



- Clerk reminded Council that although he had provided budget figures and forecasts, the ultimate decision was with council
- Signs and electrics had been replaced on main road roundabout following an accident
- Several applications for donations had been received and following discussion it was decided that the following be supported

British Legion (PC wreath for Remembrance Day)	£25
Citizens Advice Bureau	£20
Oxfordshire Assoc. .for the Blind	£20

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.McMORROW  
 SECONDED BY Cllr.BAMBURY  
 IT WAS RESOLVED that these amounts be paid

- There has been several complaints regarding a house extension in Upper Crale. Planning Enforcement Officers are checking plans and expiry dates.
- Clerk read a newspaper article regarding rent rises for sports clubs. Having faced hostility regarding the new lease with the Football Club it was interesting comparing the proposed rise in Wallingford from £600 to £16,000 per annum, the new rents being based ,as this Council quoted , on market values.

#### 6/12/04 Report of Chairman inc items for information and next agenda

- 6 trees need felling inc 5 of the 12 apostles. The elders at the rec field need grubbing out and due to a split a tree on Church Green also needs felling. Approx 10 new trees will be planted although the apostles will not be replaced, it is possible that all the apostles will need felling in the future.
- A problem tenant in Fawkner Way has been evicted and the Housing Assoc promises more care in selection of tenants.
- Commemorative stone has been installed
- New gate in rec field fence approved by police but to be unlocked only during matches. Before installation the Football Club will have to provide a certificate clearing the Parish Council of any liability should accidents occur and also accepting responsibility of securing the gate. Present damage to the fence to be made good by the club.
- Ms Astell had suggested building a Willow House for children within the village – maybe the playarea

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr ISAACS  
 SECONDED BY Cllr BAMBURY

IT WAS RESOLVED that the willow house be built at a location to be decided

- Chair had attended a meeting of the King Alfreds District Scouts Stuart Rae Challenge. Several Stanford Scouts had taken part , their names to be included in the next newsletter
- **Cllr Gill** was concerned about parishioners input into projects and asked that meetings be advertised more widely

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr GILL  
 SECONDED BY Cllr Mrs.McMORROW

IT WAS RESOLVED that the dates of meetings be entered in the newsletter

- **Cllr Miles** said that the footpath in Marlborough Lane was now open as there were no animals in the field. The Parish Council offer of £60 towards a “kissing gate” still stands

**7/12/04 Correspondence**

- Oxfordshire C.C. – Zebra crossing = as reported at 5/12/04
- The Standards Board for England – Guidance booklet for Cllrs- distributed.
- Buildbase – Confirmation of credit facilities
- OALC – Agenda for AGM
- Vale of White Horse DC – Funding for Community Projects Web Site
- Vale of White Horse DC – Blue Plaques ie for deceased persons of significance – Noted also the cost £400
- OPFA – Thanking Chairman for his presentation and comments at the AGM
- Save Our Countryside – Quiet Lane scheme – adverse comments noted
- Residents of Upper Crale/Van Diemens – Extension to house Upper Crale and concern of vehicle parking – as reported at 5/12/04

**8/12/04 Planning applications**

STA/18870 35 Tyrell Close – Proposed two storey side extension  
Decision - No Objection

STA/18856 32 Tyrell Close – Two storey extension to enlarge living room  
and add new bedroom and en-suite bathroom  
over

Decision – Objection to large window received. Council  
objected for same reason.

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr ISAACS

SECONDED BY Cllr.MILES

IT WAS RESOLVED that STA/18870 be supported and that STA/18856  
not be supported.

**9/12/04 To approve monthly statement of accounts**

**3/5**

Clerk distributed further papers which had not been available until today due to late bank statements.

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr ISAACS

SECONDED BY Cllr HUGHES

IT WAS RESOLVED that the accounts be approved

**10/12/04 To approve accounts for payment**

D.M.Dew	Salary and Expenses	1314.40
J.Northcote	Salary	249.60
D.Rolls	Salary	108.00
Portwell Press	Repro	11.30
Buildbase	Sand/Cement	108.85
Easyspace	Web hosting	70.50
Society of Council Clerks	Accounts regulations	16.99
Cotswold Playgrounds	Jubilee Wall (VAT only)	551.25
British Telecomms	Telephone	60.12
Filkins Stone Co	Memorial Plaque	158.63

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr Mrs McMORROW  
SECONDED BY Cllr MULLEN  
IT WAS RESOLVED that the accounts be paid

**11/12/04 Budget and set precept 2005/2006**

Following discussion in which Cllr Gill produced a detailed report of his recommendations for which the Chair thanked him, it was decided to err on the side of prudence and recommend a precept of £23,000. Although this was an increase over the present year, due to the fact that there is an increase in dwellings the annual amount payable for the parish is less:

i.e.	2004/2005	£22,000	<b>£26.17 per household</b>
	proposed	2005/2006	£23,000 <b>£25.84 per household</b>

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr MULLEN  
SECONDED BY Cllr HUGHES  
IT WAS RESOLVED that the precept be set at £23,000  
Voting for this resolution 7 for 1 against

**12/12/04 Report of District Councillor**

Has been appointed to the District Council grants working party Committee.  
Had visited the Distillers complex at the White Horse Business Park to look at amongst other things landscaping and found them friendly.

**13/12/04 Recreation and Leisure report**

Uffington Youth FC had started using the floodlights again  
Clerk to bill them as previously

- Seat and Bin have been erected – thanks to Darren Rolls , and Cllrs.Burls and McMorrow
- Floodlighting switch box – we cannot obtain another lock without replacing the Box. There may be other alternatives. I hope Cllr.Hughes may have some suggestions.
- The Football Clubhouse, which is situated on Parish Council property and technically is a Parish Council asset is in need of general roof repairs. The Club is keen to make the repairs with their own labour. They would like permission to exact the repairs and also apply for a grant towards materials from the Council. Any financial support could trigger other grants from the District Council etc. The Club is keen to improve facilities but are concerned about the length of lease limiting their progress. Could we assure the Club we are supportive of their ventures  
Peter Gill

**14/12/04 Date of next meeting**

2<sup>nd</sup> February 2005.