**District Councillors Report to Parish Councils**

**Watchfield & Shrivenham Ward**

**July 2019**

**Vale of White Horse District Council**

**Climate Emergency** - Following the agreement to a Climate Emergency in February the administration intend to create a new Climate Emergency Advisory Committee. The proposal will be submitted to full Council on 17 July.

**Local Plan Part 2 –** The Planning Inspector has declared that the LPP2 is sound and is subject to local democratic approval. The administration has indicated that it wants to make sure that they fully understand the implications of adopting the plan or otherwise.

**Anti-Idling Campaign – “Turn it off”** – is a promotional campaign and teams from Environmental Services will visit specific areas over the coming months. There is no enforcement proposed and part of the promotion is to use posters and stickers to remind drivers. If the Parish Council requires any strickers and/or posters please let Elaine or Simon know.

**Vale Networking Business Breakfast -** This event took place on Wednesday 26 June at Wrag Barn Golf Club.The agenda included a welcome from the Leader of the Vale and Cabinet Member for Development and Regeneration as well as what support is available from both the Vale and Swindon Borough Council. The event was a success and will be followed by other events in the coming months.

**Pop Up Business School -** Arrangements are in hand to hold a Pop Up Business School in Shrivenham between 7 and 11 October. This event follows the success of others held in the Vale and South Oxfordshire. The intensive course provides guidance on topics such as starting a business with no money, building a website for free, taxes and marketing. More details to be confirmed over the next couple of months.

**The OVC Energy Women’s Cycle Race –** This race travelled through the Vale from Wantage to Faringdon on Wednesday 12 June. Although there was a problem in Didcot when a number of entrants crashed fortunately no one was seriously injured. The event went well and will be held in Oxfordshire again in 2020 and 2021.

**Planning**

Construction on all four sites in Shrivenham continues. L & G are holding a public consultation on Phase B on Friday 12 July from 2pm until 8pm. Residents are encouraged to attend. There has been a further delay in the use of the A420 access road but it is hoped that this will be available for use shortly.

**Appeals in Shrivenham -** A new Appeal has been lodged with the Planning Inspectorate. This relates to the refusal by the Vale to allow tarmac to the green highway verge at the front of the property and drop the kerb to improve vehicular access at 43 Highworth Road.

The Old Surgery Appeal has been allowed by the Planning Inspectorate.

**Chowle Farm -** The Outline Planning Application is still under consideration at the Vale

**Land South of Steeds Farm -**The independent Financial Viability Assessment commissioned by the Vale is awaited.

**Ashbury Neighbourhood Plan –** The Referendum for the Ashbury NP was held on Thursday 4 July. The result was a resounding acceptance of the Plan.

**Longcot –** 15 low carbon homes have been built in Kings Lane Longcot. This unique development was featured in the May edition of The Housing Magazine.

Although we don’t hold surgeries we are always available to deal with any issues

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