

**Planning Applications:** None

**Planning Decisions: South Oxfordshire District Council**

P25/S2643/FUL. St Andrews Field, Holton. OX33 1QA

The retention of two storage containers within an agricultural building. **Granted**

P25/S2496/S73. Slaymaker, Holton. OX33 1PR

Removal of condition 4 Biodiversity Enhancement Plan. **Granted**

### **Surface water drainage**

The Parish Council have been engaging with Thames Water and Oxfordshire Highways over the past year and more to try and find a solution to the water coming onto the road in a number of areas between Poplar Mead/Rosewood/Highbank and outside Carina/Terence House (OX33 1PZ). Thames Water have dug up the bank and road on two occasions in the last few months and can find no evidence of a leak from their system. In the absence of any other explanation this confirms our belief that it is surface water coming from the land and emerging through the verge. The resultant surface water flows across and along the road and is picked up by some road drains before and around the village green. However, there is no drainage in the road between the higher properties and Carina. During winter conditions this area will again be an ice rink and cause significant problems. Highways are being pressed to address this urgent problem as the water not only causes a road safety issue but erodes the road surface.

### **Verge damage**

During the recent wet weather significant verge damage has occurred in the village. The residents involved in the building works near the Waterperry Road end of the village have assured the Parish Council that all will be re-instated and made good at the end of build and are taking measures to park more cars on the site and freeing up the road space where possible.

Farm traffic has been reported driving over the verges, either avoiding other traffic or parked cars. The local farmers who possibly run large vehicles through the village have been contacted and advised of the concern of residents. It is hoped that their response will be constructive and help all parties to avoid this damage.

### **Brookes Site Development**

Update on Crest Nicholson development of the Brookes Site. Full planning permission and the reserved matters application have been agreed. Work on the site now involves the ongoing translocation of newts as identified in the surveys and intrusive asbestos surveys to ascertain the best course of action for the safe and speedy demolition strategy. Discussions have been held with Oxfordshire CC Highways and all aspects of the S106 agreement finalised. New year possible start date on the demolition.

**The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2025 starting at 7.00 pm in Holton Village Hall Committee Room.**

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