

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

The next Neighbourhood meeting is Monday 30th January at the Recreation Hall off Norris Road. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Police Report for the period 1st – 31st December 2016

02/12/16 – Theft from motor vehicle - Chalcot Road - Unknown suspect has gained access to an unsecure vehicle which was parked on a driveway and and stolen items from within to the value of £120.

04/12/16 – Burglary - Hodson Road – occupant came downstairs to find her patio doors open which were closed before going upstairs. No access believed to be gained and nothing stolen.

07/12/16 – Theft from motor vehicle - Hodson Road - Unknown suspect has smashed the window on a vehicle and stolen a leather handbag containing items to the value of approx. £?

16/12/16 - Burglary - Badbury Park - unknown suspects have gained entry to a business container stored on a construction site by unknown means. Once inside they have stolen items from within.

22/12/16 - Theft - Station Road – unknown and unseen suspect has unscrewed and stolen the front and rear number plates of a motor vehicle

05/12/16-30/12/16 – Theft - Commercial Premises – several reported thefts during this period

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Community Co-ordinator

Swindon South CPT

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 4th 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 4th 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?

So we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at Strouds Hill green on the 4th; 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.

Chiseldon Firs Travellers Site

Chiseldon Parish Council continues to work with the Borough Council to remedy the situation at the Chiseldon Firs Travellers site. The latest news from SBC is that the legal papers are being complied to evidence this as an illegal occupation. Authority is needed from the courts to regain possession of the site and the papers should be submitted shortly. The Parish Council have submitted information to assist with this. In the meantime SBC are working closely with the police to monitor the site, and the individuals concerned have been served with trespass notices. Please report any illegal activities you witness to the police.

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 stating why this phone box should remain.

New Parish Councillors

We could like to welcome Jane Beaumont and Ian Henderson to the Parish Council. Jane and Ian were co-opted on Monday 9th January at the full council meeting and we look forward to them joining the team.

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 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 Litter Bins

One more litter bin is due to be installed shortly on the A346 at the bus stop on the Chiseldon side of the road. (This replaces the current small bin which isn't sufficient in size for the location). This completes our work of upgrading and increasing the bins in the Parish.

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.

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 4th February 11.30 to 12.30 in the Patriot's Arms on Draycott 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 bar will be open for tea's and coffee's to warm you up.

The next Full Council meeting will be on Monday 13th February, 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.