CHISELDON PARISH COUNCIL REPORT Points of interest from the meetings held in January 2018 Website: www.chiseldon-pc.gov.uk email: <u>clerk@chiseldon-pc.gov.uk</u>; telephone: 01793 740744

Neighbourhood Watch

The next Neighbourhood meeting is Monday 22nd January 2018 at 7.30pm at the Recreation Hall off Norris Close. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Dates for 2018 will be on the Parish Council website and also on the noticeboards at New Road by the Spar, at Hodson, Draycot Foliat, Ridgeway View and at Badbury.

Netball in Chiseldon, a message from the organisers

Don't worry about the extra helping of Xmas pudding, the double cream and topping up of glasses because netball is coming to Chiseldon this Spring – all we need is for you to sign up.

Subject to interest, we are aiming to launch an 8 week coached session to be held at Chiseldon Tennis Club on the public court. It is hoped that we can provide a junior, senior and adult practice each week. If there is enough interest, we would like to make this a permanent feature in the village and continue the sessions through the summer too.

This is open to all ages and males & females of all standards. So whether you played 10 days or 10 years ago, or are a complete novice, please feel free to get in touch. We would also like to hear from anyone interested in coaching the sessions beyond the initial 8 week trial period. You may be a PE teacher or a current/ex player who simply knows the rules!

To register your interest please email chiseldonnetball@gmail.com or visit chiseldontennisclub.co.uk for further details. Alternatively, for a real human tel 01793 741680.

This initiative has the full support of the Parish Council, Chiseldon Tennis Club and Avon & Wiltshire Netball Development. It is simply a case of use it or lose it!

We look forward to hearing from you soon. Happy New Year!

Chiseldon Firs Traveller site

The travellers have now moved on from the site and SBC are organising a clean up of waste and abandoned vehicle etc.

SBC and also the Parish Council will be looking at and discussing upgrades to the barriers on the site to prevent further unauthorised access.

Our website and the community Facebook page will be updated with further details as we have them.

New Councillor

The Parish Council welcomes Michelle Harris who joins us from 8th January 2018.

Michelle lives in Chiseldon with her family and we are really pleased to have her on board to share her experience and fresh views with us.

Great British Spring Clean weekend

The Parish Council have signed up for the Great British Spring Clean after such a massive success last year. The date for this will be Saturday 3rd March 10.00 to 12.00 This year we are working with the Chiseldon House Hotel on the event. We invite all participants to meet at their main entrance at 9.45 to collect black sacks. Hi –vis vests and pickers can be provided, but these will be limited so please bring your own if you have them. Our contractor Allbuild will be on hand again to remove all the waste that is collected. Let's build upon the massive success of last year.

More information to follow

Butts Road Closure for re-surfacing

The preparation work on Butts Road was successfully carried out by Swindon Borough Council's contractor. The road will be closed again on 22nd January for 3 days to finalise the work.

Dementia Friendly Awareness Session – January 16th 2018, from 10.00am

The Dementia Friendly awareness meeting held on the 16th January proved to be both informative and enjoyable with 15 people attending. The Parish Council will now endeavour to support local initiatives that fulfil the criteria required for Chiseldon to be recognised as a Dementia Friendly community including the identification of 'safe places' which might include local shops, pubs, doctors surgery etc. Using a recognisable 'Safe Place' logo, such locations serve as a point of contact for a vulnerable person to enter in relation to seeking assistance. Many more vulnerable people in our community now carry a card to indicate the nature of their vulnerability which would also include emergency contact details. Just as importantly is the knowledge held by local people of such 'Safe Places'.

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.

The hall has undergone a tidy up and now has new carpet and cleaned/painted walls. It makes an excellent space for a gathering/party/occasion.

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 continue to report on any issues that need attention in the Parish, either to SBC if it is their responsibility or to our contractor to deal with.

A full list of responsibilities in being compiled and will be on the Parish Council's website and linked to the Parish Facebook page so people can understand who is responsible for what items with the Parish.

Home Library 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 February 3rd 2018 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 12th February 2018. 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.