

Chair's Report

Firstly, if you have been aware or managed to slow down a bit over the summer, I hope you feel refreshed. I know for some summer is an incredibly busy time with the longer days demanding outside work be done for many more hours.

Here is a list of what is ongoing – and I've had to shorten it!

1. The Secretary of State has appointed Inspectors J Ayres BA Hons, Solicitor and D Hendley BA(Hons) MA MRTPI to carry out the independent examination of the Local Plan. They will determine whether it has been prepared in accordance with the relevant legal requirements and that it is 'sound' i.e. positively prepared, justified, effective and consistent with national policy. The PC will be kept informed.

2. Puy du Fou has submitted their planning application

3. Oxford City unitary proposal - there are 48 parish councils who will be affected by this proposal. There is a core group organising opposition to this. I propose that we join the group and make an objection. Any objections?

4. Don't forget - the National Emergency Alert test will be happening this month. The UK government is testing the system on **Sunday 7 September 2025 at 3pm**. Your mobile phone or tablet will vibrate and make a loud siren-like sound, even if it's set on silent. The alert message will confirm this is a test and that you do not need to take any further action. We'll make sure to remind residents – again I'm aware we don't have all contact details, so if you know someone not online, please tell them.

5. Milestone Lane - busy summer including the residents agreement to move forward with a challenge to the management of the development resulting in poor attention to issues around road adoption, Thames Water adoption. James of "Residents First" has been working hard to walk residents through some legal processes that can be managed by the Residents Association - which they are in the process of forming. One or two issues may go to court.

6. Parish Online – I've been in touch with them. I'd like to sit with a few of you to discuss the pros and cons. Let me know if you are interested.

It's been a busier summer than ever!