

CHISELDON PARISH COUNCIL REPORT  
Points of interest from the meetings held in  
May 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***

The Parish Council met with Police Representatives recently for an update meeting on the crime situation in the Parish.

After the recent spate in crimes in the Parish, the Police have made good progress with 4 individuals currently being on police bail whilst investigations continue. The crime statistics for the area have also dropped significantly. During the period of time when the crimes were at their highest the police had numerous plain clothed patrols around the Parish. The Police have reported that a large number of vehicles are still being unlocked, often with items of value left inside. Please make sure that if your car is outside your house or even on your driveway, it only takes a second for someone to open a door and take a bag/phone/satnav.

We also urge people to be vigilant still with regards to leaving windows and doors open – especially now the weather is warmer. Never leave a window open where it would give someone easy access to your property.

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.

If you would like to know more about this subject, please consider attending a Neighbourhood Watch meeting.

***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.

***New Road Traffic Calming Scheme.***

The Parish Council met Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June and discussed the future of the New Road Build Out.

As a result of this meeting it has been agreed to view the monitoring equipment results that Swindon Borough Council have installed and have a full review after 3 months (from installation date) as to the suitability of the Build Out as a traffic calming measure and also its current location. During the monitoring period we will also be requesting SBC to install a camera (not speed camera) at the build-out to record traffic movement. Residents views will form a key part of the review at the 3 month period.

***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.

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

After a large number of questionnaires were received by Swindon Borough Council they have decided to postpone the discussion of the strategy until their July meeting to allow them to analyse the responses and write a new strategy.

### ***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 the Parish Facebook and on our website and notice boards once the work is confirmed.

### ***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. They have so far managed to raise funds for some very worthwhile causes, including a special week where donations were given to the "Eric the Washpool Sheep" fund to help with his care.

### ***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 2<sup>nd</sup> July 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 11<sup>th</sup> July, 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.