Minutes from Littleworth Parish Meeting 14 December 2023 Present:, David Coleman (Vale of White Horse District Council), Sarah Hyland, Alice Margey, Dave Mackay, Adrian Pickett (Clerk), Julia Smith, Bethia Thomas (Oxfordshire County Council), Anna Timbrell, Simon Thompson, Mike Wilson, Tony Woodward (Chairman).

Apologies: Clare Berry, Richard Berry, Alison Corley, John Hudgell, Mags Hudgell, Ruth Mackay, Fiona Pickett, Hillary Wilson.

Item	Action
1. Minutes of the Parish Meeting on 31 May 2023	Minutes approved
 2. Matters arising The road in Thrupp near Smokedown Farm is in a state of bad repair 	County Councillor to take a look
 Chairman and Clark are now able to organise the fixing of larger potholes within the village speed limit area. There are potholes in the road at the Thrupp end of the village and water running across the road, which turns to ice when the temperature drops. The need for CPR and defibrillator training was identified in the Parish Emergency plan. The training was carried out and was well attended. It is recommended the training should be repeated every 2 years The tree given to the village, but planted in the wrong location at the top of the village, has been moved to the playing field. Thank you to all involved in the relocation. It was noted that the village appreciated both councillors support in its quest to have a 30mph speed limit on the crossing A420 adjacent to the village entrance and the introduction of a signal controlled pedestrian crossing. A video clip compiled by the 	Clerk to repor Clerk to organise in 2025
 Clerk is being used to demonstrate the difficulty in crossing the A420 when there is a constant stream of fast moving traffic. 3. County Councillors report The highways team have cleared the footpath on the A420 between Littleworth and Barcote. 20mph speed limit has been introduced. A drop curve has been installed near the bus stop on the Swindon side of the A420. Solar lighting has been ordered for the bus stop on the Swindon side of the A420. A request has been made to highways to investigate a pedestrian crossing and reduction in the speed limit on the A420 through Littleworth The January meeting of the Faringdon Area Traffic Advisory Committee will be looking at the A420. Accident statistics show that the majority of accidents on the A420 are due to drivers losing concentration. A £1,000 donation was made from the County Councillors priority fund to help the cost of the new Reading Room doorway. 	
 4. District Councillors report The Vale of White Horse's climate action fund has made a £5,000 donation towards the project to thermally insulate the Reading Room. The council offices will be closed to the public from Christmas Day until the New Year. A guide to council services over the Christmas period is available on the Vale web site. Warm spaces - Faringdon Leisure Centre and Faringdon Library are acting as warm spaces this winter. Electoral review of boundaries within the Vale of White Horse are under review ahead of elections in 2027 	
 5. Budget and precept for 2024/2025 The Parish meeting received and approved the proposed budget of £2000. 	Clerk to notify County Council

6. Parish reports	
 <u>Footpaths</u> Footpaths are generally in good condition for the time of year <u>Neighbourhood watch</u> Remain aware of the usual issues at this time of year of scams, opportunistic theft of presents visible form windows and break-ins to garden sheds No Cold Caller window stickers are available from Dave Mackay If you see a robbery in progress call 999 If you are a victim of a crime please report it as soon as possible through the Thames Valley Police web site or by calling 101 	
 Speedwatch 7 sessions in 2023 with an average speed of 17mph. Permanent speed watch signs to be ordered to be attached to existing road signs at both ends end of the village once we have approval from the highways team 	Clerk to action
 <u>Village Events Group (VEG)</u> Events are proving to be successful and as a result of the generosity of people living in the village VEG has been able to donate money to help fund the new doors for the Reading Room, playground equipment and to buy new balls for the snooker table in the church. Ceri Thompson has joined the VEG team. 	
 Littleworth Church Thanks to Keith, Den and Bob, the new section of flooring was installed in early 2023 and to Den for building the shelving to display the pew cushions. Over the summer we gratefully accepted gifts of sports/play equipment which enables the church to house table tennis, badminton, table football and the pool table for everyone to enjoy. We know it is really important to broaden the building's use beyond the traditional congregation if it is to be valued by the wider community - then we have a hope that it can stay open in the long term. The church has annual running costs of around £10,000pa. We depend on at least 75% of our running costs being met from fundraising community events, and we are so grateful for everyone's support. This year we had a fantastic fete raising £4,000 and an amazing auction of promises bringing in £2,500, which, together with Harvest Festival and the spring Jumble Sale in total raised around £7,500. We want to make our next big project focus on external access to the building – resurfacing existing churchyard paths, ramped access to the main door and the new link path to the Reading Room, all in a permeable resin bound surface. We are so grateful to all those who give their time to maintenance, presentation and cleaning, inside and out, which we hope gives a sense of ownership and stake holding in the building and its purpose. 	
 <u>Old School Playground</u> The Chairman and Clerk will review the potholes on the playground once the building work at The Old Orchard is completed. <u>Reading Room & Playing Field CIO</u> 	Chairman and Clerk
 There will be a meeting in January to provide an update 7. Any other business 	
• We will be sticking to 4 year terms for the roles of Parish Chairman and Parish Clerk. The 4 year term for the Clerk will end in 2024 and the Chairman in 2025. If you are interested in either role please contact Tony Woodward	Chairman