

CHISELDON PARISH COUNCIL REPORT  
Points of interest from the meetings held in  
July 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.

***Butts Road Cemetery***

For a number of years for various reasons the regulations at the Butts Road cemetery in regards to grave sites have not always been adhered to. This has been brought to the attention of the Parish Council so we will now begin a process of bringing graves up to regulation standards.

Our regulations are on our website, they are on the Chapel door in Butts Road, and can be requested from the Clerk. They will also be supplied with any new funeral arrangement paperwork.

We will endeavour to contact Next of Kin before making any changes to grave sites. If you have any concerns over a grave site you care for, or are next of kin for a grave site and the Council may not have your details then please get in touch with the Clerk.

***Harvest Season and tractors***

As we live in a rural farming area we will soon hear the familiar rumble of farm machinery on the roads as the harvest begins. Whilst we will communicate with landowners as appropriate to try to ensure speed limits are followed, it may be beneficial for those living on the main routes of the tractors to try to ensure the vehicles have plenty of room to drive down the streets and are not hampered by vehicles restricting road widths.

***2 Parish Defibrillators***

The Calley Hall Memorial Trust have approved the funding for 1 of the 2 defibrillators the Parish Council would like to install. (The Parish Council are funding the other one) This means we can go ahead and order the defibrillators, arrange installation and training. More news to follow.

***Yellow lines on Hodson Road/New Road***

The consultation about the yellow lines will expire in mid July and after that, providing there are no objections, the Borough Council will be able to schedule in the painting of the yellow lines in this area.

***Local book exchange***

Local residents are looking to set up a volunteer book exchange system. The system would be open 1 morning a week to start with at the Old Chapel on Butts Road and allow readers to visit a village location and swap books. The Parish Council is in support of this scheme so we will report back when more is known.

### ***Castle View Play Area***

As the Council start a rolling series of updates and repairs to the play area you may have noticed the 2 wooden rockers have been removed. These were no longer safe and new alternatives are being sought. It was not possible to rescue the rope beam on the wooden adventure trail so our contractor has replaced this with some stepping posts.

Repairs were also carried out to the steps to the slide.

Further changes will happen later in the year when the 2 rockers will be replaced and further repairs carried out.

### ***Hedge cutting responsibilities***

Could all residents please bear in mind that all sides of your hedges need to be cut during the growing season. The side that isn't within your garden boundary may be obstructing a footpath or road. Our contractors have grass verges to cut within the parish and cannot do this if hedges are overgrown.

### ***New Parish Councillor***

The Parish Council are pleased to welcome Matt Clarke as a new Co-opted Councillor to the Parish Council. Matt has lived locally all his life and now lives in Chiseldon with his wife and son. Matt is the Chairperson of the Chiseldon Football Club so many of you will know him from this role.

### ***Parking at layby on Hodson Road***

There have been some comments recently about the new "no parking" signs at the layby on the bend of Hodson Road, going towards Wroughton. This area of land is privately owned and the landowners do not give their permission for vehicles to park there. There are a number of properties leading off this track, as well as farm machinery and emergency vehicles needing access, therefore access must be available to them at all times.

### **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.

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

At the time of going to print the Parish Council have still 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.

### ***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.

### ***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.

### ***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.

The Parish council meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> July had a visit from Alison Waine, Environmental Protection Officer – Animals, and Jordan McEwen, Animal Warden from the Borough Councils team who monitor dog fouling. The Borough Council are currently holding a public consultation before they aim to implement new controls that would see wider scope for on the spot fines being issued and dogs being banned from enclosed play areas. The consultation ends in September. An addition of the new order will be that nominated individuals apart from the SBC team can be given authority to issue on the spot fines.

If dog faeces is cleared up and then left behind in a bag, the SBC team can also issue a litter fine.

A reminder that bagged dog faeces can be placed in public litter bins or in household rubbish for collection. A suggestion is to double bag it to contain the smell.

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 5th August 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 14<sup>th</sup> August. 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.

PARISH COUNCIL OF CHISELDON (Chiseldon and Lawn WARD)

VACANCY FOR A COUNCILLOR

1. There is a vacancy on the above Council caused by the resignation of Cllr Jane Beaumont.
2. A bye-election to fill these vacancies will be held if within 14 days (not counting a Saturday or Sunday or Bank Holiday) from the date below ten electors for the Parish give notice in writing claiming such an election to the Returning Officer.
3. The address for the Returning Officer is: Mr Stephen Taylor Swindon Borough Council Civic Offices. Euclid Street. Swindon. SN1 2JH
4. If no such notice is given the Parish Council will fill the vacancy by co-option.

Dated 12<sup>th</sup> July 2017

Signed

Clair Wilkinson, Parish Clerk