

CHISELDON PARISH COUNCIL REPORT
Points of interest from the meetings held in
April 2016

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Neighbourhood Watch

The next meeting will be Monday 6th June at 7.30 in the Recreation Hall behind Norris Close. All residents are invited to attend.

Police Report

Recent incidences of Anti Social behaviour have been reported to the police, both by concerned residents and by the Parish Council at the Council meeting on Monday 11th April. Our Borough Councillors are also very keen to help us deal with these incidences using all means possible. Please continue to report all such issues to the police using the number 101, or ring 999 if there is a crime in progress, or if people or property are in danger.

The Parish Council also made the police representative aware of the Butts Road Industrial area recent burglaries and this will be taken back for follow up work to be carried out.

New Road Traffic Calming Scheme.

There has been a lot of interest in this scheme to manage the speed of traffic on New Road in Chiseldon. The comments will be discussed at Council meetings. However if you wish to contact Swindon Borough Council directly with your views you can use the email address below to ensure that any information sent reaches an appropriate officer: customerservices@swindon.gov.uk Alternatively please email clerk@chiseldonparishcouncil.com with your views.

A346 junction with New Road Chiseldon

The Parish Council have confirmed with Swindon Borough Council that a proposal for road improvements at this junction be considered for approval in the list of 2016/17 works. The Parish Council will provide updates when information is made available.

Coate Water Parking consultation

Swindon Borough Council have opened a consultation with the public on a proposed scheme to introduce parking charges at Coate Water. For more information on this proposal or to complete the questionnaire on-line you can go to:

http://www.swindon.gov.uk/info/20019/consultations_engagement_and_surveys/634/coate_water_parking_consultation

You can also print the questionnaire out and post it to the address at the bottom of the form. The consultation closes 5.00pm on Friday 29th April.

Citizens Advice Swindon

The Swindon branch of Citizens Advice is looking to recruit volunteers for Advisors and Receptionists. They are looking for people who can spare 10 hours a week.

Posters can be viewed on the Chiseldon Parish Facebook page and website, and on community notice boards.

Alternatively email trainer2@swindon.cabnet.org.uk or call 01793 402106 and ask for Lucy MacIntosh.

Questionnaire on possible approaches to library service changes with regards to financial constraints

Swindon Borough Council is taking residents views by a Library questionnaire, on what is to be done with the money used for the libraries in the Swindon area.

With the government cutting funds for the next three years that goes to Swindon Council; less funds will be for libraries. From 2.6m to 1.5m, having to save 1.1m by 2020.

The Council cabinet report is on the website www.swindon.gov.uk.

The three main libraries services in the Chiseldon Parish area are Wroughton Library, the Mobile Library Van, and Home Library Service.

The costs per year for Wroughton Library is £70,633.00 per year, with an income of only £6,295.00 per year, and open 36 hours a week. It has average visits of 857 per week, with over 1071 loans and renewals per week, and business rates per year of £13,135.00. Staff Cost are £50,562.00 and the Mobile library has vehicle costs of £8,000.00pa. The vehicle is 10 years old and need a replacement at a cost of £80,000 - £90,000 capital outlay to replace. This vehicle is in Chiseldon on Thursday and Saturday but the number of library users is very low at present.

You can get your copies of the questionnaire from Wroughton Library or on line at:

www.swindon.gov.uk/librariesfuture

The questionnaire needs to be filled in and return by Friday 29th April 2016.

Post back to: PMO Swindon Borough Council Watt Tyler House, Beckhampton Street, SWINDON SN1 2JG, any Swindon Library, or the Civic Offices in Euclid Street Swindon.

Castle View Road Playground maintenance work

The Parish Council are in the process of arranging for maintenance work to be carried out at the play area in Castle View Road. We will publish the date for this on Facebook and on our website and notice boards once the work is confirmed.

The gate at the Sir Henry Calley Memorial Gardens

The wooden gate that is damaged and worn out will shortly be replaced at the Memorial Garden with a new attractive metal gate to ensure a longer life.

Washpool work

The WARP recently organised work at Daniel's garden to tidy the area and re-lay the paths down to the Washpool. The area looks wonderful and is worth a visit! Unfortunately the bird table that was provided by the volunteers was vandalised recently. We are very saddened that this can happen in the Parish and if anyone knows anything we urge them to contact us or the Police anonymously. Crime Stoppers can be called on 0800 555 111 and calls are completely confidential and anonymous. The Police have been informed.

Village picnic for the Queen's 90th birthday

A group of residents would like to organise a village picnic in celebration of the Queen's landmark birthday in the summer of 2016. If you would be interested in helping to organise such an event, or in providing food, cakes, bunting etc. then please contact the Clerk who will pass your details on to the organisers.

Coffee Mornings

The Calley Memorial Hall now has Village Coffee mornings every Friday from 10.00 to 12.00. They have a volunteer lift service for anyone who would like to go along but doesn't have transport or can't make the walk. There is a craft table set up to keep children entertained. Please contact Jane Beaumont and Alison Green via the Chiseldon Parish Facebook page for more information.

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 01793465495 for more details.

Next meetings

The monthly Borough Councillors Surgery will take place on Saturday 7th May from 11.30 to 12.30 in the Old Chapel, Butts 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 9th May, starting at 7.30pm in the Recreation Hall. Residents are welcome to attend and there is a public recess at the start of proceedings, after which residents can choose to leave.