

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

The next Neighbourhood meeting is Monday 5th June at the Recreation Hall off Norris Close. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Police Report for March 2017

For the period noted above the Chiseldon Parish has had three burglaries reported two of which were garages. An offender has been arrested and interviewed in relation to these and our enquiries are on-going at this time. The third was a house on the Badbury Park estate.

There have been a few thefts reported from insecure garden areas to the front of properties i.e. from driveways and at the side of houses. The items stolen have mainly been copper and building materials.

Criminal damage to a bus shelter, number 49040374 on the A346 has also been reported.

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Community Co-ordinator

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Making Chiseldon Parish greener

Councillors and the Clerk are currently formulating a plan to introduce planters and ground planting around the parish. We have some names already of volunteers who have offered to water and weed the planters - if you'd like to help us, please let the Clerk know.

Temporary footpath closure

Footpath 24 which connects to Dayhouse Lane will be closed on the 27th March for 6 months in accordance with the 1984 Road Traffic Regulation Act Swindon Borough Council have advised us. An alternative route to the west of the closed section will be provided.

Public meeting at the Chiseldon House Hotel in regards to potential New Road planning application for new homes.

Residents should have received flyers in regards to the above potential planning application. All residents are urged to go along if they would like to know more. The presentation is the 24th April between 3.00pm and 7.00pm.

Parish Defibrillators

The Parish Council took the first step this week of voting to provide two defibrillators within the Parish, with the possibility of adding more in the future. The proposed locations (subject to discussions and approval) are outside the Calley Memorial Hall, and in the area of the doctor's surgery. These machines are designed to be accessed 24/7 and provide comprehensive audio instructions on their use and even know when a situation doesn't require the use of a defibrillator. We will continue to work on this and update you as work progresses.

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 will be closed for 2 weeks during Easter school holidays for remedial work to take place.

Parish Council office improvements

The Parish office will be closed for a number of days at the end of April for some refurbishment work. This old building dating back to 1877, whilst a beautiful structure, left a lot to be desired as far as a workable office space went. The inside is going to be brought up to an acceptable standard so it becomes a fully functioning office and meeting place benefiting the community.

Proposed M4 J15 work

The Parish Council have been invited to a meeting with the Borough Council in regards to the proposed draft plans for J15 of the M4. This issue has been discussed at length at Full Council and by sub committees but we welcome comments for our consideration from any residents. Please email your comments to clerk@chiseldon-pc.gov.uk by the end of April.

Youth Mobi “BIOS” van.

During term time a team visit the Castle View Road green area with their mobile van to hold a youth club for local children. This group is aimed at children who can be left unattended. They meet at 7.20 onwards on a Thursday evening. This scheme is sponsored by the Parish Council. Please consider visiting with your child/children to check it out and see what you think. The van already has a good presence of children attending.

You can find out more at: <https://yfc.uk/local/swindon/>

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.

The Tennis Club are holding an open day on Sunday 23rd April 10.00 to 1.00pm. They are welcoming existing members, new members or people who just want a knock about game to come along and find out more. They will be providing hot dogs, tea, coffee and squash.

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.

Promoting local business, clubs and charities

The Parish Council are always keen to engage with local businesses, clubs and charities to see how we can help them within our community. If you would like to talk to us about how we can help you then please contact the Parish Clerk in the first instance on the details above.

New Parish Responsibilities

The Parish Council are in the process of finalising a new deal with Swindon Borough Council to take on further responsibilities. The Parish Council actively encouraged talks with the Borough as a way of working through a sensible deal to allow us to better serve the needs of the Parish. Extra duties will include the cutting of more hedgerows, pavement cleaning, leaf clearance, and the ability to manage the cleaning of road signs, graffiti and responding quicker to more varied issues of fly tipping.

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; public area hedge maintenance and general litter picking.

Dog Fouling

Social media has recently seen an increase in the reports of dog fouling within the parish. A street that appears to be heavily affected is Castle View Road in Chiseldon which is the road leading to the Primary School. It is particularly important that this area be kept clean to make sure children are not exposed to the known health dangers that dog mess can carry.

We would urge all residents who own a dog to pick up after their dog at all times. It's easy and simple to do and special "dog poo" bags are cheap to buy and readily available. On the spot fines for failing to do so can be handed out and a maximum fine of £1,000 issued by a court.

Please report any issue of dog fouling, or evidence of a known person who allows their dog to foul and doesn't clean it up to dogwarden@swindon.gov.uk or report it to the Parish Clerk who will forward the information on for you.

The dog warden has scheduled in regular visits to this area.

Football Season is also well under way at the Recreation Ground so dog walkers are reminded to clear up after their dogs in this area. The Chiseldon under 9's football team couldn't play the other day until they had cleared dog mess from the goal area. Not a nice thing for children to have to deal with.

If we cannot keep these areas clear then the Parish Council will have no choice but to ban dogs from the Recreation Field.

Home Library Service and mobile library end of 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 (Please note the Borough Councillors Surgery location)

The monthly Borough Councillors Surgery which will have a Parish and Borough Councillor in attendance will take place on Saturday ~~XXX~~ May 11.30 to 12.30 in the Old Chapel on 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 8th May. We will start the evening at 7.0pm by holding the Annual meeting of the Parish Council. Once this meeting concludes the May Parish Council meeting will immediately start. These 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.