

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

The next Neighbourhood meeting is Monday 27th November 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 and at Badbury.

Fire Engine Routes

The Dorset and Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service have sent round a communication reminding everyone that they need the width of 2 cars (3 metres) to be able to access a street with their vehicles.

They have asked everyone to consider whether a smarter parking option, maybe a bit further away is available. Other tips to help include making sure wing mirrors are folded in, making sure corners are kept clear and on narrow roads trying to only park on one side of the road.

Crimes of opportunity

The latest crime report from our local PC has shown a low level of crime from 1st September to 7th November. During this time there were 2 dwelling burglaries and 1 shed/garage burglary where in 2 instances the building was unsecured.

There were 4 cases of interference with a vehicle, in all cases the vehicles were left insecure.

PC Sophia Best has reminded everyone to ensure homes and vehicles are locked at all times to prevent opportunist thefts.

Butts Road Closure for re-surfacing

The current proposed date for the re-surfacing of Butts Road is 9th to 11th January 2018. The road will be closed to vehicle traffic for this time.

You can call Swindon Borough Council on 01793 466401 and ask for the Highways and Transport Services department if you need any more information. Diversion signs will be in place.

New Road Layby

At the time of going to press, work continues by Swindon Borough Council on the construction of the new layby at New Road. We hope that work concludes shortly, leaving a new parking area, with the footpath moved to accommodate these changes.

Public to be given chance to learn more about planning process

The complexities of the local planning process will be explained in two training sessions organised by Swindon Borough Council. The Council's planning team will be on hand to run through how planning applications are determined as well as navigate people through local planning policy.

The session will be held on Monday, 27 November and will be of particular interest to anyone who would like to know a bit more about Local and Neighbourhood Plans as well as the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). Phil Smith, the Council's Strategic Planning Policy Manager, will explain how the UK planning system is structured and the role of the Council as the Local Planning Authority. Swindon Borough Council's Local Plan 2026 and Local Plan Review will be discussed as will the borough's five-year housing supply and Neighbourhood Planning.

For more information or to book a place on either of the sessions please contact Karen Phimister in the Council's Planning Policy Team on 01793 466425 or email: kphimister@swindon.gov.uk Those attending the sessions are asked to arrive for a prompt start at 6pm.

Ladysmith Road and New Road Remembrance Service.

Once again residents turned out to honour those who gave their lives in both world wars. Thanks to Father Roger and the Holy Cross Church for conducting the services in such a compassionate and respectful manner. The Sunday 12th service was well attended as usual and a credit to all those involved.

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

Susan Lambert from the Swindon Borough Council Dementia Friendly Co-ordinator team is hosting a meeting at the Church Hall to talk to any interested residents about what it means to be a Dementia Friendly community. Please see the separate notice in this issue from Cllr Paul Sunners.

Castle View Play Area

The 2 new rockers have been installed and we've already seen children bobbing about on them!

All remedial work has been completed, including the new wooden beam on the balancing beam.

Further improvements will be budgeted for in the 2018/19 financial year.

Gritting Routes

The routes are displayed on the Parish Council website (see above) and are decided on and maintained by Swindon Borough Council. The bus route to Draycot Foliat will be maintained by Wiltshire Council as it forms part of their cross county agreement with SBC.

The routes covered are mainly the bus routes.

Home Close Nature Area

Update – the area will be cleared shortly in an “initial” cut to ensure access to the drainage pipes over the winter months. Two maintenance cuts will then happen throughout the year to keep the area accessible yet natural in appearance.

New Noticeboard at Hodson

The new noticeboard is now in place in Hodson, in the same location as the old wooden one, Our thanks to the Langton Estate for assisting with this.

New Road proposed new housing development

At the time of going to print the Parish Council have still not received confirmation from Swindon Borough Council that a formal planning application has been received regarding the proposed development on New Road. We will ensure we inform residents of any information we receive and will arrange appropriate series of meetings at which all interested parties can attend.

Planters update.

The Planters and soil are in place and bulbs for spring planted. Thank you to the volunteers who have helped us so far, and to the owners of the B&B on Station Road who are going to look after the 2 at the entrance to Chiseldon Village on New Road.

We will be arranging regular “mindings” for the planters over the winter months ready for Spring.

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.

Visit <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/ChiseldonTennisClub/PayandPlay> for details. Booking are £10.00 per hour plus a £10 deposit.

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.

They advertise their events on Facebook - search for "Chiseldon Tennis Club" to find them.

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 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

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 2nd December 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 11th December. 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.