

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

The next Neighbourhood meeting is Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November at the Recreation Hall off Norris Close. Everyone is welcome to attend.

***Thefts from vehicles***

There were 5 thefts from vehicles during August; all of these were from vehicles that were unlocked. Please remember to lock your vehicle at all times, even if it's on your driveway. It only takes an opportunist thief a couple of minutes to open a door and take something.

Please also keep any personal items out of view when in a vehicle, as a thief will think nothing of smashing a window to take a bag, phone or other valuables.

***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 starting with the removal of glass and ceramic items that may break and cause a hazard.

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.

***Welcome to our New Councillor***

The Parish Council would like to welcome Andrew McDonald as its new Councillor. Cllr McDonald was voted in by a majority on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September. Andrew lives in Chiseldon and has 2 small children.

***Parish Council meeting dates***

The Council's Committees are being re-structured to provide an up to date streamlined service. A list of meeting dates will be published on our website and on the Community Facebook page as soon as they are available.

***2 Parish Defibrillators***

The defibrillators have been delivered and our electrician has checked them over to see what extra parts and equipment he needs. We will then be talking to the 2 sites at the Dr's Surgery on Station Road and the Sports and Social Club on Draycott Road to arrange a suitable installation date.

Following on from that, a training session will be provided.

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

Further repair and improvement works have been carried out in the play area over the last couple of weeks. The 2 new rockers will be ordered before the end of the month and the cost covers delivery and installation.

### ***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.

### ***Planters update.***

We are currently finalising the last few queries with SBC over the location of the planters. Once the licence is approved we will order the planters and also the spring bulbs that will go in them. Hopefully we can then get our volunteer team on the case to plant them ready for some spring colour.

With regards to the flowers planted on the green area of Station Road/New Road, there were some concerns over the height of the flowers this year with regards to exiting the junction. The residents who plant these flowers will ensure that in future years a smaller plant is chosen, however they were upset to see that someone had taken it upon themselves to come along anonymously and cut down the flowers. In the spirit of being neighbourly perhaps a friendly chat would be more beneficial in the future. (Please remember that not everyone in the Parish belongs to the Community FB page so may not have seen the comments)

### ***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.

### ***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; some public area hedge maintenance and general litter picking.

### ***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***

The monthly Borough Councillors Surgery which will have a Parish and Borough Councillor in attendance will take place on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October 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 9<sup>th</sup> October. 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.