

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

The next Neighbourhood meeting is Monday 27th November at the Recreation Hall off Norris Close. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Castle View Play Area

The 2 new rockers have now been ordered and we await delivery and installation. The work on minor improvements and adjustments has now been carried out. Let's hope we keep having some sunny play days!

Community Facebook page

Our thanks to the volunteers who created and maintain the Facebook page that is open to all in the Parish and surrounding areas. The page isn't organised or maintained by the Parish Council but we use it as an excellent tool to keep people updated on relevant information. If you use Facebook and want to join then search for "Chiseldon Community". Please read the pinned post for the page's "rules" on behaviour.

A reminder also that our website www.chiseldon-pc.gov.uk is always updated and improving. Have a visit and let us know what you like or what we need to include to make it better.

Draycott Foliat Bus Stop

After we received some residents comments, the Parish Council along with our Ward Councillors, contacted Swindon Borough Councils Public Transport team to request a site visit to the bus stop to agree improvements to its position and visibility.

The agreed plan is to cut back the hedge, move the stop sign post forward to allow the bus driver to see waiting passengers easier, clean up the bus shelter and cut down the overhanging tree above the shelter. This work is currently underway. Our thanks to Parish and Ward Councillors who enabled this to happen.

Home Close Nature Area

Some years ago the Borough Council put drainage into the nature area of Home Close to prevent flooding along Hodson Road and into Home Close and left it as a "wild" nature area. Due to the extensive undergrowth a number of trees are compromising the drainage and access to the drains. The Parish Council are looking into a program of work to clear the area to allow access, preserve the integrity of the drains but still keep the area looking natural.

New Noticeboard at Hodson

The landowners have given permission for a new noticeboard to be placed in Hodson where the current wooden board is near the post box. The board has been ordered and once delivery and installation is complete we will investigate the allocation of keys to ensure it can be used by all for updates and local information.

New Road proposed new housing development

At the time of going to print the Parish Council have still not received confirmation from Swindon Borough Council that a formal planning application has been received regarding the proposed development on New Road. We will ensure we inform residents of any information we receive and will arrange appropriate series of meetings at which all interested parties can attend.

Planters update.

The licence came through from the Borough Council with no problems. The planters have been ordered and are expected very soon. The spring bulbs have been ordered and we can plant them as soon as the planters are in place. Hopefully we will be in contact with volunteers soon to get started (I have ordered your hi-viz vests) and we can identify any planters that still need a carer for them.

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.

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.

Visit <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/ChiseldonTennisClub/PayandPlay> for details. Booking are £10.00 per hour plus a £10 deposit.

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.

The advertise their events on Facebook - search for “Chiseldon Tennis Club” to find them.

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; some public area hedge maintenance and general litter picking.

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

The monthly Borough Councillors Surgery which will have a Parish and Borough Councillor in attendance will take place on Saturday 4th November 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 13th November. 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.