

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

The next Neighbourhood meeting is Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March at the Recreation Hall off Norris Road. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**Report for the period 1<sup>st</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

**06/01/17 – Windmill Piece – Criminal Damage** - unknown suspect has caused damage to a vehicle by removing and damaging the hub caps and scratching down one side.

**08/01/17 – Station Road – Dwelling burglary** - unknown suspect has attempted to break into the property by forcing the rear conservatory door. No entry gained.

**15/01/17 - Castlevie Road - Criminal Damage** - report of suspect causing damage to telephone kiosk.

**17/01/17 – Butts Road – Criminal Damage** - vehicle parked at the location for three days. When they returned there was a note on windscreen asking them not to park it there and a deep scratch down the side of the vehicle with estimated damage to the value of £480. It is not possible to determine whether the two are related.

**21/07/17 – Hodson Road - Road Traffic incident** – driver has driven into the rear of a parked vehicle causing damage.

**25/01/17 – Draycott Road – Dwelling burglary** - two males seen on CCTV to approach the property and attempt to gain entry. No entry gained to the property and no damage caused. Suspect arrested.

**28/01/17 – Norris Close – Dwelling burglary** - two males have entered the property via the rear door and have told the elderly resident that they are Police. They left when the victim started to shout for help.

**National Litter Pick day – HEROES WANTED – IT'S TIME TO CLEAN UP THIS COUNTRY**

There is a Great British Spring Clean weekend in March, supported by “Keep Britain Tidy” and Steve Backshall from TV’s “Deadly 60”.

The Parish Council will be registering the community to support this event by organising a litter pick on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March in Chiseldon and surrounding villages. We urge all residents to add the date to their diary and take part if they can and support this worthwhile community engagement activity that has national significance. Our thanks go to a Badbury resident for alerting us to this scheme.

We will be meeting from 10.00am to 12.00 noon on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March at the car park at Stroud’s Hill to hand out hi-vis vests, litter pickers and rubbish sacks. Alternatively you may wish to devote your efforts to your own street/village? Badbury villagers can meet in the Bakers Arms car park at the same time.

We are approaching all the local pubs to see if they can provide tea and coffee free of charge to all volunteers.

So we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on the 4<sup>th</sup>; if you would like to devote your efforts to a particular area then let the Clerk know via email (above) and we can arrange delivery of equipment. Likewise we can also arrange collection of your rubbish bags after the litter pick.

### ***Annual Parish Meeting***

All residents are invited to our annual parish meeting on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April from 7.00pm at the Chiseldon House Hotel on New Road.

We are currently booking some guest speakers and will have reports on the year's activities from all Committee Chairs. Teas/Coffees will be provided and the hotel's bar will be open for cash purchases.

### ***3 New Parish Councillors***

A warm welcome goes to John Martin, Jane Beaumont and Ian Henderson who were all co-opted as council members recently.

### ***BT Phone box consultation***

We are currently working on getting the red phone box at Badbury adopted by the Parish Council so it can remain in place (but decommissioned) as part of the local scenery in Badbury.

We are also working with SBC to get the red phone box at Castle View Road retained as a red working phone box. We will be applying for listed status for this box.

All other phone boxes have had a recommendation put forward by SBC to have them removed.

To help us preserve the Castle View Road box SBC have asked for individuals and organisations to write in with their support. You can address your emails to Karen Phimister at [kphimister@swindon.gov.uk](mailto:kphimister@swindon.gov.uk) stating why this phone box should remain.

### ***Recreation Hall on Norris Road***

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.

### ***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.

### ***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](http://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.

### ***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.

### ***New Railings at the Chapel on Butts Road***

Work will shortly be underway to install new iron railings at the Chapel on Butts Road. A trench needed to be dug to help with a damp issue inside the Chapel. Now this is resolved new iron railings that complement the existing railings are to be installed around the trench.

### ***Internal Alterations to the Chapel on Butts Road***

In an effort to modernise the Chapel and make it a suitable working and meeting environment, work will begin shortly to install a new false ceiling with insulation, secondary glazing for the windows, decorating and new carpet. The Clerk's office may be closed for periods of time but this will be posted on our website, on the Community Facebook page and on the Chapel door.

### ***Extra Litter Picking***

The Environment and Finance committees have approved the expenditure for extra litter picking each month across the parish. If you see an area that requires attention, please let the Clerk know.

### ***Extra Rubbish Bin***

Plans are in place to put an extra rubbish bin on New Road in Chiseldon, at the bus stop next to the Service Station. Our hopes are that people will use the bin in this area instead of throwing their rubbish on the floor before they get on or off the bus.

### ***Pavilion improvements***

Work has just finished at the sports pavilion used by the Chiseldon Football club to install new showers and cubicles, ensure a good supply of hot water and other necessary improvements. We hope this spurs the football club on to many more wins!

### ***Recreation Hall Closure***

There is a plan in place to close the Recreation Hall for 2 weeks in April to continue the improvement works. We have hopefully scheduled this to not impact on any regular hall users, please contact the Clerk if this may affect you, or you need to enquire about a booking.

### ***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 01793 465 495 for more details.

Once the mobile library closes, there is the facility to join us to this service and have books delivered to your home. You can ask Cllr David Hill for more information.

***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 4<sup>th</sup> March 11.30 to 12.30 in the Calley Memorial Hall on Draycott Road, opposite the Patriot's Arms. 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 13<sup>th</sup> March, starting at 7.30pm 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.