Remembrance Sunday Services – Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council, Councillor Nigel Davis would be attending the Bloxham and Milcombe services to lay wreaths at the War Memorials on Sunday 13 November 2022.

Play Area – There had been more vandalism to the new equipment in the play area. The bridge has been damaged again, the picnic tables have graffiti on them and the litter bin has been damaged. Councillors are very disappointed at this continuing anti-social behaviour given the time and expense which had gone into improving the play equipment for the community.

Councillors would investigate the installation of CCTV at the play area and report back to the next meeting with recommendations.

If residents witness any vandalism, please contact Thames Valley Police and report it immediately.

Defibrillator – There was still some outstanding electrical work to be carried out to the defibrillator located at the Village Hall and Councillor Nigel Davis will be arranging for this to be completed.

Wheelie Bins – Residents are kindly requested not to block the footpaths with their wheelie bins, where possible. If they could also be collected back in as soon as they had been emptied, this would avoid the footpaths being blocked for those pedestrians with pushchairs or wheelchair users.

Highways – Repairs which were required to potholes should be reported to the County Council's Fix My Street web site. https://fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk/

Gigaclear – Contact would be made with Gigaclear to establish why work on the roll out of fibre broadband in the village had stalled.

Trees/Bushes/Hedges - Residents were reminded that trees/bushes/hedges should not be causing an obstruction because they were overhanging a boundary onto a footpath or road. If an obstruction was occurring in the village, it should be reported to https://fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk/

Tree Work – A quote would be obtained for cutting back the Mulberry tree on Main Road.

Civil Parking Enforcement – Oxfordshire County Council is providing Civil Parking Enforcement Officers in the Cherwell area and it is hoped that they will monitor Milcombe for illegal parking. For more information and to report illegally parked cars, please visit the OCC web site.
https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/roads-and-transport/parking/illegal-parking

Weight Limit – County Councillor Kieron Mallon would be contacted again requesting his support for an HGV weight limit on New Road.

Planning Applications - The Parish Council had made observations to the following planning application:
22/02898/F   12 Heath Close, Milcombe
                          Front extensions to porch and garage, internal alterations and dropped kerb

Planning applications and comments could be viewed on Cherwell District Council's web site at:
https://www.cherwell.gov.uk/info/115/planning/443/see-or-comment-on-a-planning-application23as

Milcombe Neighbourhood Development Plan – The 'Designation of the Neighbourhood Plan Area for Milcombe' has been approved by the Parish Council and submitted to Cherwell District Council for its approval. Councillors Nigel Davis and Chris Hill will now be looking into grant funding to assist with the process of formulating a Neighbourhood Plan.

Anti-Social Behaviour – Following the receipt of an anonymous letter, the Police and Crime Commissioner, Matthew Barber has agreed to meet with the Prish Council on Wednesday 16 November 2022 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall. Residents are also welcome to attend the meeting.

Budget and Precept 2023/2024 – The Parish Council approved its budget for 2023/204 and agreed that the precept would stay at £14,000, which is the same as 2022/2023. Councillors felt that with the cost of living crisis, they did not wish to increase the Council Tax bills for residents of the village.

Adverse Weather:
Oxfordshire County Council works closely with all its partners to monitor the weather and as a reminder there are some numbers that you can call to report weather related issues if you become aware of them:

- To report fallen trees or other debris which pose a risk to your safety or the safety of others, please call 999
- To report fallen trees or other debris which doesn't pose such a high risk but still needs to be dealt with, please call 101
- If you lose power or can see that a power line has come down please report it by calling 105
- If you are concerned about flooding, you should visit the Oxfordshire Flood Toolkit online - https://www.oxfordshirefloodtoolkit.com – and I will summarise the key numbers to call below:
- If you have a flooding emergency which is a threat to someone's life, contact Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service on 999
- To report flooding relating to a highway such as blocked ditches, blocked drains or flooding on a road call Oxfordshire County Council Floodline on 0345 310 1111
- To report flooding from a main river contact the Environment Agency through the Floodline (Tel: 0345 988 1188 or 0800 80 70 60) or visit their website
- If your property is at immediate risk of surface water flooding please contact Thames Valley Police on 101

Meeting Dates – Future meetings, starting at 8.00pm would be held at the Village Hall, Milcombe. However please check the agendas on the Parish Council web site the week prior to the meeting.

- Tuesday 3 January 2023
- Tuesday 7 March 2023
- Tuesday 18 April 2023
- Tuesday 2 May 2023
- Tuesday 4 July 2023
- Tuesday 5 September 2023
- Tuesday 7 November 2023

All welcome to attend!

Agendas and minutes are available on www.milcombe.com or please contact the Clerk, Theresa Goss, at milcombepc@gmail.com or ring 01295 710965 during normal office hours.

Reminders:

Roads (including potholes)/footpaths/street lighting/overhanging trees/hedges: Report to Oxfordshire County Council https://fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk/

Faulty Street Lights: Report on freephone 0800 317802 giving exact destination and pole number if possible.

Electricity: SSE 0800 294 3259 or text phone 0800 316 5457, UK Power Networks – 0800 169 9970, Western Power Distribution – 0800 096 3080

Water: Thames Water 0800 009 3652 or text phone 0800 316 6899, Anglian Water 03457 91 91 55

Power failure: If there's a power cut call the free number 105 to check what's happening with your local provider

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Can you think, listen and act locally?

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