

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 the period 1st – 28th February 2017

26/02/17 – Castlevue Road – Garage Burglary – garage has been broken into during the early hours No items have been stolen.

26/02/17 – John Alder Close – Criminal damage – three reports received that white paint has been daubed on properties and vehicles causing damage.

26/02/17 - Station Road – Theft from motor vehicle - four reports received relating to items stolen from vehicles left insecure. Four persons have been arrested on suspicion of these offences and are currently on Police bail pending further enquiries

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We would also like to remind all residents that opportunist crimes now appear to sadly be the norm. Now that most cars are locked remotely with a key fob, please take a couple of extra seconds to make sure the alarm has been set and also make sure no items are kept on show, even on your own driveway.

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.

National Litter Pick day

A massive thank you to everyone who turned out for the litter pick day on Saturday 4th March. We had a lovely sunny morning and plenty of adults and children turned up to help. We covered all areas of the Parish and had a dedicated team based at Badbury, and we managed to collect 3 complete lorry loads of rubbish to be taken away. Our thanks go also to our Contractor AllBuild www.allbuildbuilding-swindon.co.uk who took all the rubbish away free of charge and supplied us with some of the equipment we used.

Our thanks also go to all the pubs in the area, the Calley Arms in Hodson, The Plough at Badbury, The Bakers Arms at Badbury and the Patriot's Arms in Chiseldon for providing free hot drinks for all the volunteers.

We'd like to make this a regular event, if anyone would like to help us organise one later in the year then please let the Clerk know.

Planning Update

At present there is very little activity with regards to planning applications within the parish. However, by the time that we go to print we are expecting an application from City & Country to put

54 houses at Burderop Park to replace the current offices. If you wish to see or comment upon the plans they can be seen at www.swindon.gov.uk/planning

Annual Parish Meeting

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

We have the Police and Crime Commissioner Angus MacPherson booked to give a talk and Q&A on the new policing model 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.

BT Phone box consultation

We are finalising the deal with BT to adopt the red phone box at Badbury so it can remain in place (but decommissioned) as part of the local scenery in Badbury. We have paid our £1 and are currently receiving estimates for the work that needs to be done to preserve it for years to come.

We are also working with SBC to get the red phone box at Castle View Road retained as a red working phone box.

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

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.

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

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.

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.

Parish Defibrillator

The March full council meeting held a discussion on the need to have one or more defibrillators situated within the Parish. The overwhelming response was that we should look into this further. The Finance committee have been tasked with investigating the costs and considerations of these. Currently there are defibrillators at Wroughton at the Ellendune Centre and 3 at Wanborough; at the Hoopers Field Sports facility, the Village Hall in Lower Wanborough and the Doctors surgery in Upper Wanborough.

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.

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.

Once the mobile library service closes at the end of March, there is the facility to join up to this service and have books delivered to your home. You can see Cllr David Hill's Library update article in this edition 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 1st April 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 10th April, 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.