson, Cllr Campion, also absent Cllr Taylor (no reason given)</p>	
<u>3/19</u>	<p><u>2.1 - DECLARATION OF INTERESTS</u> Councillors are reminded of the need to update their register of interests.</p>	
<u>4/19</u>	<p><u>2.2 - DECLARATION OF INTERESTS</u> To declare any pecuniary and other interests on the agenda and their nature: Cllr Way - TIMMS planning application – 17/02058/FUL</p>	
<u>5/19</u>	<p><u>3 – MINUTES</u> The minutes of the meetings on Monday 5th March were agreed and signed. There was one amendment agreed and signed subject to this change suggested by Cllr Way Point 7(i) School Warning Signs Update I thought we had agreed that because we had already voted for the PC to fund the lights, the £1K donated from OCC (coming to us in June) could go towards other traffic awareness projects?</p>	Clerk to scan and post to website
<u>6/19</u>	<p><u>4.1 - PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE</u> Les Goble updated BNPC recent progress the NP steering committee and meetings with Chris Hargreaves WODC and Andrea of CFO to progress policies and village characteristics documents Les Goble has been requested to present at the next BNPC meeting a financial statement of the NP costs to date, future costs and any grants available</p>	
<u>7/19</u>	<p><u>4.2 – ANY OTHER PUBLIC MATTERS</u> Bloor Homes, Kevin Haynes attended the meeting and provided an update. His briefing was first in the public matters and also covered items pertaining to agenda item 7.1 Cllr Squire thanked Kevin Haynes for attending to provide information and update Key points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 106 agreement is with the solicitors for final draft • BNPC adoption of open space is key and if not in place in time for signing a third party management company would be appointed instead • Land purchase completion will take place by around May 30th • Archaeological excavations have started 	BNPC made it clear that they would like to be involved in discussions on details including site naming, street naming and any

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detailed planning for first 70 homes including 35% affordable is imminent • Survey work for ponds in progress • Ponds 1,2 and 3 will be completed by WODC (commuted sums) • Pond 4 will be completed by Bloor Homes • During May, Section 278 works will begin this includes access road • First house occupied around April 2019 • No detailed planning done past the first 70 homes • Next tranche of homes may be subject to provision of an Extra care block • No details regarding employment land and commercial centre yet <p>Kyle Anderson had not received a copy of the GDPR privacy policy</p>	<p>other matters relevant to the parish and its residents.</p> <p>Clerk to contact Fairford Town council and find out what influence they managed to have on a recent development</p> <p>Cllr Squire made it clear that we need to meet with WODC and Bloor Homes to explore where and how we can influence matters going forward</p> <p>Clerk or Cllr Way to provide a copy of the GDPR privacy policy to Kyle</p>
<u>8/19</u>	<p><u>5 - CHAIRMAN'S MEETINGS</u></p> <p>There have not been any chairman's meeting this month, however next month there will be a further meeting with the quarry and the chairman of Shilton Parish.</p> <p>The Chairman Councillor Squire attended a Neighbourhood planning meeting</p>	<p>Minutes to be circulated by Clerk and posted on web site</p>
<u>9/19</u>	<p><u>6 - DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORTS</u></p> <p>The report received from Cllr Nicolas Field-Johnson is attached as Appendix D.</p> <p>Cllr Field-Johnson was unable to attend the meeting</p> <p>Cllr Postan. Presented limited updates and information due to the current efforts being directed towards May's elections.</p>	<p>Letter from clerk to Cllr F-J every month listing road issues in parish. Cllr Shillingford questioned the value of this on the basis that the roads in the village had deteriorated significantly</p>

		following our update letters
<u>10/19</u>	<p><u>7.1 – S106 & OPEN SPACES AGREEMENT UPDATE</u></p> <p>1) We will need to approve and sign the attached Open Space Agreement. I have asked the Solicitors how they propose to do this formally.</p> <p>2) We need to get our plan for engaging with the Bloor Team agreed and underway.</p> <p>We will need a formal section in the agenda for the 9/04 meeting as follows:</p> <p><u>West Brize Norton Housing Development Planning Application 14/0091/P/OP</u></p> <p>With the signing of the S106 associated with the above Planning Application and the Planning Approval BNPC is requested to consider and approve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the signature of the final draft of the Open Space Agreement. • the Terms of Reference developed in response to Minute 330/18 of the BNPC Meeting held on 5/03/2018. I would like to think that Ben will Propose this • The creation of the Working Party in line with the Terms of Reference. . 	<p>Cllr Squire to progress with (Bloor Homes and) Savills to enquire as to progress.</p> <p>Cllr Squire proposed that we sign the 106 agreement as soon as it is available, seconded by Cllr Shillingford and agreed unanimously</p>
<u>11/19</u>	<p><u>7.2 – BRIZE (WEST) DETAILED PLANNING WORKING GROUP</u></p>	<p>Cllr Champion, to prepare ‘Terms of Reference’ to present at the next council meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Champion’s proposal for the detailed planning steering group was accepted, proposed by Cllr Squire, seconded by Cllr Way and agreed unanimously</p> <p>Cllr Champion to initiate the meetings with Phil Shaw WODC and Bloor Homes</p>

<u>12/19</u>	<u>7.3 – GRANGE BARN UPDATE</u>	Held over to next council meeting
<u>13/19</u>	<u>7.4 – PAUPERS PLOT</u>	Cllr Shillingford to investigate further and obtain copies of documentation including constitution and any other official papers
<u>14/19</u>	<u>7.5 - VILLAGE HANDYMAN POSITION VACANT</u> Kyle Anderson has resigned as village handyman, but it was agreed unanimously that he should remain as web technician	Unanimous vote that Kyle remains as web technician Cllr Guest to review requirements for the job and look at the previous job description for the village handyman role and liaise with Cllr Squire to get the vacancy advertised
<u>15/19</u>	<u>7.6– PRE SCHOOL FENCE/ ELDERBANK HALL</u> Cllr Taylor has discussed with Diane Davies regarding the Elderbank Hall committee meeting, specifically the pre-school fence. Request minutes and provide finance report. Cllr Way and Cllr Ball to attend Elderbank Hall meeting on Tuesday 24th April at 7.30 pm followed by AGM at 8.00 pm.	Elderbank Hall fence painting request to be carried forward to next meeting for further action Cllr Way and Cllr Ball
<u>16/19</u>	<u>7.7 – VILLAGE SPEED WATCH</u> Cllr Ball will update the council on issues regarding the speed watch and subsequent funding required. Cllr Ball explained that the community speed watch is ready to go and just requires a speed gun £180 and at least 3 people trained up in the village. We currently have just 3 volunteers but probably need more for safety. Possibility of sharing cost of speed gun with other villages (Black Bourton for example)	Clerk to advertise for more volunteers on notice boards and social media. Cllr Ball will approach the

	Cllr Way volunteered herself for training.	School for volunteers Will vote next meeting
<u>17/19</u>	<u>7.8– BATTLE’S OVER: CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS</u> Cllr Shillingford confirmed progress is being made on the Village Bash, the Horticultural show and Beacon and that there we were still open to new ideas especially from residents that which to organise and help as well.	
<u>18/19</u>	<u>7.9 – SSE COMMUNITIES FUNDING (APPLICATION) & EMERGENCY PLAN</u> Cllr Way investigated this and is compiling a list of resources that could be useful in an emergency situation. A whole list of items was discussed including Tables and chairs, socket for power, PA systems, bins and update to facilities in the Elderbank Hall. Apparently, we still have a toilet labelled as invalid rather than disabled Cllr Ball stated that none of the emergency services refer to this as an “Emergency Response” Plan. They now call it a “Major Incident Plan” and over the past couple of years something called “JESIP” has been developed (it stands for Joint Emergency Service Interoperability Protocol). Whilst this protocol is mainly focused around the Emergency Services it also places roles, responsibilities and expectations around County, District and Parishes in the event of a “Major Incident”. In the light of this the Council may wish to investigate the correct procedure/ legalities with a view to creating a more up-to-date document.	Cllr Way to follow up with list for the Clerk to submit
<u>19/19</u>	<u>7.10 – DOG FOULING PROGRESS</u> The clerk has contacted WODC (28.3.18) who have not yet replied since the initial response on 29.3.18. Mr Cockbill stated that since it was the end of the financial year it might take a few weeks to source all the elements needed and would be in touch. Does the clerk need to contact WODC to withdraw savings from the held account? Please can the clerk have a copy of the map with the current dog waste bins so that the map and request list could be passed onto WODC to support our argument.	This subject has been discussed on numerous occasions and it was agreed we need to provide the process for prosecuting dog owners and post it on our web site/ Clerk to arrange this

<p><u>20/19</u></p>	<p><u>7.11 – SCHOOL WARNING SIGNS PROGRESS</u> Clerk has sent an e-mail (20/3/18) whose response (21/3/18) was circulated to the council advising them that the School warning signs have been ordered, but may take several weeks to gather all the items and schedule the work as things are particularly busy just at the moment with end of financial year. The clerk has advised Mr Cockbill that the council would like to pay by cheque at the appropriate time.</p> <p>Does the clerk need to contact WODC to withdraw savings from the held account?</p>	<p>It was agreed to go ahead with this at the last meeting</p>
<p><u>21/19</u></p>	<p><u>7.12 – CASTLE WATER BILL</u> The clerk has chosen either Affinity Water to transfer to from 30th April/ 1st May 2018</p>	<p>Agreed Proposed Cllr Shillingford seconded Cllr Ball and approved unanimously</p>
<p><u>22/19</u></p>	<p><u>8 – PLANNING</u> No new applications (see attached Appendix A). There was one planning item discussed TIMMS planning application – 17/02058/FUL</p> <p>Cllr Squire suggested a form of words that was proposed by him, seconded by Cllr Ball and carried by a majority vote. The basis of the response is that “BNPC have no objection as long as there is adequate washing and toilet facilities”</p>	<p>Clerk to draft a response</p>
<p><u>23/19</u></p>	<p><u>9 – FINANCE</u> Consider payments to be made (see attached Appendix B).</p>	<p>Payments were approved, Clerk to document details as list was not included in our documents withheld cheque for grass cutting, Cllr Ball to follow this up</p>
<p><u>24/19</u></p>	<p><u>10 – CORRESPONDENCE</u> Consider other correspondence during this month (see attached Appendix C).</p>	<p>No Action</p>
<p><u>25/19</u></p>	<p><u>COUNCILLORS REPORTS</u></p> <p>A) Cllr Way would like to donate £50 to WI to cover refreshments at the community event. Approved – clerk to prepare cheque in May after Elections as per previous years.</p> <p>B) Cllr Way questioned the state of the bus shelters which should be included as an agenda item next time</p>	<p><u>ACTION</u> Clerk to prepare a cheque for the next meeting</p>
<p><u>26/19</u></p>	<p><u>ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA</u> Cllr Way questioned the state of the bus shelters which should be included as an agenda item next time</p>	

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There being no further business the chairman declared the meeting closed at **9.30** pm.

Date of next ordinary meeting **Monday 14th May 2018** in **The Pavillion** at **7.30 pm**

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APPENDIX A - PLANNING APPLICATIONS 22/19:

Monthly Correspondence – 1 to 28 February 2018

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

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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
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
17/00699/OUT APP/D3125/W/17/3184787	C/O Agent west1@pins.gsi.gov.uk In writing (please send 5 copies): 3P Kite Wing Temple Quay House 2 The Square Bristol BS1 6PN	Outline application (all matters reserved except access) for up to 115 residential dwellings (C3 Use Class), up to 100 sqm charity office space (B1 Use Class), extension to Country Park and associated landscape enhancements. 22nd February 2018 Appeal in Progress

PLANNING DECISIONS:

18/00564/FUL	Mr David Moore	Erection of eighty dwellings and associated works, provision of country park land West of Swinbrook Road, Carterton Application withdrawn Monday 12th March 2108
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APPENDIX B - FINANCES 23/19:

ORDERS FOR PAYMENT:

101237	170.60	Shillbrook Stationery	Newsletter printed
101238	164.29	OALC membership	Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils
101239	30	Mr Les Goble	Reimburse for NP in BN Primary school
101240	42.00	OPFA	Oxfordshire Playing Fields Association subscription
101241	735.44	WODC	October 17 grass cutting
101242	522.40	Kyle Anderson	March Wages including back pay (amended website pay and holiday pay for 2017-8 (no NI deducted)
101243	642.00	Alison Riseley	March Wages including holiday pay
	3206.73	Total	

PAYMENTS RECEIVED

		Total	

APPENDIX C - CORRESPONDENCE 24/19:

OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) CFO invoice enquiry
- b) HMRC invoice enquiry
- c) WODC grass cutting invoice enquiry
- d) Allotment cheque (G Parish)
- e) Allotment cheque (A Spicer)
- f) allotment cheque (J Borland)
- g) allotment cheque (Howell)

E-MAILS CIRCULATED IN MONTH

Civic voice – 6/3, 22/3

CPRE –

HMRC 1/3, 2/3, 3/3, 4/3, 7/3, 8/3, 12/3, 13/3, 15/3, 16/3, 19/3, 20/3, 23/3, 24/3, 27/3, 28/3

ICO newsletter – 1/3

Oxfordshire Community and Voluntary Action – 1/3, 12/3, 15/3 (→ WW)

Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group – Talking Health - 3/3, 9/3, 22/3, 23/3 (→ WW)

PCS – UK – 5/3, 8/3, /3

PSE – 1/3, 2/3, 2/3, 5/3, 8/3, 9/3, 13/3, 13/3, 15/3, 16/3, 16/3, 19/3, 22/3, 26/3 (not circulated)

PST – 9/3, 28/3, /3, (not circulated)

PSN – 13/3, 20/3, /3 (not circulated)

PULSE – /3, /3

Police and Crime Commissioner – /3

Rural Services weekly update (not circulated) - 3/3, 4/3, 13/3, 19/3, 26/3

Rural services seminar-, Rural opportunities - 7/3, Rural Youth - 12/3, Rural Vulnerability 28/3 (not circulated),

Wychwood Forest Project - 1/3, 27/3

- 1/3 Andrew Smith – Press release
- 1/3 Garry Griffin – Newsletter final copy
- 1/3 Emergency Planning – Adverse Weather Conditions
- 1/3 Carol MacKay – SSE communities funding
- 1/3 Local Council Public Advisory Service
- 1/3 Les Goble – community rights
- 1/3 Post Expert
- 1/3 Sara Long – bin collections cancelled
- 1/3 RBS
- 2/3 Local Council Public Advisory Service
- 2/3 Active Places newsletter
- 2/3 Town and Parish Councils
- 2/3 Ben Campion – footpath 143/7
- 2/3 OALC – new subscription
- 2/3 Louise Ellison-Newton –
- 3/3 Twitter
- 3/3 Tom Wattleworth – Local Fitness Class (↔)
- 3/3 Nicholas-Field – summons & report (→ all)
- 3/3 Les Goble – WODC meeting (→ all)
- 4/3 Hanna Bathe - complaint
- 4/3 Kyle – uploading items
- 5/3 Cllr Harvey – Oxfordshire dispute Resolution Guide
- 5/3 Sara Long – Press release
- 5/3 Les Goble – Duff printer
- 5/3 Ben Campion - BNSSC water leak
- 5/3 OALC – letter to Oxfordshire Councils re: Cllr Harvey
- 5/3 Twitter
- 5/3 Paul Bremble – Fire and Rescue
- 6/3 Les Goble - letters
- 6/3 Tim Gush – Pavilion flood
- 7/3 Rob Dance – quarry meeting
- 7/3 Sue Lakin - Cottsway
- 7/3 Campaigns (Corp Comms) – Thames Valley Police
- 7/3 Andrew Smith – press release – Community Arts Schemes
- 7/3 Les Goble – School Warning signs/ NP Cost analysis/
- 7/3 Garry Griffin – Parish News
- 8/3 Daisy Clark
- 8/3 Andrew Smith – Press Release – Garden Waste collections
- 8/3 Keep Britain Tidy – Spring Clean

8/3 Twitter
 8/3 RAF Brize Norton Airspace
 8/3 London/ Oxford Airport
 8/3 Lili Nagy (↔)
 9/3 James Wain - update
 9/3 Fred Bellenger - SSE allotment
 9/3 Local Council Public Advisory Service – LCPS – GDPR Pack 2 out
 9/3 Robert Courts MP - newsletter
 10/3 Kyle Anderson – pay cheque
 11/3 Twitter
 11/3 J & J Holtom – new e-mail
 11/3 Fred Bellenger – SSE allotment
 12/3 Sue Calcutt – Parish news
 12/3 Linda Allport – Pavillion Flood
 12/3 Miranda Clark – AK TIMMS
 12/3 Tim Gush – Pavillion Flood
 13/3 Oxford Health – Nominations for Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust
 13/3 OALC – Cllr Harvey
 13/3 Les Goble – Neighbourhood Plan
 13/3 James Stevens – SSE Cabling in the allotments
 13/3 Sue Lakin – Cottsway – phone call
 14/3 Phil Holmes - address
 14/3 Judith Puddle - address
 14/3 OALC – finance training
 15/3 Tim Gush - Pavillion
 15/3 Les Goble – Community First Oxfordshire payment (→LG)
 15/3 Alison Watmore – Zurich Claim Form (→ Tim Gush)
 16/3 Sport England – Active Places
 16/3 Mark Watson – BBC Radio Oxford (→ all)
 16/3 Rachel Livingstone – LOST rights of way (→ LG, WW)
 16/3 Sara Long – Press Release – business centre
 16/3 Fred Bellenger – Spring Allotment meeting (←)
 19/3 Rob Dance – Shilton & BN PC meeting dates
 19/3 Carys Davies – Press release New AGP opportunities
 20/3 David Cuthbertson – Quarry meeting (→PS)
 20/3 Fred Bellenger – Spring allotment meeting (←)
 20/3 **Banijay – Big Things Project**
 21/3 Alan Cockbill – School Warning Signs (→ all)
 21/3 OCC – March’s Oxfordshire Matters
 21/3 Policing in the Thames Valley - (→AB)
 21/3 OCC – Planning approval for Burford Quarry
 22/3 Andrew Thompson – West Oxfordshire Local Plan Update March 2018
 22/3 Keith Butler – Notice of Election: District and Town/ Parish Council Elections Thursday 3rd May
 23/3 Cris Hoad Alvescot PC – GPDR (←)

- 24/3 Julie Hyland – allotment meeting (←)
- 24/3 Carolyn Peach – Wages & Holiday pay
- 24/3 Tim Gush – BNS&SC flood & insurance (←)
- 24/3 Fix My Street - updates
- 24/3 Fred Bellenger – Paupers plot (→ all)
- 24/3 Keith Glazier – Paupers plot (→ all)
- 25/3 Simon Morris – allotment agenda items (←)
- 25/3 Hannah Gush – Pre-school fence (←)
- 26/3 Tania Mustoe – BN allotments (←)
- 26/3 OALC – New Edition of Governance and Accountability and more on GDPR
- 26/3 OALC - New Edition of Governance and Accountability and more on GDPR updated
- 26/3 Nicholas Field-Johnson – minutes of the March meeting (←)
- 26/3 Robert Courts - newsletter
- 27/3 Oxon Sa – Notice to submit your authorities Return (Moore Stephens)
- 27/3 Lisa Thorne – Road safety and speeding (→all)
- 27/3 Ann Tyldesley – Filkins clerk
- 27/3 Les Goble -School Presentations (→all)
- 27/3 Keith Butler – Notice of Election
- 28/3 Suzanne Barton – re: fundraising (→all)
- 28/3 Emma Awino – grass cutting invoice
- 28/3 Westminster briefing
- 28/3 Janet Borland – allotment meeting
- 28/3 WODC – Dog waste complaint
- 28/3 Les Goble – Community First, Oxon
- 28/3 Chris Cummins – plot 13CD
- 29/3 Naomi Stewart – Salford university
- 29/3 Wei Wei Hu – Brize Norton end of Year accounts
- 29/3 Kyle Anderson – timesheet and notice (→PS)
- 29/3 Sara Long – Register to vote
- 29/3 OALC – March update
- 29/3 enquiries@WODC – dog waste bins
- 29/3 Andrew Smith WODC – Council Tax (→all)
- 29/3 Carolyn Peach – Parachute Drops (→all)
- 30/3 Graham Clare – allotment meeting
- 30/3 Active Places – newsletter April 2018
- 31/3 Kellie Oakes – Brize Norton allotment
- 31/3 Nicolas Field-Johnson – April meeting
- 31/3 Jessie Bushnell – fundraising event

(↔) = ongoing discussion or linked communication

(→) = forwarded to relevant contact

(←) = replied

BANK BALANCE	£
Current a/c balance at 17th February 2018	13,829.78
Total order for payments in March	<u>2372.47</u>
Total receipts in March	<u> </u>
Bank balance at 16th March 2018 (after payments)	10,710.45
WODC investment	29,700.00
Total funds at 16th March 2018	40,410.45

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APPENDIX D - REPORT TO BRIZE NORTON PARISH COUNCIL APRIL 2018 **FROM CLLR NICHOLAS FIELD-JOHNSON: 9/19**

GENERAL OCC REPORT

GOVERNMENT MINISTER SIGNS £215M GROWTH DEAL FOR OXFORDSHIRE

Housing Minister Dominic Raab visited Heyford Park near Bicester last month to sign a deal to deliver a £215m investment in transport infrastructure and affordable housing in Oxfordshire. The Minister met Councillor Yvonne Constance, the county council's Cabinet Member for Environment and Economy. The deal was signed by all six members of the Oxfordshire Growth Board: Oxfordshire County Council, Oxford City Council, Cherwell District Council, West Oxfordshire District Council, Vale of White Horse District Council and South Oxfordshire District Council. March also saw the Oxfordshire Growth Board announce the first year of projects to be funded by an initial release of £30m for infrastructure projects as part of the Deal agreement. Government road money is for major improvements and cannot be used for day-to-day maintenance, but the investment will help to improve the overall standard of the road network.

HOUSING INFRASTRUCTURE FUND (HIF)

On 21 March the Government announced 44 bids which have made it through to stage 2 of its Housing Infrastructure Fund (HIF) to fund major infrastructure projects. Two of the three HIF bids submitted by OCC last autumn on behalf of Oxfordshire made it through and will now progress to a co-development stage:

Didcot Garden Town – £171m is sought for transport improvements including a Didcot Science Bridge and A4130 dual carriageway, a new river crossing at Culham and Clifton Hampden Bypass. This would support the delivery of over 22,000 homes in Didcot, Culham, Harwell and Berinsfield. Additionally, up to £70m of cycle and other sustainable transport improvements are proposed for inclusion in the bid plan.

West Oxfordshire Garden Village – £135m is sought for further upgrades to the A40, building on existing schemes and based on the approved A40 Long Term Strategy including development of the Rapid Transit network and additional highway capacity on A40 transport corridor. This would support the delivery of over 10,000 homes in Witney & Carterton, and around Eynsham.

Detailed business plans will now be developed for the £300 million of transport infrastructure investment behind these two bids. The Growth Board partners expect to hear this autumn whether or not the two bids going through have ultimately succeeded.

COUNCILLOR PRIORITY FUND

As announced in last month's report, all Oxfordshire County Councillors now have a £15k budget to allocate to highways or community projects within their parishes.

POTHOLE FUND BOOSTED TO REPAIR ROADS AFTER WINTER DAMAGE

Central Government has announced that local roads badly affected by recent winter weather will benefit from a further £100 million to help repair any potholes and other storm damage, Transport Secretary Chris Grayling announced on 26 March. Nationally, this money will help repair almost 2 million potholes as well as help protect the roads from any future severe weather. This is on top of the £75 million in government funding already given to councils from the Pothole Action Fund this year, as well as the additional £46 million boost for highways authorities announced just before Christmas. Around 7 million potholes across the UK will be filled due to this money, announced in the 2016 Budget. Oxfordshire's share of these funds comes to nearly £3m.