	BRIZE NORTON PARISH COUNCIL Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of the Parish Council on Monday 2nd 7.30 pm at The Sports Pavilion, Brize Norton	d July 2018 at
56/19	PRESENT Cllr Shillingford, Cllr Way, Cllr Ball, Cllr Goble, Cllr Squire, Cllr Campion, Cllr Postan, Cllr Field-Johnson, Alison Riseley - clerk, Cllr Gush	<u>ACTION</u>
	Ms Verena Hunt, Ms. Barbara Edmunds, Mr. Stuart Collett	,
<u>57/19</u>	1 – APOLOGIES	
58/19	2.1 – CO-OPT NEW COUNCILLOR Mrs Hannah Gush to be considered for co-option onto the council. The council voted whether to co-opt her.	
	Cllr Way proposed and Cllr Squire seconded. Motion was passed unanimously and Mrs Hannah Gush was welcomed onto Brize Norton Parish Council.	
59/18	2.2 – CLLR GUSH TO COMPLETE CODE OF CONDUCT AND REGISTER OF MEMBERS INTEREST Cllr Gush completed the prepared code of conduct and register of member's interest.	Clerk to send forms off to Keith Butler at WODC
60/19	3.1 - DECLARATION OF INTEREST There were no further declarations of interest from the councillors.	
61/19	3.2 – TO DELCLARE ANY PECUINARY OR OTHER INTEREST There were no further declarations of pecuniary or other interest from the councillors.	
62/19	4 – MINUTES The minutes of the meeting on Monday 4 th June were agreed and signed. Cllr Squire proposed and Cllr Ball seconded. Motion passed. The Chairman signed the minutes.	Clerk to scan and post to website



63/19	5 – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION 5.1 Traffic on Burford Road Ms Hunt thanked the council for their swift action to the ATC's which are installed at two points at Burford Road. She questioned why they were so close together, but Cllr Ball has already contacted the company to move one further into the 60 zone. One had broken, and the company informed, but Mr Collett fixed it in the meantime.	
64/19	6 – RECORDS OF CHAIRMAN'S MEETINGS	
	1) Extra-ordinary meeting on Friday 15 th June. Draft minutes to go on to the website. Councillors to approve at the next meeting.	Cllr Way to send draft copy to Kyle to put onto website.
	Next meetings TBC - meeting with CTC	Clerk to suggest
	Town and Parish Meeting at WODC building on 23 rd July.	dates for Cllr Shillingford and
	19th July Codes of Conduct course at WODC at 5pm for Cllr Shillingford, Cllr Way and Clerk.	Cllr Way to meet with CTC
65/19	7 – DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORTS	Cllr Postan to
	Cllr Postan spoke about speed and traffic BN to be invited to open meeting with Carterton and Minster Lovell to apply for 20mph speed limits.	send Shilton Traffic survey to Clerk.
	Local Plan to be delayed by another two months.	
	New administration in the district council. Cllr Postan has been voted as Vice- Chair.	
	Cllr Field-Johnson's report was circulated and discussed, (see Appendix D)	Letter to Cllr Field-Johnson regarding
	Weight limit to be trialled for one month through Minster Lovell. The councillors were unhappy with this as it was generally felt that the heavy traffic would therefore find it way through Brize Norton Village. Despite assurances that this would not happen he admitted that the traffic modelling was inconclusive.	concerns with traffic. Response required.
		Cllr F-J to send contact details of Transport

		Minister to Clerk.	
66/19	8.1 – BURFORD ROAD SURVEYS		
	Cllr Ball informed the council that two ATC's have been positioned along Burford Road.		
,	Cllr Goble has communicated that the ATC's are positioned very close together, one within the 30 mph zone and one just outside, and suggested that this might not give an accurate impression of the speed reached further along within the D-restriction zone.		
	The clerk informed Cllr Ball that one of the rubber tubes of the ATC by the white parish gates has come off the road and questioned the authenticity of the information retained.	Cllr Ball to contact the company to rectify.	
	Cllr Ball has requested the company move the second one further into the 60 zone and along a straight section. Data should be displayed to show week days and weekends.		
	Thanks to Cllr Ball for his rapid action in this matter.		
67/19	8.2 – GRASS CUTTING		
	Cllr Ball reported that Mr Glazier met with his contact within UBICO and walked him around the village to define the scope of the areas which need cutting and which need cutting and collecting. The areas were agreed.	Clerk to send grass cutting	
	Cllr Ball has approached two different companies - Oxford City Council, another gentleman in Faringdon, for quotes for grass cutting. Suggestion to also ask WODC (for another up-to-date quote) and McCracken.	document to Cllr Ball.	
	Further discussion to held at a later date when we have more information.		
68/19	8.3 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE		
	Cllr Goble has a meeting with Thames Valley Environmental Record Centre on Thursday, 18 th July 2018		
	Landscape Character Assessment - two companies quoted. One more to be obtained.		



	The Village Character Assessment is underway, with members of the committee being active around the village in the next month.	
69/19	8.4 – SPORTS FIELD LEASE	
	Two copies of the final document were sent to the Clerk this week and passed to Cllr Shillingford. Cllr Shillingford and Cllr Squire have signed and passed to the clerk to send back to Cairo Nichols. It is unlikely they will lease from over 20 years as the Secretary of State would have to sign. Subject to Undertaking, they may renew lease.	Clerk to return signed contracts to Cairo Nichols. Clerk to prepare a letter to go to Will Benbow at Savills. Cllr Squire to forward e-mail. ASAP
70/19	8.5 – WEST BRIZE NORTON UPDATE ON DEVELOPMENT PLANS Chris Shaw (Bloor Homes) has been the point of contact with the Parish Council and after a seemingly successful initial meeting received a list of points has been liaising with the Parish Council. However, since then, the council has received no further response nor has he responded to e-mails or phone calls. The plans have now been published, but all the items of concerns raised have been ignored. Suspicion that plans were pre-prepared, but not amended on the back of the discussion. The council questioned what was the purpose of meeting the representatives from the council if he was not interested in responding to further discussions or making amendments based on suggestions? Main issues are	Planning office – extension of one month. Key members absent and extension required. To respond properly. Cllrs Squire and Campion to approach Kevin Haynes to reopen
	 parking. Plans show a mirror of Shilton Park, so there will be limited on street parking. This leads to problems with two-direction traffic and therefore traffic flow. footpath system, no consideration about the fact they are Carterton facing 	conversation.
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71/19	8.6 – MONAHAN WAY TOUCAN CROSSINGS Cllr Goble has prepared a response to Mr Christian Mauz at OCC regarding the proposed Toucan Crossing on Monahan Way. Cllr Goble and the Clerk have drafted a suggested reply. Council to discuss points raised and edit letter.	Cllr Goble to finish letter and clerk to send letter to Mr Christian Mauz. Delay response of 20th July cc. any WODC correspondence to Cllr Field-Johnson.
72/19	8.7 – VILLGE HANDYMAN POSITION Cllr Ball and the Clerk interviewed Mr Terry Hinchley on Tuesday 26 th June. Cllr Ball reported his views on the applicant and recommended that he be offered the position. The council discussed the wages to be offered. It was advised that the post would require around 10 hours a week. A contract should be prepared for £9.50 p/h Cllr Campion proposed and Cllr Goble seconded. The motion was passed.	Clerk to prepare a contract for the handyman position. Cllr Ball to check and amend contract. Clerk to write pensions Include agreement and job description in a single package.
73/19	8.8 – POPPY BOMBING Cllr Shillingford informed the council that this has been started in preparation for the Ride of Respect on Sunday. The clerk has posted images onto Facebook and Twitter to encourage local participation and support for this venture.	Cllr Gush to research engraving/ ground spike/ or alternative of 18 servicemen letter from the Primary School.



	The Chairman requested the council find a way of preserving the letters	Cllr Ball may
	from the Primary School regarding the 18 servicemen remembered through the trees and stone on the Recreation Ground.	also have a contact.
74/19	8.9 – PARKING ON MANOR ROAD The clerk has received a complaint from Mrs Elsmore regarding the parking on Manor Road. There are up to 6 cars parked close to the cottages, making passing and use of the pavement difficult and dangerous for pedestrians.	Clerk to write a 'friendly letter' to residents to park so that you can get a pushchair or wheel chair through.
75/19	8.10 – RoSPA INSPECTION OF THE PLAYGROUND The Clerk informed the Council that she has received communication from RoSPA regarding the inspection of the playground equipment on the Rec. This is due to happen in August. If anyone would like to meet the inspector, it will cost an additional £40.	Some councillors expressed an interest in accompanying the inspector. Clerk to enquire about dates. Clerk to check accts to see if Cllrs have accompanied in the past.
76/19	8.11 – CILCA TRAINING FOR THE CLERK On acceptance of the clerk position the council offered the clerk training and a certificate of qualification. On inspection of courses NALC offer a CiLCA course Level 2. Filkins Council are also interested in training and sharing the cost. It is £250 for the training course and £250 for the mentoring. The Clerk advised the council that next year her work hours have changed ensuring additional time for study/ council work. Cllr Campion proposed and Cllr Goble seconded. Motion passed.	
77/19	8.12 – THE NEWSLETTER The Clerk would like to further suggest that groups that promote community spirit in Brize Norton Village have the opportunity to	Clerk to send initial precursor

	contribute to the newsletter. This is not aimed at Advertising, but an	e-mail to enquire
	endorsement of special events designed for the entertainment of the local residents.	of interest.
	Suggestions could be: Crocodiles of the World The Mason's Arms The Chequers	
	Sports groups using the Rec or Elderbank Hall or BNPS, specifically the Brownies BNS&SC football or cricket teams to inform about fixtures or results.	
	Cllr Campion also suggested that businesses in Viscount Court and Timms could also have the opportunity to contribute (but not advertise)	
<u>78/19</u>	9 – PLANNING	
	There are two further planning applications. (see attached Appendix A).	
	No comment to 18/01801/HHD	Clerk to prepare letter
	18/01539/RES delay response by a month.	Clerk to communicate with WODC regarding extension to the deadline.
79/19	10.1 – FINANCE Consider payments to be made (see attached Appendix B).	Payments were approved.
80/19	10.2 – TO REVIEW AND SIGN THE ANNUAL GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN 2017-2018 (PART 2)	Clerk to contact Moore-Stephens
	The Clerk has received the accounts from Crescent Accounting in Carterton for the Internal Audit.	regarding submission of documents for external audit.
81/19	9.3 TO AGREE ZURICH INSURANCE DOCUMENTS	Clerk to
	The clerk has circulated the council's insurance documents.	communicate with Came and
	Study Zurich insurance for details.	Co to compare insurance prices.
	Cllr Ball proposed, Cllr Way seconded it. Motion passed.	priosition priosition



		The clerk to contact Zurich and accept documents. raise a cheque for submission at the next council meeting.
82/19	WITNEY LIONS GAME AT THE BASH	
	Mr Arthur Harold communicated with the clerk to see if he could trial his 'Play Your Cards Right' at the Village Bash.	Accept offer but ask how much space he needs. Clerk to contact Lauren Jacobs
83/19	10 – CORRESPONDENCE Consider other correspondence during this month (see attached Appendix C).	No Action
84/19	 ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA Cllr Gush Forest School for Pre-School low picketed fence, behind tennis court. Clerk to send a letter to the owners of Mrs Brown's Field asking for improvement to the state of the field. As it is a right of way, which needs to maintained. Long term management plan Cllr Campion to contact Willow Farm to see if they have cleared the fields for the Public right of Way Cllr Way standing orders Cllr Goble – NP Cllr Goble – Toucan Crossings Cllr Goble – Speed Cushions on Station Road Cllr Campion West BN to Cllr Squire & Cllr Shilingford Cllr Campion – BNS&SC Cllr Goble – Village Character Assessement. Clerk – Tim Gush Taps and Doors Cllr Squire – planning Cllr Squire – planning (Cllr Ball – bus shelter quotes) No additional items identified. 	

There being no further business the chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.45 pm.

Date of next ordinary meeting Monday 6th August 2018 in The Pavillion at 7.30 pm

APPENDIX A -PLANNING 78/19:

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

18/01539/RES	Mr Chris Shaw	Reserved Matters application for Phase 1A
	Land East of Monahan	comprising of 77 dwellings with associated
	Way Carterton	landscaping, highway, drainage and infrastructure.
14/0091/P/OP		Development comprising up to 700 houses, an
		employment area of 1.5 hectares (use classes B1 and
		B8, together with car showroom use which is sui
		generis), a local centre of 1 hectare (use classes A1
		to A5, B1(a), C1, C2, C3, D1 and D2), a primary
		school with a site of 2.2 hectares, playing fields,
		allotments, informal open space, landscaping,
		drainage improvements and associated engineering
		works such as highways, cycleways and footways.
		Registered: 23rd May 2018
		Respond by 4 th July
18/01801/HHD	Mr And Mrs Hunter	Removal of existing conservatory and replace with
	3 Honeyham Close	new single storey extension to form a
	Brize Norton Carterton	sunroom/garden room.
		Registered: 13th June 2018
		Respond by 17th July 2018.

PENDING PLANNING DECISIONS

17/01394/FUL	Lagan Homes (agent	Erection of 41-44 residential dwellings to include up to
	West Waddy LLP)	45% affordable homes, new access and associated
	Land south Upper	works (Amended Plans)
	Haddon	Under consideration
	Station Road	
	Brize Norton	
17/02058/FUL	A Timms	Change of use of part of builder's merchants yard to
	80-82 Station Road	café
	Brize Norton	Awaiting Decision

PLANNING DECISIONS:



16/02588/OUT -	Mr and Mrs Kinch	Residential development of up to 85 dwellings
(sent through by	Land West of Minster	together with a new vehicular access onto Burford
Minster Lovell PC)	Lovell	Road (B4047), footpath links, areas of public open
		space, children's play area, landscaping and land for
		potential burial ground (means of access only).
		Approve subject to Legal Agreement Tuesday 8th
		<u>May</u>
18/01157/S73	Mr Colin Goodgame	
Variation of	Painswick House	Variation of Condition 2 of Planning Permission
Condition 2 of	Carterton Road	17/02087/FUL to allow the erection of first floor
Planning Permission	Brize Norton	balcony on rear elevation
17/02087/FUL		Approve Thursday 21st June

APPENDIX B - FINANCE 79/19:

ORDERS FOR PAYMENT:

101257	144.35	Shillbrook Stationers	newsletter
101258	25.00	Les Goble	Rights of Way: Restoring the Record (book)
101259	59.52	5 A's tool hire	Shredder & petrol
101260	40.00	ICO	membership
101261	76.74	Kyle Anderson	June Wages
101262	395.00	Alison Riseley	June Wages
101263	12.95	Alison Riseley	Carterton Cobblers engraving on chain of office
101264	761.18	WODC	Grounds Maintenance cutting 1/8
	1,438	TOTAL	

PAYMENTS RECEIVED

11/06/2018	97.6	BNS&SC	Elderbank Hall Water reimbursement March
	97.60	Total	

BANK BALANCE £

Current a/c balance at 19th May 2018 17,663.96

Total order for payments in June 1,514.74

Total receipts in June 97.60

Bank balance at 18th June 2018 (after payments) 16,880.64

WODC investment 29,700.00

APPENDIX C - CORRESPONDENCE 83/19:

46,580.64

OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE:

Total funds at 18th June 2018

- a) WODC planning
- b) Barclays Bank statement
- c) Payman forms
- d)
- e)

E-MAILS CIRCULATED IN MONTH

Civic voice - 12/6, 20/6, 25/6

CPRE -

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Healthwatch Oxfordshire − 15/6 (→ WW)

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ICO newsletter - /6
Oxfordshire Community and Voluntary Action – 21/6, /6, /6, /6, /6 (\rightarrow WW)
Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group – Talking Health - 8/6, 29/6, (> WW)
PCS - UK - 12/6, 26/6, /6
PSE - 8/6, 8/6, 12/6, 12/6, 13/6, 14/6, 15/6, 15/6, 18/6, 20/6, 21/6, 22/6, 22/6, 25/6, 26/6. 27/6, 29/6,
29/6, (not circulated)
PST - 15/6, (not circulated)
PSN - 13/6, (not circulated)
PULSE -
Police and Crime Commissioner -
Rural Services weekly update (not circulated) - 4/6, 11/6, 18/6, 25/6, /6
Rural services seminar-, Rural opportunities - 5/6, Rural Housing - /6, Rural Vulnerability 27/6Rural
Conference 9/6 (not circulated), Webinar 4/6, Older People - 20/6, Seminar - 25/6
Twitter - 2/6, 11/6, 14/6, 15/6, 18/6, 20/6, 22/6, 23/6, 25/6,
Wychwood Forest Project - 6/6,
1/6
1/6
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2/6
        Robert Courts - newsletter
2/6
        Nicolas Field-Johnson - OCC report for meeting
3/6
        Diane Davies - Newletter
4/6
        Ron Spurs
4/6
        WODC - Planning Burford Quarry
4/6
        Oxfordshire Playing Fields
4/6
        Terry Hinchly - Village Handyman
5/6
        Bob Hounslow - Parish News
5/6
        WODC - Planning Burford Quarry
        Carolyn Peach - Village Big Bash Meeting
6/6
6/6
       Sue Calcutt - Brize WI
6/6
        Sue Wilson - Emergency Planning
6/6
        Kay Linnington - Emergency Planning
       Sue Hunt – CFO AGM invitation
6/6
6/6
       Women in Local Government
6/6
       WODC - Planning Burford Quarry
6/6
       OALC - The Clerks Year
7/6
       Active Places Data - Sport England
7/6
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Lorraine Horne - The Oxfordshire Museum

- 7/6 LCPAC Support Service
- 7/6 ICO
- 7/6 Verena Hunt Travellers
- 7/6 Goring Heath PC
- 8/6 Carol McKay Emergency Planning apology
- 8/6 Peter Gammond OCC -Travellers
- 8/6 Alan Mollere verge Grass cutting
- 8/6 Karen Jefferies grass cutting
- 9/6 Zurich insurance renewal
- 10/6 Diane Davies water meter reading
- 10/6 Phillip butcher grass verges mowing
- 10/6 Alan Brodie Fr Frank Watts
- 11/6 ICO Data Protection fee
- 11/6 Keith butler co-opting a councillor
- 11/6 Sue Calcutt Parish Newsletter
- 11/6 Keith Glazier Burford Quarry Planning
- 11/6 Keith Butler Code of Conduct Training
- 11/6 Carolyn Peach Fr Frank Watts
- 11/6 Tim Gush RAF BN Parachute jumps
- 11/6 Sarah Scanlon- public Speaking Course
- 11/6 James Roberts Oxford Mail report
- 12/6 Keith Glazier- grass verge cutting
- 12/6 OALC small grant towards a commemorative silhouette for WWI
- 12/6 Keith Butler Permission in Principle (PIP) and Technical Details Consent (TDC)
- 12/6 Kyle Anderson BNPC Website/ agendas
- 12/6 Kyle Anderson Re: e-mails
- 13/6 Kyle Anderson missing minutes
- 13/6 Kyle Anderson re: Public Participation
- 13/6 Kyle Anderson Fwd: Traffic Survey
- 13/6 Nicholas Field-Johnson traffic calming on Burford Road
- 13/6 WODC Planning Application 18/01539/RES West Carterton Development
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- 13/6 Chris Shaw Bloor Homes/ Carterton/ Bn update
- 13/6 Carolyn Peach Financial Schedules year end
- 14/6 RoSPA inspection dates
- 14/6 Lauren Jacobs Village Big Bash Poster
- 14/6 Sarah Scanlon public speaking course
- 14/6 Sarah Long WODC Press release: Volunteer Organisation wins Major grant Award
- 14/6 Sarah Long WODC Press release: Publica Group Awarded for being Disability Confident
- 15/6 Castle Water
- 15/6 Robert Courts MP newsletter
- 17/6 SLCC log in name

- 17/6 Ted Hedges Village Handyman post
- 17/6 Verena Hunt Traffic Survey
- 18/6 Keith Butler Co-opting a councillor
- 18/6 Sue Calcutt address
- 18/6 Verena Hunt Traffic Calming on Burford Road
- 18/6 Phillip Butcher Grass Verges/ Mowing
- 18/6 Westminster Briefing
- 18/6 Terry Hinchley Village Handyman
- 18/6 Stephen Hookham BN parish meeting
- 19/6 Campaign Hidden Harm (Monday 2nd July)
- 20/6 David Smith (Crescent Accounting) Trial Balance
- 20/6 Hannah Gush Village Newsletter
- 20/6 Carolyn Peach Memorial Crosses
- 20/6 Ann Elsmore Street Parking
- 21/6 Carolyn Peach Scarecrow rules
- 21/6 Sara Long WODC PRESS RELEASE: Businesses benefit from new round of rate relief
- 21/6 Garry Griffin Planning Application 18/01439/RES
- 21/6 Keith Butler Code of Conduct Training
- 21/6 Oxfordshire Playing Fields -
- 22/6 Melissa Bennett Elderbank Hall booking
- 22/6 Andrew Thompson Preliminary consultation on the Oxfordshire Cotswolds Garden Village Area Action Plan (AAP)
- 22/6 Sarah Long WODC PRESS RELEASE: Have your say on the new Garden Village
- 22/6 Solagen Sales speed signs
- 23/6 Kyle Anderson Scarecrow Rules
- 25/6 OALC CILCA
- 25/6 Sara Long WODC Raising the flag
- 25/6 Tim Gush BNS&SC
- 25/6 Justin Gargan WODC Brize Norton Bins
- 25/6 Castle Water
- 25/6 OCC Oxfordshire Matters
- 25/6 Polly Inness Brize Norton Speed Cushions
- 25/6 Sue Calcutt Brize WI
- 26/6 Terry Hinchley Village Handyman
- 26/6 Sarah Long WODC PRESS RELEASE: Have Your Say
- 26/6 Solagen Security Breach
- 26/6 WODC planning application 18/01801/HHD
- 26/6 Carolyn Peach Application to Covenant Fund
- 27/6 Andrew Smith WODC PREESS RELEASE Free tour offer of anaerobic digestion plant
- 27/6 Keith Glazier Application to Covenant Fund
- 28/6 Ollie Bolt (Payman) new employee details.
- 28/6 Alan Cockbill Speed warning signs update

29/6	Kevin Jack – Street Name Plates
29/6	Stuart Andrews – Sutcliffe Play SWUK
29/6	${\sf Castle\ Water-Water\ restriction\ Update}$
30/6	Nicholas Field-Johnson – July report

- (\leftrightarrow) = ongoing discussion or linked communication
- (\rightarrow) = forwarded to relevant contact
- (\leftarrow) = replied



APPENDIX D - REPORT TO BRIZE NORTON PARISH COUNCIL JULY 2018 FROM CLLR NICHOLAS FIELD-JOHNSON: 65/19

GENERAL OCC REPORT

SHARED SERVICE ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN OCC AND CDCAs reported previously, OCC and Cherwell District Council (CDC) are considering a proposal for shared service arrangements under a joint chief executive, while retaining separate councillor bodies, budgets and decision-making processes. The exact arrangements for sharing services and joining up functions still need to be worked out in detail and then agreed separately by each council. They will be implemented incrementally. Approval to move to the next stage was given by OCC's Cabinet on Monday 4 June. OCC's Remuneration Committee subsequently agreed to recommend the appointment of Yvonne Rees, the current Chief Executive of CDC, as joint Chief Executive of the County Council and Cherwell District Council. The appointment process now moves on to both Full Councils of OCC (10 July) and CDC (16 July). The final decision therefore remains a decision for Members.

DELAYED TRANSFERS OF CARE - OXFORDSHIRE FIGURES ARE IMPROVING

Delayed transfer of care (DToC) cases are now at the lowest level for many years in Oxfordshire. The latest national figures published by the Department of Health showed that the average number of people delayed has fallen from 168 in April 2017 to 117 this April. Since April 2018, the number of delays has fallen further and is currently only 78 — more than halving in just over a year. Effective and sustained joint working by OCC and the NHS across Oxfordshire has seen consistent and on-going reductions in the number of people delayed in hospital. Department of Health figures showed a 44% decrease in the number of social care delays, and a drop in the overall number of days delayed in a hospital. Only 13% of delays were attributable to social care, which is down from 15% in March 2017.

COUNTY COUNCIL BUDGET OUTTURN HITS THE MARK

The council's Cabinet received final budget figures for the 2017/18 financial year at its meeting on Tuesday, June 19. OCC managed its net budget with 99.8 per cent accuracy for 2017/18, with an underspend of just £1m (0.2 per cent) on an overall service budget of £422m.

SITE ALLOCATIONS CONSULTATION ON MINERALS AND WASTE LOCAL PLAN

The council reached a new milestone in the ongoing planning process to decide where minerals can be extracted and waste management facilities can be located in June with Cabinet asked to approve a site consultation exercise. This will take place in July-September and it will be open to all interested organisations and individuals to respond. All parish councils, environmental and community groups, organisations and individuals who have previously asked to be informed about the plan will be notified when the consultation starts, where the consultation documents can be seen and how to respond. A core strategy was adopted by the council in September 2017 and it was always planned that work on specific site allocations would follow this.

The report can be viewed here: http://mycouncil.oxfordshire.gov.uk/documents/s42394/CA_JUN1918R15%20MWLP-SitesPlan_Report_final.pdf

HIGHWAYS UPDATE The bad winter has taken its toll on road conditions across the county, so OCC welcomed the additional £2.7m the Government has provided for this year; additional gangs have been employed to ensure we utilise the funds during the summer months. Last month 6,236 defects were repaired showing progress is being made on the defects reported during the bad weather.

A fact sheet has been produced giving details about the condition of the county's highways and the actions being taken to maintain them. This will be issued to all councillors and parish clerks during the month of July.

OXFORDSHIRE'S NEW DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICE LAUNCHED

A new domestic abuse service for Oxfordshire was launched in June. The new service was set up by OCC in partnership with District Councils and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for the Thames Valley. The service is designed to be highly inclusive to address emotional and practical support needs for any victim suffering or fleeing domestic abuse in Oxfordshire. It incorporates a single access point for victims and professionals, community-based Outreach Workers and Independent Domestic Violence Advisors (IDVA) and includes specialist workers to support young people and Black Asian Minority Ethnic and Refugee (BAMER) communities. There is also a program to support victims with complex needs.

Victims fleeing abuse will be able to access refuge in Banbury and in one other location, located in either Didcot or Oxford. In addition, the service launches a new model of refuge, delivered from dispersed locations across Oxfordshire, benefiting those unable to access conventional refuge services including male victims, victims with live in carers and families with older male sons. To report concerns, please use the A2Dominion ODAS helpline (0800 731 0055) or oxfordshiredomestic@a2dominion.org.uk

NHS HEALTH CHECKS

OCC-funded NHS Health Checks are designed to spot early warnings of stroke, kidney and heart disease, Type 2 diabetes and dementia. They are available to anyone aged between the ages of 40 and 74 who has not already been diagnosed with an existing cardiovascular condition. They are free and applicants will be invited to have one once every five years. GP surgeries will automatically send out invitations, but if one is not received, residents should contact their surgery and make an appointment. The check will take around 20 to 30 minutes. For further information about free NHS Health Checks visit: www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/nhshealthcheck

