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Annual Town Meeting 2022

On April 28th in the QVH, the Council reported back to residents – the presentation is available on the OTC site and a recording of the meeting (apologies for the sound interference!) is on our Facebook page. We noted –

1. what we'd done in 2021-22 and thanked our partners, especially the Oundle Business Association, Creative Oundle, and of course the Fletton Field Association for their great work on the Jubilee celebrations;
2. the financial summary below;

| | Year ending 31 March 2021 | Year ending 31 March 2022 |
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| 1. Balances brought forward | 386,057 | 352,240 |
| 2. Annual precept | 494,506 | 496,893 |
| 3. Total other receipts | 165,415 | 129,615 |
| 4. Staff costs | 242,115 | 207,434 |
| 5. Loan interest/capital repayments | 22,793 | 22,793 |
| 6. Total other payments | 428,830 | 302,790 |
| 7. Balances carried forward | 352,240 | 445,731 |
| 8. Total cash and investments | 483,965 | 463,050 |
| 9. Total fixed assets and long-term assets | 2,657,837 | 2,662,110 |
| 10. Total borrowings | 419,509 | 415,084 |

3. progress on the Transport Study with focus on speeding, heavy goods traffic and “modal shift” i.e. helping people leave cars at home whenever possible;
4. our ambitions for 2022 including the cemetery, St Peters churchyard walls and the redeveloped skatepark at the Rec.

With thanks.....

At the ATM, we made our first annual “Community Award”. The plan is to award them each year at the ATM, with nominations made by residents. The first winners were Cathy and Kira who many of you will know as the local Hermes/Evri team – and their certificates read –

“Oundle Town Councillors are delighted to recognise the support Cathy and Kira have given to our local community of the years, especially the huge efforts they went to during the pandemic 2020-22, and most recently their sterling work collecting and delivering relief goods to help those displaced in Ukraine. As such, they are the first recipients of the OTC annual Community Recognition award, and were publicly awarded such at the Queen Victoria Hall on April 28th 2022.”

Ukraine – can Oundle help?

We’re building up a good communication with Barcin in Poland regarding their 130+ Ukrainian refugee families. On May 5th we broadcast a “hello” from Oundle to Barcin on OSCAR radio; and Barcin replied - *“It was nice to hear you and find out more about your beautiful and interesting town. We really appreciate you prepared the broadcast for us in English, Polish and Ukrainian”*.

Barcin Council reported that *“We would like to inform you that we are organizing the camp for 40 children from Ukraine in Barcin from 1 – 10 July. The Ukrainian authorities of Bursztyn town confirmed the acceptance of our invitation and the arrival of 40 children together with their 3 guardians. We are planning to pick them up from the Polish-Ukrainian border and take them by bus to Barcin. We would like to show Ukrainian children our region and provide a lot of attractions and leisure, which may allow them to forget about the war in their country, at least for a moment.”*

It would be great if somehow Oundle residents could help make Barcin’s summer camp happen this year, and maybe again in the future. If you have any ideas, or want to get involved, please contact us – especially Councillor Jamie Arnold (jamie.arnold@oundle.gov.uk), who is coordinating our response with Barcin. Thank you.

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Community Speedwatch

We're looking to restart the Community Speedwatch group but need 6-10 volunteers to make it viable– please make contact if you'd be keen to help.

St Peters Churchyard walls

You'll have noticed that since May 23rd we've begun repairs around the walls of St Peters Churchyard – this is the start of an extensive maintenance programme we've put in place for the walls this year. We hope there won't be any, but apologies in advance for any inconvenience.

Inclusive play equipment in Pocket Park

We've installed some sensory panels in the Rec which we hope will be popular with lots of children – and hope to keep developing the inclusive activities over the next few years. Thanks to the support of residents involved in getting us this far, and do get in touch if you have any ideas for our next direction.



Voluntary Cemetery Wardens

The group will be meeting for the first time in the cemetery on June 7th. If you are interested in joining, please contact us on 272055 or admin@oundle.gov.uk.

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