

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

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***Neighbourhood Watch***

The next meeting will be Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July in the Recreation Hall behind Norris Close. All residents are invited to attend.

***Police Report***

Our police representatives have reported a lower level of crime over the last month, but some instances of thefts from gardens remain – please be vigilant with your property as always and keep buildings and vehicles locked. This includes not leaving car keys visible at night, near your front door or near windows. Likewise please don't leave any bags or briefcases in your vehicle on view, even when locked. This applies to when at home or when parking in a public place.

There will shortly be a police community messaging box installed at Oakley's Spar in Chiseldon. This is a confidential convenient method to leave messages for the Police. Messages will be collected by officers directly.

We have been made aware of certain distractions schemes where someone distracts you at your front door (often selling services) whilst someone enters your property at the rear with a view to stealing from you whilst you are busy at the front door. Please warn friends, neighbours and the elderly about this. If you have anyone "cold calling" you at home offering services then please call 999 immediately.

Wiltshire Police Community Messaging has a free sign up service where you can receive texts alerting you to potential problems in your area. This is free to sign up to. Visit [www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk](http://www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk)

If you are offered door step services such as garden work please be aware you have a legal right to a 14 day cooling off period. Even if you have work done straight away, you don't have to pay for 14 days.

We would also like to thank the Police for their excellent work with traffic control during the recent Fun Day where the Majorette's started the parade up to the Recreation Ground. This all ran smoothly and the road was open to traffic quickly afterwards.

***Local Services taken over by the Parish Council***

From the start of June Chiseldon Parish Council have taken over responsibility for grass cutting in public areas, litter bin emptying, litter picking and hedge maintenance. This is in addition to the dog bins that we already maintain. Please email [clerk@chiseldonparishcouncil.com](mailto:clerk@chiseldonparishcouncil.com) or call 01793 740744 during published office hours to report an issue. For all other public service issues or out of hours enquires please contact Swindon Borough Council. [customerservices@swindon.gov.uk](mailto:customerservices@swindon.gov.uk) or call StreetSmart enquiries - 01793 445501.

We ask that residents bear with us during this transition period whilst our new contractor is catching up with the work he has taken on.

This change does mean that any black bags containing excess waste cannot now be collected when they are left next to public bins. Please make sure your own personal waste is disposed of correctly so we can keep our Parish tidy.

***Bus Services Consultation***

Wiltshire Council have held a consultation in regards to a reduction in the bus services we would see in Chiseldon Parish.

The Parish Council would like to know your views on what buses you use, what stops you get on and off at and how often you use them. As a result of the consultation it may be that Parish Councils across the County may have to consider funding a commercial mini bus service for residents use.

Please email the Clerk at [clerk@chiseldonparishcouncil.com](mailto:clerk@chiseldonparishcouncil.com) to provide your views.

### ***Flower Planters in the Parish***

The Parish Council are looking at placing some planters around the Parish. We would like residents feedback as to the opinion of this, where we could put them and anyone who may like to help with their maintenance and watering. We have already had a good response from the Parish's Facebook page and would like to hear any further views.

We would also be interested in hearing from anyone who would like to "adopt a planter" such as local businesses do with roundabouts. Please email the clerk on [clerk@chiseldonparishcouncil.com](mailto:clerk@chiseldonparishcouncil.com) or write to us at The Old Chapel, Butts Road, Chiseldon, SN4 0NW.

### ***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](mailto:trainer2@swindon.cabnet.org.uk) or call 01793 402106 and ask for Lucy MacIntosh.

### ***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 (Please note the new Borough Councillors Surgery location)***

The monthly Borough Councillors Surgery which will have a Parish and Borough Councillor in attendance will take place on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> August from 11.30 to 12.30 in The Patriot's Arms public house on Draycot 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 8<sup>th</sup> August, 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.