

CHISELDON PARISH COUNCIL REPORT  
Points of interest from the meetings held in  
May 2017  
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### ***Neighbourhood Watch***

The next Neighbourhood meeting is Monday 31<sup>st</sup> July at the Recreation Hall off Norris Close. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## **ANNUAL CHISELDON PARISH MEETING Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017 Police Report**

As you may be aware the Police introduced a new way of working last year which was introduced on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2016. This new model of Community Policing Teams is still settling in but already we have seen an improvement in Police response times to incidents in the area.

The Police and Crime Commissioner for Wiltshire, Angus Macpherson, has confirmed his priorities for 2017 – 2020 as follows:

- Prevent crime and keep people safe
- Protect the most vulnerable in society
- Put victims, witnesses and communities at the heart of everything we do
- Secure a trusted, quality and efficient police service

With a designated number of officers now Policing Chiseldon 24/7 supported by our Special Constables we continue to strive to deliver an effective service to members of our local communities. The two PCSO's for the Chiseldon area: Emma Turner and Joanne Cross continue to be as active and visible in your community as possible and would like to hear from you if you have any concerns or information that you think would benefit us in keeping the Chiseldon community safe. Chiseldon continues to be a low crime area and we are working hard to ensure that this remains the case.

We really rely on our local communities contacting us with information about what is going on in the area. This helps us develop intelligence in order that we can tackle any problems quickly and effectively before they escalate.

As a team we are committed to delivering a victim led service and continuing to make Wiltshire one of the safest counties in the country.

### **WASTE REMOVAL - IMPORTANT**

You may not be aware but if you employ someone to remove waste from your property you must ensure they are licenced to remove and dispose of waste. If you employ someone who isn't licenced and they fly tip the waste then you can be liable for the prosecution that may follow.

Please choose your contractor carefully as saving some money in the short term could result in a large long term loss.

As well as this, when unlicensed contractors fly tip the waste, it costs the Parish Council money to remove the waste. The cost of this comes out of the Parish Precept which all Council tax payers contribute towards.

### ***Co-opt a new Councillor***

Due to a resignation, the Parish Council are looking to Co-opt a new Councillor. We would be interested to hear from anyone who'd like to know more on how they can support their community and help shape the future of the Parish. Please contact the Clerk to apply with a short CV of your relevant skills and covering letter. Please also contact the Clerk if you would like to know more.

### ***New Road proposed new housing development***

At the time of going to print the Parish Council have not received any applications through from Swindon Borough Council with regards to the proposed development on New Road. We will make the public aware of any information we receive and will hold meetings that all interested parties can attend.

### ***Cancellation of evening bus services***

We have been advised that unfortunately the evening contract bus service from Thamesdown 70A and 72A will be cancelled from 14<sup>th</sup> August 2017. This service ran at 7.30pm, 9.30pm and 11.00pm.

### ***New Double Yellow lines and Layby***

SBC have released a TRO (Traffic Regulation Order) for double yellow line on Hodson Road on the approach to the Patriot's Arms roundabout to ensure the junction and side roads are safe when turning left and right. They need to wait to see what objections come forward before they can proceed.

A vehicle layby is also being created on New Road near the junction with the A346, just after the Castle View Road junction.

### ***M4 Closures***

Kier Construction and Highways England have just announced the following re-surfacing of the M4 with diversions in place.

The main details are below but please see the website [www.chiseldon-pc.gov.uk](http://www.chiseldon-pc.gov.uk) for the full letter or ask the Clerk for a copy.

### **EASTBOUND RESURFACING**

Thursday 18 May to Friday 2 June 2017 ( <i>Monday to Friday only</i> )	Lane closures only
Monday 3 and Tuesday 4 July 2017 ( <i>Monday to Friday only</i> )	Full eastbound road closures

### **WESTBOUND RESURFACING**

Thursday 18 to Thursday 25 May 2017 ( <i>Monday to Friday only</i> )	Lane closures only
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Tuesday 30 May to Saturday 3 June 2017	Full westbound road closures
Monday 5 to Friday 9 June 2017 ( <i>Monday to Friday only</i> )	Full westbound road closures
Monday 12 to 23 June 2017 ( <i>Monday to Friday only</i> )	Lane closures only
Tuesday 4 and Wednesday 5 July 2017 ( <i>Monday to Friday only</i> )	Full westbound road closures
Monday 10 to Wednesday 12 July 2017 ( <i>Monday to Friday only</i> )	Full westbound road closures

### ***Making Chiseldon Parish greener***

Councillors and the Clerk are currently formulating a plan to introduce planters and ground planting around the parish. We have some names already of volunteers who have offered to water and weed the planters - if you'd like to help us, please let the Clerk know.

### ***Strouds Hill Green***

A lot of you may have seen the work on the green to take the brambles back to the edge of the green. The amount of new space created is amazing. Our thanks to the Allbuild team. We hope that the area will revert to grass after a few more cuts.

### ***Recreation Hall on Norris Close***

The Hall is available to hire on an hourly/morning/afternoon/evening basis. Please contact the Clerk on the details above to make an enquiry about prices, or availability. We can also arrange pitch hire for Football or Softball games– please ask us for details.

### ***Youth Mobi "BIOS" van.***

During term time a team visit the Castle View Road green area with their mobile van to hold a youth club for local children. This group is aimed at children who can be left unattended. They meet at 7.20 onwards on a Thursday evening. This scheme is sponsored by the Parish Council. Please consider visiting with your child/children to check it out and see what you think. The van already has a good presence of children attending.

You can find out more at: <https://yfc.uk/local/swindon/>

### ***Tennis Courts***

A reminder that the tennis courts at the Recreation Ground can be hired by members of the public. Just contact the Chiseldon House Hotel on 01793 741 010.

You can also talk to the Tennis Club about becoming a member and then having year round access to some of the best courts in the area. The courts are flood light so play is not limited to daytime hours. Take a look at their website <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/ChiseldonTennisClub> for details of membership costs – there are packages to suit everyone and lots of discounts to be had. They also have a LTA level 4 coach Phil Kerley on hand to book lessons with.

### ***Chiseldon Football Club***

The club holds practice sessions and matches for children of all ages as well as adults. They are a “Charter Development Standard Club” and provide a secure, supportive and progressive environment. Please visit their website [www.chiseldonfc.co.uk](http://www.chiseldonfc.co.uk) for more details and details of how to contact the coaches.

### ***New Parish Responsibilities***

The Parish Council are in the process of finalising a new deal with Swindon Borough Council to take on further responsibilities. The Parish Council actively encouraged talks with the Borough as a way of working through a sensible deal to allow us to better serve the needs of the Parish. Extra duties will include the cutting of more hedgerows, pavement cleaning, leaf clearance, and the ability to manage the cleaning of road signs, graffiti and responding quicker to more varied issues of fly tipping.

### ***Grants and Donations fund***

The Parish Council have an annual fund that we can donate to worthy causes within the Parish. If you are a group, charity or society that believe you could benefit from this fund then please contact the Parish Clerk for further details.

### ***Calley Memorial Hall fund***

The trustees of this fund are also able to approve grants and donations to worthy causes within the Parish. (This doesn't have to be connected to users of the Memorial Hall). Please contact the Parish Clerk in the first instance who can provide you with an application form.

### ***Works required within the Parish***

We are now reporting on any areas that require repairs, updates or changes on our website along with the response from Swindon Borough Council if required and the length of time the issue has been outstanding.

We will update this monthly so residents can see the work that goes on within the Parish Council to follow up on issues that affect us all.

If you have an issue to report then please use the contact details above to let the Clerk know or report directly to the relevant team at Swindon Borough Council or one of our Borough Councillors. Please remember that the Parish Council deal with litter and dog bin emptying; public area grass cutting; public area hedge maintenance and general litter picking.

### ***Dog Fouling***

Social media has recently seen an increase in the reports of dog fouling within the parish. A street that appears to be heavily affected is Castle View Road in Chiseldon which is the road leading to the Primary

School. It is particularly important that this area be kept clean to make sure children are not exposed to the known health dangers that dog mess can carry.

We would urge all residents who own a dog to pick up after their dog at all times. It's easy and simple to do and special "dog poo" bags are cheap to buy and readily available. On the spot fines for failing to do so can be handed out and a maximum fine of £1,000 issued by a court.

Please report any issue of dog fouling, or evidence of a known person who allows their dog to foul and doesn't clean it up to [dogwarden@swindon.gov.uk](mailto:dogwarden@swindon.gov.uk) or report it to the Parish Clerk who will forward the information on for you.

The dog warden has scheduled in regular visits to this area.

***Home Library Service and mobile library end of service***

There is a Home Library service for Chiseldon Parish. It is run by volunteers and covers all areas of the parish and can deliver books based on your preferences. Call Anish Harrison on 01793 465 495 for more details.

***Next meetings (Please note the Borough Councillors Surgery location)***

The monthly Borough Councillors Surgery which will have a Parish and Borough Councillor in attendance will take place on Saturday 1st July 11.30 to 12.30 in the Calley Memorial Hall on Draycott Road.

This is an opportunity for residents to discuss any concerns with both Parish and Borough Councillors so do come along and say hello.

The next Full Council meeting will be on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July. This will start at 7.30pm and will be held in the Recreation Hall off Norris Close. Residents are welcome to attend and there is a public recess at the start of proceedings, after which residents can choose to leave.