



Your Council, Your Way.

Dear Residents of Chinnor,

We would like to share an update with you on the ongoing efforts and investments made by Chinnor Parish Council (CPC) over the past few years to enhance the quality of life for all residents.

Over the years, your Parish Council has been dedicated to executing projects that have left a positive impact on our community. We take pride in supporting local charities and volunteer groups, channelling grants to organisations such as **The Village Centre, Red Kite Family Centre, Chinnor Heritage** and **Chinnor Silver Band**. These have strengthened the social fabric of Chinnor and fostered a sense of togetherness - something that Chinnor is well-known for.

As many of you will know, CPC recently achieved a significant **victory at the planning appeal against 150 houses** on Thame Road. This success demonstrates the robustness of the Neighbourhood Plan developed in conjunction with you. It is a testament to our collective efforts in shaping the future of our community.



One initiative close to our hearts is **Skillzone**, a vibrant program allowing children to engage in creative and stimulating activities, providing not only enjoyment but also opportunities to

learn new skills. Your support has been instrumental in making these initiatives thrive.

To champion the extraordinary contributions of members of residents to making Chinnor the friendly and vibrant place it is to live in, CPC hosted another Community Awards in August 2023. The night was a huge success with over 25 winners.

While CPC is limited in its powers to directly deal with key infrastructure issues, such as flooding and traffic, we remain committed to maximising our influence in these important matters. Recognising the regular challenges of flooding, we have consistently raised these concerns with Oxfordshire County Council and Thames Water, proposing potential solutions. Our dedication to pursuing these issues persists, and we will continue working tirelessly to address them on behalf of our community.

Investing in our future

As we continue on this journey of adding real value to our community, we find ourselves at a point where a small adjustment is needed to progress with more remarkable projects. For the equivalent of just 15p per week extra (based on a Band 'D' property), incorporated within council tax, you are investing directly in the well-being and betterment of our community. The benefits include even **better recreational spaces, improved community facilities**, and the **preservation of our cherished heritage**. It is through these collective efforts that we can make sure Chinnor remains a vibrant and thriving place for generations to come.

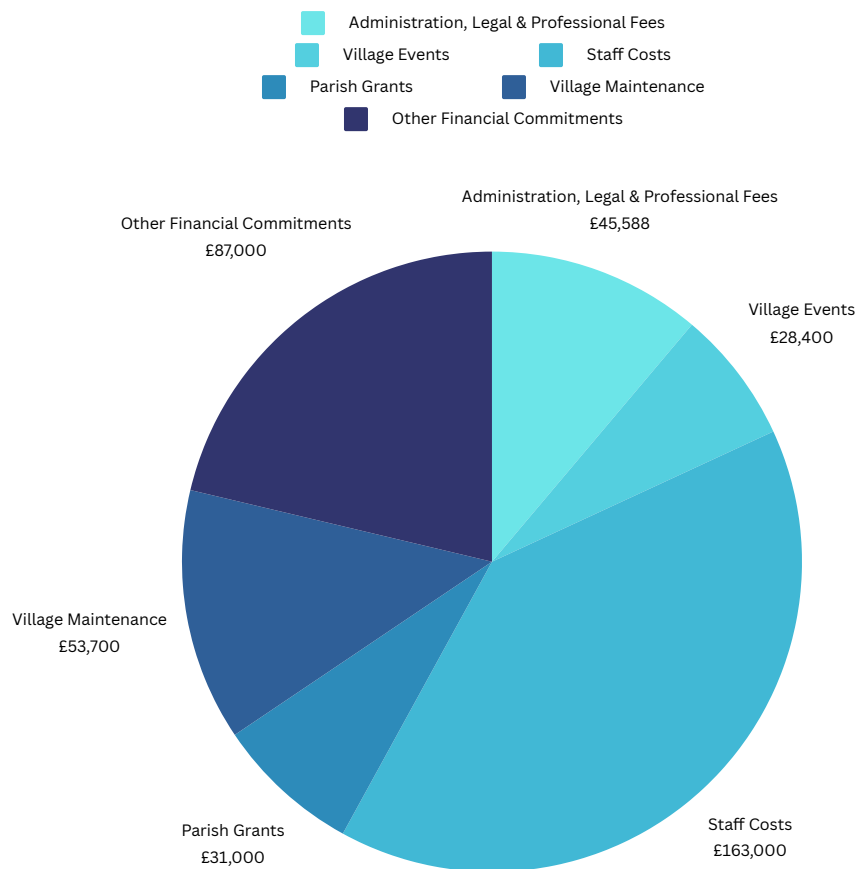
Additionally, as the village has grown, so has our responsibility for ensuring that everyone in it has equal access to enjoy the opportunities available. We will be employing an extra member of staff to facilitate all of the additional projects and schemes that are being progressed.

Finally, over the next few years, we are working to deliver exciting new projects such as:

- **Building a new skate park:** enhancing recreational spaces for our youth to enjoy and fostering a sense of community.
- **Developing Whites Field Community Hall:** improving the hub for gatherings, events, and activities that bring us together.
- **Building a sport pavilion at Old Kiln Lakes:** providing facilities for sports and leisure, promoting a healthy and active lifestyle.

We appreciate your understanding in making Chinnor a truly exceptional community. Together, we can continue to build a future we can all be proud of.

Summary of estimated expenditure 2024/25



“As the Chair of CPC, I have had the pleasure of leading a proactive council who are dedicated to making a positive impact in Chinnor. I look forward to all that we can achieve together in 2024 and beyond.”

Councillor Maggie Mackenzie, Chair of Chinnor Parish Council

Yours faithfully,

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