

CHISELDON PARISH COUNCIL REPORT  
Points of interest and extracts from the meeting held in  
November 2015  
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***Vacancies for a Parish Clerk and a Parish Councillor***

We are delighted to report a high level of interest in both of these posts and we hope to announce new appointments at the beginning of next year.

***Chiseldon Firs***

Swindon Borough Council's transit site for the travelling community has now closed and no problems were reported during its brief period of opening.

***Badbury Park***

By the end of this month there will be 100 occupied homes in the new Badbury Park development. Residents have been welcomed to the Parish with a complimentary copy of the Bell and there is now a Community Association, which is beginning to meet regularly. The work of this Association has been supported by a grant from the Parish Council.

***Village picnic for the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> 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.

***Mobile library***

Please be aware that Swindon Borough Council's mobile library service is now operating to a new timetable, details of which can be found in this edition of the Bell or on the Parish Council's website.

***Police Report***

Unfortunately PC Draper was unable to attend this month's meeting but he did provide an update. The good news is there were no major crimes to report. The issue regarding motorbike activity in the village has been addressed and will be carefully monitored.

Speeding vehicles continue to be a matter of concern across the Parish and our Speedwatch volunteers regularly pass data to the police, for whom this is now a priority. Please drive carefully through the villages and be aware of other road users.

***Parish Plan***

A number of villagers are working on a new Plan that will guide Parish Council priorities over the next few years. You can help by answering the following three questions:

- 1) What do you like about life in Chiseldon Parish?
- 2) What do you dislike about life in Chiseldon Parish?
- 3) What would make Chiseldon Parish a better place to live?

You can post your answers to Parish Plan, 26 Turnball, Chiseldon SN4 0LJ or email them to [chiseldonplan@gmail.com](mailto:chiseldonplan@gmail.com)

When replying, please tell us which village you live in and whether you are aged 21 or under, 22 to 60 or 60+. You do not have to give your name.

#### ***Highways***

Yellow lines have now been installed at either end of Turnball and the Council is monitoring their effectiveness. Please be aware of potential obstruction when parking your vehicle, as we have several narrow streets that do not allow for pavements and parking too close to junctions can force pedestrians into the path of oncoming vehicles.

#### ***Village appearance***

The Parish noticeboard has now been replaced outside Oakley's Spar. This is a space for village groups to advertise their activities and the key will be made available through the Spar. Please remember to regularly remove old notices so that there is space for everyone to use the board. The Parish Council's own noticeboard has also been moved to sit alongside.

Thank you to all those who helped with the recent village clean-up. Litter continues to be a problem across the Parish and, given budget cuts, it is up to us to help keep our environment tidy. Please care for our villages by taking any litter with you and depositing it in a suitable bin (not in the dog bins which get full very quickly if they are used for general litter).

#### ***Other matters***

There are a number of major roadworks proposed in the Swindon area over the coming months, as well as some transport disruption over the Christmas period. Please see Councillor Hill's report in this edition of the Bell for more information.

The Chiseldon Parish Council Jubilee Fund was set up to offer small grants (of up to £500) to support the work of community groups. A number of grants are still available and you can find out more by contacting the Clerk.

#### ***Next meetings***

The monthly Borough Councillors Surgery will take place on Saturday 5 December 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 come along and say hello.

The next Full Council meeting will be on Monday 14 December, 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 or stay and listen to the discussion.