**Report from OVSL (Community Shop Committee)**

The Community shop is now set up as a body and organisation and was registered in May 2021 with the FCA.

In November 2021 the committee ran a Share Issue for the village of Oakley and we managed to obtain 190 members and raise £47,100 towards the cost of building the shop. We also received a £200 donation.

We are at present applying for Grant Funding to cover the short fall we need for the building costs, and hope to receive grants by mid-year. We have also applied for 2 larger grants which if we are accepted would give us the larger chunk of the money needed. In order for the build to start we need to raise approximately a further £40,000, which we feel is achievable.

We have also now put in our Planning Application to Buckinghamshire Council, and would be grateful for any persons going online to support or comment on this application. You can do this by clicking on the following link **Application number 22/01393/APP**

<https://publicaccess.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/online-applications/simpleSearchResults.do?action=firstPage>

We are due to hold our first AGM on Monday July 4th 2022, in the Village Hall. At this meeting the existing Management Committee will stand down (although they can stand for re-election) and members of the Association will vote for a new Committee.

We hope to be on site late summer to go ahead with the build.

I would like to thank all the help we have received within the last 12 months:

The Management Committee

Oakley Parish Council for all their help and support

Andrew Jones for his expertise and help in putting us in contact with Balfour Beatty

Caroline Hocking – for her help with the graphics on our Share Brochure

Balfour Beatty plc

Sue Bricknell for her help with the end of year accounts.

Candella at Sevan Solutions for her help with the planning drawings and modelling.

We anticipate that as we move to the next stage of the project, our list of community partners and sponsors will grow further as we have already had a number of generous offers of assistance.

**James Smith**

**Chairman of OVSL**