

Adderbury Parish Council
Report for August & September 2019

Meetings - During August 2019, there was no meeting of the Parish Council, however, there had been a meeting on Tuesday 10 September 2019. There had also been a meeting of the Environment Committee on Tuesday 27 August 2019. The next meetings of the Environment Committee and Parish Council were being held on Tuesday 8 October 2019 and Tuesday 29 October 2019 at 7.30pm, respectively.

John Prentice - It is with great sadness that Adderbury Parish Council learnt that John Prentice had passed away. The Parish Council had passed its condolence to his family and John would be remembered for all of his hard work as a Parish Councillor in the past and for his involvement in the community, over many years.

Environment/Highways/footpaths – The Environment Committee had continued to work on assessing appropriate traffic calming measures for the village. **Volunteers were still needed to progress the Community Speed Watch Scheme and if anyone wished to help, they should contact the Clerk to the Parish Council.**

Reports on each of the major roads in the village were still being worked on and it was hoped they would be completed in readiness for the next meeting of the Environment Committee scheduled for 8 October 2019. There had been some comments from the community that the traffic calming project was not moving as quickly as some residents would like it to. However, the volunteers who had come forward and the Parish Councillors (who were also volunteers), were working on the project as quickly as their spare time allowed. If there had been more volunteers, then the project could have possibly progressed at a quicker pace.

A number of volunteers had come forward to assist with the Community Speed Watch Scheme and investigations were also being made into the purchase of a fixed camera to monitor speeds of vehicles. There was a slight delay in starting both of these Schemes because although two volunteers were willing to process the data captured from the fixed camera and the Community Speed Watch Scheme, they now had to go through the Thames Valley Police vetting process, which could take up to three months to complete.

The Parish Council thanked all those volunteers who had supported the Parish Council with its traffic calming project. Their support was much appreciated.

With regard to drainage, the County Council would be investigating whether there were enough drains on Oxford Road, from the Parish Institute down towards Duchess Bridge.

Advice had been obtained from Thames Water with regard to the project to plant trees in The Rise and it had been confirmed that a sewer pipe ran from east to west, straight through The Rise. Therefore more work was required to establish the types of trees, if any, which were suitable to be planted there and contact was being made with the Woodland Trust. As part of this project, a new bench would be located at The Rise too.

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Cherwell District Council would be taking enforcement action to ensure that trees to the rear of Gracewell Care homes which had died, were replaced by March 2020.

Cherwell District Council had helpfully assisted the Parish Council with the hasty removal of offensive graffiti from the zip wire at the Lucy Plackett Playing Field.

Oxfordshire County Council had completed upgrading works to the sequencing of the traffic lights at the junction of the B4100 & A4260 and this should help to improve the traffic flow.

Issues relating to the maintenance of highways, footpaths and street lighting should be reported by residents to <https://fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk/>

Millennium Cup 2019 – The best plot at the Walled Garden Allotments had been awarded to Phil and Bernice Mansell and they had won the Millennium Cup. Malcolm Brown was thanked for completing the judging this year.

Residents are reminded that dogs are not allowed in the play areas at The Rise and the Lucy Plackett Playing Field and should be kept on a lead in the Playing Field.



Residents are also asked to enjoy the facilities at the Lucy Plackett Playing Field, but if the litter bins were full, please could rubbish be thrown away at home and not left on the ground around the litter bins.

Adderbury Community Day – This was being held on Saturday 21 September 2019 and the Parish Council and WFAC thanked all those volunteers who were helping to marshal the road closure, between 10am and 6pm.

Adderbury Lakes – The work parties had restarted at the Lakes. These might not be every month, but the next two were scheduled for Saturday 5 October 2019 and Saturday 9 November 2019. The Parish Council thanked all those who volunteered at the Lakes Local Nature Reserve. New fencing would also be erected at the Lakes during October 2019.

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Parish Council Land – Work was continuing to register Parish Council land with the Land Registry, mainly the Lucy Plackett Playing Field and the railway embankment, which was next to the Lucy Plackett.

Working for Adderbury Community (WFAC) – Fundraising was continuing and grant funding was being investigated. Work with the architect and quantity surveyor on the planning application for the community building and sports facility was also on-going. It was intended that the drainage work and seeding to prepare the sports pitches, would commence in October 2019.

Reminder:

To dog owners, please ensure that all dog faeces are cleared up and either taken home (and placed in household waste Green Bins) or placed in the dog waste bins provided. Take extra care on grassed areas where children play. **Dogs must also be kept on a lead in the Lucy Plackett Playing Field and at the Adderbury Lakes Nature Reserve.**

Faulty Street Lights - Please report on freephone 0800 317802 giving exact destination and pole number if possible. Or report to <https://fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk/>

Power Cuts - The new, free, three digit, 105 telephone number to call in the event of a power cut has now gone live.

Meeting Dates – The next Parish Council meeting is being held on 29 October 2019. Meetings are held at Church House, High Street, Adderbury. Parish Council meetings are usually held on the last Tuesday of the month at the Church House at 7.30pm. If you wish to attend, please check these details with the Clerk, prior to the meeting, in case there have been any changes. Information is also available on the PC web site.

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