

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

The next Neighbourhood meeting is Monday 25th September at the Recreation Hall off Norris Close. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Butts Road Cemetery

For a number of years for various reasons the regulations at the Butts Road cemetery in regards to grave sites have not always been adhered to. This has been brought to the attention of the Parish Council so we will now begin a process of bringing graves up to regulation standards starting with the removal of glass and ceramic items that may break and cause a hazard.

Our regulations are on our website, they are on the Chapel door in Butts Road, and can be requested from the Clerk. They will also be supplied with any new funeral arrangement paperwork.

We will endeavour to contact Next of Kin before making any changes to grave sites. If you have any concerns over a grave site you care for, or are next of kin for a grave site and the Council may not have your details then please get in touch with the Clerk.

Hodson Road Closure

From 29th August 9.00am to 31st August 6.00pm Hodson Road in Chiseldon will be closed for road repairs.

This closure will include the junction for Hodson heading towards Broome Manor. Diversions will be in place. Please visit our website for more information.

2 Parish Defibrillators

The Calley Hall Memorial Trust has approved the funding for 1 of the 2 defibrillators the Parish Council would like to install. (The Parish Council are funding the other one) This means we can go ahead and order the defibrillators, arrange installation and training.

The 2 defibrillators have been ordered and we have a local electrician Matt Rose who has kindly offered to install them for free. Once they are in place and people get familiar with their location, a training session on their use will be provided for 50 people. The Council will arrange the attendance for this.

Yellow lines on Hodson Road/New Road

The Parish Council have been advised that there were no objections raised to yellow lines on Hodson Road, and no objections to them being removed on a short stretch of road on New Road to allow a new layby to be installed.

We don't have a date yet from Swindon Borough Council on when this work will start.

Castle View Play Area

As the Council start a rolling series of updates and repairs to the play area you may have noticed the 2 wooden rockers have been removed. These were no longer safe and new alternatives are being sought. It was not possible to rescue the rope beam on the wooden adventure trail so our contractor has replaced this with some stepping posts.

Repairs were also carried out to the steps to the slide.

Further changes will happen later in the year when the 2 rockers will be replaced and further repairs carried out.

Hedge cutting responsibilities

Could all residents please bear in mind that all sides of your hedges need to be cut during the growing season. The side that isn't within your garden boundary may be obstructing a footpath or road. Our contractors have grass verges to cut within the parish and cannot do this if hedges are overgrown.

WASTE REMOVAL - IMPORTANT

You may not be aware but if you employ someone to remove waste from your property you must ensure they are licenced to remove and dispose of waste. If you employ someone who isn't licenced and they fly tip the waste then you can be liable for the prosecution that may follow.

Please choose your contractor carefully as saving some money in the short term could result in a large long term loss.

As well as this, when unlicensed contractors fly tip the waste, it costs the Parish Council money to remove the waste. The cost of this comes out of the Parish Precept which all Council tax payers contribute towards.

New Road proposed new housing development

At the time of going to print the Parish Council have still not received any applications through from Swindon Borough Council with regards to the proposed development on New Road. We will make the public aware of any information we receive and will hold meetings that all interested parties can attend.

Parish Council Committee Re-structure

The Parish Council voted in favour of a committee restructure at the Full Council meeting on the 14th August. Meetings will run as usual for the rest of August and a new schedule will be released for September onwards.

Planters update.

The Parish Council have submitted the plans to Swindon Borough Council for the installation of 6 raised flower planters within the Parish. Once approved, we hope to get them installed ready for bulb planting for next spring. We have some volunteers lined up to assist with planting and general care of the planters – let us know if you'd like to help.....

Recreation Hall on Norris Close

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.

Youth Mobi "BIOS" van.

When it returns in September the BIOS van will be providing a Sports Facility Worker each Thursday with the van. A sporting event will be organised each week. The Parish Council continue to support and fund the van.

You can find out more at: <https://yfc.uk/local/swindon/>

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.

You can also talk to the Tennis Club about becoming a member and then having year round access to some of the best courts in the area. The courts are flood light so play is not limited to daytime hours. Take a look at their website <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/ChiseldonTennisClub> for details of membership costs – there are packages to suit everyone and lots of discounts to be had. They also have a LTA level 4 coach Phil Kerley on hand to book lessons with.

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.

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.

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.

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 2nd September 11.30 to 12.30 in the Calley Memorial Hall 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 next Full Council meeting will be on Monday 11th September. This will start at 7.30pm and will be held 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.

PARISH COUNCIL OF CHISELDON (Chiseldon and Lawn WARD)

VACANCY FOR A COUNCILLOR

Notice is hereby given that by reason of resignation of Cllr Jane Beaumont a vacancy has occurred among the members of the Parish Council.

Any person willing to fill this vacancy should apply to the Clerk in writing on or before Monday 4th September 2017.

The applicants name must appear on the current register of the Voters List or the applicant should during the whole of the 12 months preceding the relevant date have resided in or within 3 miles of the parish or the applicants only place of work during the whole of the 12 months preceding the relevant date is in the parish.

The applicant must not be disbarred from standing as a councillor.

PUBLIC elections cannot be held until 2019 but for the interim period the present sitting councillors may co-opt to fill the vacancy.

Dated 4th August 2017

Signed

Clair Wilkinson, Parish Clerk