

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

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Neighbourhood Watch

The next meeting will be Monday 28th November in the Recreation Hall behind Norris Close. All residents are invited to attend.

Police Report

Crime Figures October 2016

Burglary

Dwelling x 0

Non-Dwelling x 3

Theft

Theft x 5 (5 related to commercial premises)

Criminal Damage

Criminal Damage x 5 (three offences related to vehicles damaged on Draycott Road – enquiries ongoing)

Vehicle Offences

Vehicle offences x 1 (insecure vehicle entered and high value items removed)

No similar offences after 20/8/16

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

Recreation Hall on Norris Road

The hall has been spruced up on the outside and looks great. We will be investing in some new signs over the coming months, and also speed bumps on the Recreation Ground track to make sure vehicles go at the correct speed.

A new floor has also been installed inside with repairs to the joists which is in its final stages of completion. All in all it's looking really smart.

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.

Changes to the Bus services

The website and Parish Facebook page have details of the new and updated services. Please be aware that some more services now leave 5 minutes earlier on the new timetables. Please also see Cllr David Hill's monthly transport report which is on our website and also on the Parish Facebook page.

New Road Build Out

The Parish Council discussed the Build Out on Monday 14th November at the Full Council meeting. The information from Swindon Borough Council was reviewed and our own information and researched was reviewed. Our official press release is as follows:

Chiseldon Parish Council meeting 14th November 2016

Outcome of the vote taken by the Parish Council regarding the future of the 'build-out' on New Road ,Chiseldon

It was agreed at the June 2016 meeting of the Chiseldon Parish Council that a review of the traffic calming solution, the 'build-out' in New Road would take place 6 months following its installation by Swindon Borough Council.

The decision to carry out a review was in keeping with the original agreement by the Chiseldon Parish Council to support the installation of the 'build-out' on a trial basis only.

The post 'build-out' review took place at the meeting of the Chiseldon Parish Council on Monday the 14th November 2016.

The Parish Council recognised that as a traffic calming solution the 'build-out' did in fact reduce speed on New Road, however, at a cost.

The Parish Council believes that the 'build-out' solution was positioned too close to the junction with Canney Close and as such created an inconvenience and potential hazard for residents emerging from and entering Canney Close.

A petition with over 100 Resident signatures supported the removal of the 'build-out'. Whilst the majority of these responses were from residents of Canney Close and New Road it also represented a cross section of the Parish residents.

The Parish Council however expressed strong support in retaining a form of traffic calming in New Road particularly as the weight of traffic through the village is increasing and resulting in Chiseldon Village being used as a rat run to avoid difficulties that are being created by the congestion on the A346 and J15 of the M4.

The majority of the Parish Council however agreed that a better traffic calming solution for New Road was needed.

A motion in favour of removing the existing 'build-out' and replacing it with a more appropriate traffic calming solution for New Road was passed by a majority vote at the Chiseldon Parish Council meeting Monday 14th November 2016.

The revised solution for New Road will need to be considered in relation to the wider traffic calming needs for Chiseldon Village and the Parish as a whole.

The Parish Council agreed we should therefore commission and fund an independent assessment of the traffic calming requirements for our Parish.

Future proposals for traffic calming solutions will be subject to a full consultation process with the Residents of the Parish.

The Ward Cllrs will be advised of the decision of the Chiseldon Parish Council and request that SBC Highways dept are informed and a joint way forward agreed.

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. 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.

New Litter Bins

The Parish Council have placed an order for 3 new large bins to be installed in Chiseldon. One at the bus stop outside the Calley Memorial Hall, one at the bus stop opposite the Esso Petrol Station and one at the bus stop on the A346 Badbury side of the road.

“Dog” Bins

As a Parish of 99% responsible dog owners, there have been some upset residents recently because of the minority of dog owners who do not clean up after their dogs.

This is particularly a problem at the Recreation ground where football matches are played, by both adults and children. The teams are having to clear a large amount of dogs mess from the pitches before they can play. If you allow your dog off the lead in this area please be vigilant about clearing up after them. No-one wants a child to be subjected to dog mess whilst enjoying a game of football.

There are 16 dog bins in the Parish. The map can be viewed on the Parish website and also on the noticeboard outside Oakleys Spar.

Did you know that contact with dog faeces can cause a serious disease?

*“Toxocariasis causes serious **illness** and even **blindness**. It is caused by a parasite known as *Toxocara Canis* (also known as Roundworm). These parasites live in **dogs'** digestive systems. Eggs are released in the faeces of infected animals and contaminated soil.”*

Ward Councillors

Please remember that we have 3 Ward Councillors within the Parish who are always happy to assist you with an issue. They are: Eric Shaw and Fionuala Foley who cover the Chiseldon, Ridgeway View, Hodson, Draycot Foliat and Badbury Park areas, and Gary Sumner who covers Badbury Village. You are welcome to contact them, as well as the Parish Clerk, or a Parish Councillor direct if you have a query or issue. Their contact details are printed within this magazine.

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 3rd December from 11.30 to 12.30 in The Chiseldon House Hotel on New 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 surgery will be in the bar/restaurant area which has ground floor disabled access should this be required. PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF LOCATION.

The next Full Council meeting will be on Monday 12th December, starting at 7.30pm in the Chiseldon House Hotel. Residents are welcome to attend and there is a public recess at the start of proceedings, after which residents can choose to leave. PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF LOCATION.