

NOTICE OF ELECTION

South Oxfordshire District Council Election of Parish Councillors

for the parishes listed below

Parishes	Number of Parish Councillors to be elected	Parishes	Number of Parish Councillors to be elected
Aston Rowant	7	Highmoor	5
Aston Tirrold	5	Holton	5
Aston Upthorpe	5	Horspath	11
Baldons: Marsh Baldon	4	Ipsden	5
Baldons: Toot Baldon	2	Kidmore End	10
Beckley and Stowood	5	Lewknor	6
Benson	12	Little Milton	6
Berinsfield	12	Long Wittenham	7
Berrick Salome	5	Mapledurham	6
Binfield Heath	6	Moulsford	5
Bix and Assendon	5	Nettlebed	8
Brightwell cum Sotwell: Brightwell cum Sotwell Ward	8	Newington	5
Brightwell cum Sotwell: Shillingford Hill Ward	1	North Moreton	5
Chalgrove	11	Nuffield	6
Checkendon	6	Nuneham Courtenay	5
Chinnor	13	Pishill With Stonor	5
Cholsey	13	Pyrton	5
Clifton Hampden	7	Rotherfield Greys	5
Crowmarsh: Crowmarsh Ward	9	Rotherfield Peppard	10
Crowmarsh: North Stoke Ward	3	Sandford on Thames	7
Cuddesdon and Denton: Cuddesdon Ward	5	Shiplake	9
Cuddesdon and Denton: Denton Ward	2	Sonning Common	12
Culham	6	South Moreton	5
Didcot: All Saints Ward	5	South Stoke	6
Didcot: Ladygrove Ward	7	Stadhampton	6
Didcot: Millbrook Ward	1	Stanton St John	6
Didcot: Northbourne Ward	4	Stoke Row	6
Didcot: Orchard Ward	1	Swyncombe	5
Didcot: Park Ward	3	Sydenham	5
Dorchester	8	Tetsworth	6
Drayton St Leonard	5	Thame: North Ward	8
East Hagbourne	8	Thame: South Ward	8
Ewelme	6	Tiddington with Albury	6
Eye And Dunsden	5	Towersey	5
Forest Hill with Shotover	7	Wallingford	16
Garsington	9	Warborough	7
Goring Heath	8	Waterperry with Thomley	5
Goring-on-Thames	10	Watlington	14
Great Haseley	7	West Hagbourne	5
Great Milton	7	Wheatley	15
Harpden	5	Whitchurch-on-Thames	7
Henley-on-Thames: North Ward	8	Woodcote	10
Henley-on-Thames: South Ward	8		

- Nomination papers must be delivered to the Returning Officer, 135 Eastern Avenue, Milton Park, Milton, Abingdon, Oxfordshire, OX14 4SB between 10 am and 4 pm on any working day from the date of publication of this notice (excluding bank holidays) but no later than 4 pm on Wednesday 3 April 2019.
- Nomination papers for Parish Elections may be obtained from Clerks to Parish Councils or 135 Eastern Avenue, Milton Park, Milton, Abingdon, Oxfordshire, OX14 4SB from the Returning Officer during the times stated above.
- If any election is contested the poll will take place on Thursday 2 May 2019.
- Applications to register to vote must reach the Electoral Registration Officer by 12 midnight on Friday 12 April 2019. Applications can be made online: <https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote>.
- Applications, amendments or cancellations of postal votes must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at 135 Eastern Avenue, Milton Park, Milton, Abingdon, Oxfordshire, OX14 4SB by 5 pm on Monday 15 April 2019.
- Applications to vote by proxy at this election must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at 135 Eastern Avenue, Milton Park, Milton, Abingdon, Oxfordshire, OX14 4SB by 5 pm on Wednesday 24 April 2019.
- Applications to vote by emergency proxy at this election on grounds of physical incapacity or for work/service reasons must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at 135 Eastern Avenue, Milton Park, Milton, Abingdon, Oxfordshire, OX14 4SB by 5 pm on Thursday 2 May 2019. The physical incapacity must have occurred after 5 pm on Wednesday 24 April 2019. To apply on the grounds of work/service, the person must have become aware that they cannot go to the polling station in person after 5 pm on Wednesday 24 April 2019.



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Chinnor Parish Council Chairman's Annual Report by Cllr Robin Williams
April 2019

Welcome to the Chinnor Parish Annual Assembly. Thank you to all our ex Councillors as well as those who have contributed and assisted the Parish Council over the last four years through their individual or group activities. Such selfless actions, which are greatly appreciated, demonstrate just what a wonderful community exists in our great Parish - thank you everyone.

For my part I have served two terms on the Parish Council and I must say that I have found it to be most challenging but rewarding.

For the last three years I have held the post of Chairman of the Council and I have to say that such a post is only enjoyable if you have the support of the rest of the Council. That support I have found incredible where each and every Councillor, past and present, have shown commitment and dedication in providing the best for the Parish – this would also include our two District Councillors and our County Councillor.

Yes, we have come up against numerous problems and obstacles, many we have been able to resolve but some, particularly in the Planning areas, have proved more of a challenge. But we have seen a few successes in our opposing unwanted development due to our Chinnor Neighbourhood Plan.

Overall we have achieved much in the way of provision and enhancement of facilities in many areas of the Council responsibilities.

The Parish Council were very pleased to host the first Chinnor Volunteer Awards evening in the Marquee in August 2018. A magnificent evening to celebrate our unsung heroes. Photos of the evening and the award winners will be displayed at the Annual Assembly. Thanks go again to the Select Committee members and to Chinnor Silver Band for supporting this event. Chinnor PC will host another awards night in the future... keep an eye out for details.

In closing I would like to thank all Parish Councillors, past and present, for their untiring efforts and hope that they who are currently Councillors will stand for re-election in May. I would also like to pass on my sincere thanks to Liz and Jo, our Parish Clerks, who are the front line in serving the community and serve it well. Last but not least is our two Groundsmen, Lee and Trevor, who are out in all weathers ensuring our streets and green spaces are clean and tidy. Thank you all.

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**IF YOU CARE ABOUT
WHERE YOU LIVE AND ARE
PASSIONATE ABOUT YOUR
COMMUNITY, WE NEED YOU**

JOIN US AND MAKE A LOCAL CHANGE

**PARISH AND DISTRICT COUNCIL ELECTIONS ARE
ON 2nd MAY 2019 IN THE CHINNOR VILLAGE HALL**

CPC Grants Awarded 2018 / 2019

April 2019

The Parish Council increased the budget to £15,000 in order for groups providing services to the local residents to apply for funding towards worthy projects. The applications exceeded the allocated funds so offers were made proportionately.

Financial contributions were made to the following groups:

Silver Harmony - event for Senior Citizens	500.00
C&PRR – team train trip for the local schools	300.00
Citizens Advice Bureau – to support ongoing services	820.00
Chinnor Silver Band – provision of new instruments	820.00
Church's Go Wild – wildlife initiative	91.90
Village Centre – funding towards new minibus	4100.00
Clean Slate – Counselling Service for victims of abuse	100.00
Ladybirds – Partition Furniture for classroom	492.00
St Andrews School – Gazebos	1640.00
Jack & Jill Pre School – Artificial Grass	820.00
Youth Football Club – Pitch Maintenance	820.00
Mill Lane School – Camera	164.00
Greening Chinnor – Incredible Edible Project	547.00
Friends of the Earth – Information Leaflets	984.00*
Cricket Club – Protective Fencing	3000.00*

*Funds committed but not yet used.

Other funding commitments

In addition to the Parish Grants the Council continues to financially support the Village Hall by paying £10,917.38 which is the repayment for the loan that was used to refurbish the facility. Along with the Community Minibus based at the Village Centre which receives £1,500 towards annual maintenance costs.

The Parish Council has worked closely with Greening Chinnor and has entered into a 15 year lease for the Donkey Lane community Orchard project with the legal costs amounting to £1,457.

The Tennis Club has successfully secured a grant from SODC for floodlighting and refurbishment to the courts. The council has committed £5.644 + legal cost towards this project along with using some of the delegated S106 funding.

Support is ongoing for the invaluable work that the Good Neighbours Scheme provides to our residents mainly by the provision of their phone line and office support.

The Council also takes responsibility for the provision of the Youth Club which is held at White's Field.

Planning Committee Report by Cllr Martin Wright

April 2019

This has been a very difficult year for the control of development in Chinnor. Government policy has been to allow all development in the absence of a 5-year (modified temporarily to a 3-year) supply of building land in the district. We thought we were protected by a 5-year supply identified by SODC, but various inspectors were not convinced by this, so that the six development sites around the village were permitted.

However, the latest version of the SODC Local Plan has identified sufficient development land to convince inspectors that there is a sufficient supply, so that the SODC Local Plan and our Neighbourhood Plan will now stand. As a result of this, the Cala proposal opposite the Bellway site has been refused, and our Neighbourhood Plan is currently being strengthened to resist any further major development. This includes formally identifying some of the current sites and establishing a village boundary.

There have been other items of interest:

- St Andrew's School is being extended by two classrooms.
- The proposal to turn the offices in Lower Road into a day nursery have been refused, on the grounds of lack of parking for staff, and lack of suitable arrangements for setting down and picking up.

There are a few areas that are on-going problems.

- We have seen no indication that Thames Water has any plans to extend Henton sewage works in spite of the large increase in the size of the village currently taking place.
- We continue to try to find solutions to the village traffic problems in conjunction with OCC.
- We continue to monitor the traffic light situation in the Parish, and if permits are not approved, then OCC are requested to help with their immediate removal.

I would like to express my sincerest thanks to the Committee members and also District Councillor Ian White for his continued efforts and support within the Planning Committee.



This has been the year of the traffic light! Chinnor must surely go into the Guinness Book of Records for the most traffic lights and traffic cones per metre and an Oscar for the longest temporary traffic light installation ever. I speak, of course, of the repairs needed to the Chinnor Railway bridge! This was, as is often the case, due to the lethargy of the utilities company responsible for the cabling affected by the collapse of the bridge. Meanwhile the developers were putting traffic lights up all over the village. Their latest ruse is to put them up without permission which means more time-consuming reporting by CPC.

I continue to pickup concerns from the Chinnor Residents Group on Facebook. This usually leads to a meeting in the Wee Book Shop (excellent coffee) and I very much value these conversations. Current concerns are speed (once past the traffic lights!) I am hoping to support the Parish Council with funding towards one of the pinch-points at the four entries to the village being looked into by the Parish Council. Another concern brought to my attention is the apparent inaccuracy of the County traffic count. The group who have done this work, counting vehicles early morning and afternoon, have produced a very good report with lots of statistical content which seems to show a doubling of the figures used by County. I have asked for a new count to be taken at the points suggested in this report as this could be important for future planning applications. I'm also dealing with some individual residents' issues including pavement maintenance and disabled parking. Another concern is the lack of a school crossing supervisor at Mill Lane and I have a Highways Officer looking into the possibility of a pedestrian crossing.

The Government gave County £1m to use toward repairing potholes and other highway maintenance projects. The Council agreed that this was not going to fix all the potholes across the County and would be better used by giving Councillors a Priority Fund to spend in their own divisions where they knew better where it should be spent. This has given us £15,000 each for two years, making a total of £30,000. Bearing in mind this has to be spent across Chinnor and the villages. So far I have given a grant to the Parish Council for speed monitoring equipment and refurbishment of White's Field. St Andrews School has received a grant for Lego Education Kits for Science, Maths, Computing and Design.

Chinnor Neighbourhood Plan was adopted by the Parish in July 2017 and since that time it has had a significant impact on planning applications.

Whilst the Plan is robust in its own right government regulations plus ministerial statements calls for the Plan to undergo a Review so as to strengthen it against current and future government actions. With this in mind a review has been carried out, since November 2017, by a number of volunteers, including Parish Councillors, and is now well advanced and is under going the final preparation stages.

This final stage will be completed by early May 19 when it will go out for public consultation. The major element of the Review is to include development sites which were not in the original plan however, these will not be new sites but the ones that are currently under existing planning approvals, plus a new boundary parish map has been included. It will be incorporated within the existing Plan to form one document.

Neighbourhood Plans form a major element of the current emerging SODC Local Plan a Plan that has the dwelling requirements for Chinnor, up to year 2034, of ZERO a figure which Chinnor Parish will do their utmost to uphold.

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South Oxfordshire District Council Report by D/Cllr Lynn Lloyd and Ian White

Lynn has been a Cabinet Member for portfolios including Housing, Community Services, Leisure and Art, and has been the Chiltern Conservation Board member for the district.

Ian has served on Planning, Licencing, Scrutiny, Growth Board Scrutiny and Electoral Governance Committees, the Police and Crime Commissioner's Panel and chairs Audit and Governance.

Since last year, we have;

- Given £20k of Councillor Grants to local organisations like Chinnor Village Hall, Towersey Playing Fields, the Methodist Hall, Chinnor Community Pavilion, the Chinnor and Princes Risborough Railway Society and Chinnor Village Centre
- Supported applications to the Capital Grant scheme for local groups like Chinnor Tennis Club and Chinnor Pavilion
- Supported the Neighbourhood Plan production and review and helped Councils and residents with Planning Applications and Appeals
- Supported District Leisure Facilities with projects for Go Active Gold, Diabetes mitigation and support, and Community Cycling events
- Supported the reduction of homelessness
- Supported safeguarding and removed dangerous or incompetent taxi drivers
- Supported new initiatives about volunteering in line with SODC's corporate objectives
- Improved communication of Council activities through the Chinnor Pump, Parish Council and Planning Newsletters and reports to Parish Assemblies
- Put forward the Local Plan 2034 for Inspection
- Agreed the Growth Deal for Oxfordshire which will unlock funding for Infrastructure
- Proposed a Council Motion on defibrillator provision



Listening Learning Leading

Finance and General Purposes Committee Report by Cllr Neil Flint April 2019

This year has been another exciting one for the council.

We continue to invest in local initiatives and events that support the community and bring us together. We have many clubs supporting all ages and fantastic facilities that can accommodate any request.

This year has seen continued hard work by council staff to undertake their duty and maintain our wonderful village, with the support of many partners.

This year also proved another successful year for the August Marquee on Whites Field with a range of quiz evenings, flower shows and beer festival (to name a few). All of which generated much needed income to these invaluable organisations at the heart of our community.

The Council continues to strive to ensure your money is spent diligently and with appropriate scrutiny. We have actively spent this year assessing expenditure and sought opportunities to reduce this where we can. This can often be a challenge as I'm sure all personally experience in everyday life, particularly for us with the expansion of the village where our services come under greater demand. We take our role seriously as a custodian of a number of village facilities – without which a number of groups and clubs would have nowhere to offer their services.

Following on from our work last year to review these sites to identify areas for improvement, we have also been gathering information on financial support available, such as CIL and Section 106 monies that will enable us to invest and sustain these premises. This has resulted in a long term sustainable plan that ensures the facilities remain functional, in good condition and accessible for all the community. Over the next year, we will be looking to start to implement this long term plan and leave a positive legacy for our future generations.

As well as these initiatives, we have also continued to invest in the safety of our community. As such, we have continued to work closely with Thames Valley Police and our funded PCSO to improve prevention and awareness.

We will continue to build on our success, plan for the future and sustainability of the village and your services over the next year and your support would be very much welcome.

Please take the opportunity to join us at one of our finance committee meetings to learn more and discuss your thoughts with us during the public question time.

Environment Committee Report by Cllr Sue Ashdown

April 2019

As Chairman of the Environment Committee I am always encouraged by the enthusiasm shown by so many of our local residents who want to keep our parish special. Please never hesitate to approach me or any other Councillor as well as our ladies in the Office with any problems that you may have or indeed any ideas for new projects you are thinking about.

In today's World Environmental issues are becoming so much more relevant and important to people. I believe we are all becoming more concerned with such issues as Recycling and pollution as well as our use as a society of plastics every day. With this in mind we Councillors in general and the Environment Committee in particular are encouraging local groups to act and form discussion groups to see what we as a community can do to help this problem.

A Group has been formed to reduce our use of plastics and are now sharing ideas as to how Chinnor can become a no Plastics Zone. They usually meet at the Pavilion - all meetings are well supported but of course all are welcome.

Meetings are advertised in the pump and on all the Facebook pages.

Chinnor Parish Council fully support and encourage this project.

Greening Chinnor are another of Chinnor's groups who are coming forward with great Environmental ideas. Recently Chinnor Parish Council has arranged for a lease to be taken out on an area of land at the bottom of Donkey Lane - donated by a local land owner for a Community Orchard. Greening Chinnor have taken this on with the help of enthusiastic local people to develop this Orchard into an area for all to enjoy. Some of the fruit trees found to be in this old orchard are old English species and had been thought to have been lost - it was with great excitement that a Botanist discovered them - hopefully these will be available to taste in the summer.

Incredible Edibles is another project which although still in it's early stages is working along side local people encouraging all age groups to understand the importance of growing and eating vegetables. Again please get involved in this project.

The Allotments are ever popular and are important to many people. The Allotments are always in great demand providing exercise and a great way to meet people. Chinnor Parish Council is in discussion to renew the perimeter fencing which over the years has become a bit tatty.

White's Field Pavilion has recently been rented out to the Windmill Cafe and is proving to be very popular - Good luck to the ladies.

Youth Club is doing well with a constant number of young people using this facility. The staff and volunteers are doing a magnificent job. Chinnor Parish Council are constantly looking for new ideas in which the young people can involve themselves in Community Projects - we are looking into the possibility of a Youth Council at this present time - we will report back if this can be arranged.

Litter and Dog mess is always a constant problem and we work tirelessly to keep our lovely parish free from this problem. Litter picks are arranged throughout the year and everyone is encouraged to join in. They are always well publicised in the pump and on face book as well as our web page. Please make the effort to come along and help.

Our PCSO - Graham is making great progress and working hard. He is getting to know everyone and attends many of our local events and activities. He also holds a Have your say on occasional Saturday mornings in the Village Centre when anyone with a problem can pop in and have a chat. These Coffee mornings are well advertised in the pump, in our enews, newsletters and on our Facebook pages as well as our web page.

Lee and Trevor are working hard maintaining Chinnor parish. Our gardens and streets are looking great. It is a difficult time for Chinnor with so many building sites so their job at the moment is particularly difficult. Everyone can help them by taking care and reporting any problems on Fix My Street. Thank you.

Playgrounds are always being upgraded and hopefully this year will see a new surface on the Conigre Playground. Our playgrounds are so well used and with an ever increasing number of children in our parish it is important that they have safe areas for them to play. Please let us know if anyone notices any problems.

The August marquee events are being planned for 2019 in White's Field – Please support the community groups who will be holding events during the week.

Lastly this year we saw the venue for our Christmas Carol's change to the car park of the Pavilion. This was a huge success thank you to the Organisers.

Thank you to my committee members for their hard work this year.