

CHISELDON PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

December 2015

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This edition of the Ridgeway Bell goes to print before the December Council meeting takes place, so there will be a report of those proceedings in the February edition. However, there are still a few general updates that we would like to share.

New Parish Clerk

This is my last report as your Parish Clerk and I would like to take the opportunity to thank all of the Councillors, and the local community, for the support I have received during my six months in office. I have learnt a great deal about life in our Parish and it has been a valuable experience.

An announcement about the new Clerk will be made in due course.

Opening hours for the Parish Office

The Parish Office will close for Christmas at 1pm on Wednesday 23 December 2015.

Litter collections over the Christmas period

There will, inevitably, be some disruption to the litter collection services over the festive period. Please help us to keep our village tidy by pushing waste down into the bins and using an alternative bin should the nearest one be full.

Dog bins

Dog bins will continue to be emptied every Monday over the holiday period. We are also expecting a new dog bin to be installed before Christmas, on the track at the top of the Washpool, beyond the white gate at the end of Church Street. This will bring the number of dog bins supplied by the Council to 16 – please be considerate to your fellow residents and use them when walking your dog.

Council meeting dates for 2016

The 2016 meeting dates for each Parish Council Committee have been agreed as follows:

Full Parish Council on Mondays, at the Recreation Hall at 7.30pm

- 11 January, 8 February, 14 March, 11 April, 9 May, 13 June, 11 July, 8 August, 12 September, 10 October, 14 November, 12 December

Environment Committee on Thursdays, at The Old Chapel, Butts Road at 7pm

- 14 January, 11 February, 17 March, 14 April, 12 May, 16 June, 14 July, 11 August, 15 September, 13 October, 17 November, 15 December

Recreation Committee on Mondays, at The Old Chapel, Butts Road at 7pm

- 18 January, 15 February, 21 March, 18 April, 16 May, 20 June, 18 July, 15 August, 19 September, 17 October, 21 November, 19 December

The other two committees meet on an 'as required' basis, so the following dates are provisional and should be checked with the Clerk nearer the time.

Finance Committee on Wednesdays, at The Old Chapel, Butts Road at 7.30pm

- 27 January, 30 March, 25 May, 27 July, 28 September, 30 November

Planning Committee on Mondays, at The Old Chapel, Butts Road at 7pm

- 1 February, 4 April, 6 June, 1 August, 3 October, 5 December

Village picnic for the Queen's 90th 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.

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

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.

Place walks

As part of the Parish Planning process there will also be two further place walks in January. These allow residents to point out any areas of concern and highlight the things they value about our villages. The details are as follows:

- Saturday 23 January, meet at 2pm outside the Calley Arms to walk Hodson
- Sunday 24 January, meet at 2pm outside Holy Cross Church Hall to walk Chiseldon

Borough Councillors Surgery

Please note that there will be no Borough Councillors Surgery in January.