

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

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We have had a very busy month in the Parish, with lots of volunteers showing what a great community spirit we have in Chiseldon Parish. I hope some of the services mentioned below are of interest to you, or perhaps you may think about joining a new volunteer service?

PC Draper's report:

Crime statistics in the Parish continue to be low compared to previous years. There were some incidents of theft in January; these were mostly from Commercial premises.

Unfortunately criminal damage does appear to be slowly increasing. There have been reports of vehicles being damaged and number plates stolen off cars. Please carry on reporting any issues such as these as having them recorded on the Police National Computer can stop follow on crimes from occurring.

Non residential buildings do seem to be the target for theft so make sure your sheds, and outbuildings are securely locked with no items of value on show at the windows etc.

We are in the planning stages of having a Postbox installed for residents to use to communicate with the police over any concerns or queries. More information on this will follow in future editions.

Chiseldon Parish Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

The Chiseldon Parish Neighbourhood Watch Scheme held its most recent meeting on the 25th January and was once again well attended by local residents. PCSO Rob Dentry attended in his role as a member of the local Neighbourhood Policing Team. Concern was expressed in relation to the Anti-social Behaviour that had been evident over the Christmas and New Year period. PCSO Dentry acknowledged the problems and reassured members that certain young people had been spoken to in relation to their behaviour. The inappropriate use of motorcycles on the Recreation Ground and adjacent farmer's field had also led to the Police being involved with hopeful constructive outcomes which will see such activity cease. All Chiseldon residents are requested to report any suspicious activity or incident of anti social behaviour to the Police. If necessary, due to any activity being seen do call 999 otherwise call 101 and obtain a crime or log number.

The next Neighbourhood Watch meeting will take place on Monday 28th March commencing at 7.30pm at the Recreation Hall, accessed at the end of Norris Close.

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.

Surface Flooding

In the event of heavy rain overflowing the drainage system and causing street flooding, Thames Water has a waste water overflow number. Please call them with the location of the flooding and they will come out to investigate. The number is 0800 009 3964

Post Box near the Spar

The post box near the Spar is fully operational and collections are being made as scheduled.

Logs for sale

The Parish Council have some logs for sale, suitable for burning in fires/burners. These are freshly cut so will need to be dried before use. You will need your own transport to move these and be able to cut them to size. We have a load for £50.00 and a load for £25.00. Please contact the Clerk on the email above to make further enquiries.

Tennis Club open day

There will be an open day on the 16th April at 11.00 for anyone who would like to find out more about the tennis club and the facilities.

New Parish noticeboard to be installed

We have recently taken delivery for a new noticeboard to be installed in Badbury. Over the coming days we will get this erected so we can start to display Parish information there.

Footpath Maintenance near the Motorway

The "Friends of the Path" held a workday in January and finished the work to lay a 200m hedge. A team of 12 finished off this work that was started in 2013, and wish to thank all those involved and also The Woodland Trust who donated materials from their Stratton Wood.

Washpool work day

The volunteers had a very good day on the 24th January. They cleared paths and boardwalks and laid down fresh wood chips for the sheep. Please see Parish notices for details of forthcoming work days. All volunteers are very much welcome.

New Parish Councillor

Mr Glenn Mills was co-opted as a Parish Councillor at the January 2016 meeting, and we welcome him to the Council.

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.

Extra help in the event of a power failure

SSE who maintain all the cabling in the Parish have a priority service for anyone who may need extra help during a power outage. You can call them on 0800 294 3259 to register or visit www.ssepd.co.uk/PriorityServicesRegisterForm to find out more.

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 6th March between 11.30am and 12.30pm 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 14th March , 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.