

CHISELDON PARISH COUNCIL REPORT  
Points of interest from the meetings held in  
August 2016

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***Neighbourhood Watch***

The next meeting will be Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September in the Recreation Hall behind Norris Close. All residents are invited to attend.

***Police Report***

Our police representatives have reported a lower level of crime over the last month, but some instances of thefts from gardens and properties remain – please be vigilant with your property as always and keep buildings and vehicles locked. This includes not leaving car keys visible at night, near your front door or near windows. Likewise please don't leave any bags or briefcases in your vehicle on view, even when locked. This applies to when at home or when parking in a public place.

There is a police community messaging box installed at Oakley's Spar in Chiseldon. This is a confidential convenient method to leave messages for the Police. Messages will be collected by officers directly.

Wiltshire Police Community Messaging has a free sign up service where you can receive texts alerting you to potential problems in your area. This is free to sign up to. Visit [www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk](http://www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk)

***Parish Plan leaflet and Parish Council update Newsletter***

Over the past few weeks volunteers have been delivering leaflets for an updated Parish Plan and also a newsletter with updates from the Parish Council. The Parish Plan leaflet is the method by which you can have your say on the future of the Parish. If you can't locate your leaflet now then not to worry, you can send your responses to:

[Chiseldonplan@gmail.com](mailto:Chiseldonplan@gmail.com) or post them to 26 Turnball, Chiseldon, SN4 0LJ. You can also go onto the website [www.chiseldonlhg.org.uk](http://www.chiseldonlhg.org.uk) to provide your replies. If you have filled in your leaflet then you can post them in special boxes at Oakleys Spar, Patriot Arms, Calley Arms and Bakers Arms.

***Bus Services Consultation***

Swindon Borough Council have held a consultation in regards to a reduction in the bus services we would see in Chiseldon Parish.

The Parish Council would like to know your views on what buses you use, what stops you get on and off at and how often you use them. As a result of the consultation it may be that Parish Councils across the County may have to consider funding a commercial mini bus service for residents use.

We would also like to thank local residents who organised a petition against the bus cuts. They managed to raise 800 signatures. This petition has been handed in to the Parish Council and Councillor David Hill has delivered it to Swindon Borough Council for consideration.

The X5 Salisbury Red's Service will stop visiting Chiseldon on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September and will instead stop at the bus stop on the A346 Marlborough Road. The 8, 80, 70A and 72A and Sunday 5 services will continue to run as scheduled for the time being.

***Placing stones and boulders on grass verges***

The Parish Council have been made aware by Swindon Borough Council that any individual that places boulders, stones or other obstructions on to public grass verges to protect grass from being parked on is legally liable for any damage, injury or incident that occurs as a result of the obstruction placed there. This liability

also extends to the Parish Council should they wish to use this method of protecting the grass. We have therefore elected not to use this method to protect any grass verges and our advice to residents would be to remove any stones also to avoid liability. The council will post an information letter to this effect to any homeowner who is noted to be using boulders etc. This is to ensure homeowners are aware of all the facts as presented to us by Swindon Borough Council.

### ***Library Consultations***

Swindon Borough Council are having to reduce expenditure on libraries by around £1.5 million by 2020. They are having a consultation on a proposed strategy and proposal for the service moving forwards. They welcome everyone's views on the proposal. You can see all the information on [www.swindon.gov.uk/librariesfuture](http://www.swindon.gov.uk/librariesfuture) and at all Swindon libraries. Views are due in by 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016. There are also a series of drop in events across the borough libraries for anyone who has any questions. A full listing can be obtained from the Parish Clerk. There is also a public meeting on September 6<sup>th</sup> 7-9pm at St Joseph's College on Ocotol Way.

### ***Flower Planters in the Parish***

The Parish Council are looking at placing some planters around the Parish. We would like residents feedback as to the opinion of this, where we could put them and anyone who may like to help with their maintenance and watering. We have already had a good response from the Parish's Facebook page and would like to hear any further views.

We would also be interested in hearing from anyone who would like to "adopt a planter" such as local businesses do with roundabouts. Please email the Clerk on [clerk@chiseldonparishcouncil.com](mailto:clerk@chiseldonparishcouncil.com) or write to us at The Old Chapel, Butts Road, Chiseldon, SN4 0NW.

### ***Coffee Mornings***

The Calley Memorial Hall now has Village Coffee mornings every Friday from 10.00 to 12.00. They have a volunteer lift service for anyone who would like to go along but doesn't have transport or can't make the walk. There is a craft table set up to keep children entertained. Please contact Jane Beaumont and Alison Green via the Chiseldon Parish Facebook page for more information.

### ***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 new Borough Councillors Surgery location)***

The monthly Borough Councillors Surgery which will have a Parish and Borough Councillor in attendance will take place on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September from 11.30 to 12.30 in The Patriot's Arms public house on Draycot 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 12<sup>th</sup> September, starting at the earlier time of **7.00pm** 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.