

**Adderbury Parish Council**  
**Report for December 2018/January 2019**

During December 2018 and January 2019, there had been a meeting of Adderbury Parish Council on 15 January 2019 (no meeting in December) and a meeting of the Environment Committee on 4 December 2018. The next meeting of the Environment Committee would be held on 22 January 2019.

During the month, the Parish Council, individual Councillors and the Clerk carried out a number of tasks and work on projects in the village, which included the below.

**Traffic Calming** – This was again the main item on the agenda for the Environment Committee on 4 December 2018. Some residents also attended the meeting and supported the need for traffic calming measures in the village. At that meeting, two officers from the County Council attended because the County Council is responsible for highways, traffic calming and the release of the necessary Section 106 funds which have been allocated for traffic calming. There was discussion about measures which would possibly be suitable for the village and it was agreed to hold a site meeting prior to Christmas to investigate these further. That site meeting was held and the results would be discussed at the next Committee meeting on 22 January 2019. The Parish Council had also purchased wheelie bin stickers reminding drivers of the 30 mph zone and these would be available for residents to collect free of charge from The Bell Inn. The Parish Council thanks Jonathan White, resident of Adderbury and the non-Councillor on the Committee, for the huge amount of good work he has completed on this project so far.

**Highways/footpaths** – The Parish Council agreed to contact Adderbury House with regard to the tree which needed cutting back by Duchess Bridge as it was covering the road speed signs. A quote had been obtained and it was hoped Adderbury House would cover this cost. Also the damaged bollard on the traffic island near Gracewell Care Home had still not been repaired by the County Council.

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

**Environment** – Trees and bushes would be cut back on the amenity land in Rawlins Close and this work would be undertaken by Cotefield Treecare. Work to 'side out' the footpath on Horn Hill Road from the Cemetery up to Colin Butler Green would be carried out. Quotes would also be obtained for cutting back the hedge in the Cemetery. A proposal for a new bus shelter at the end of Chapel Lane would be discussed by the Environment Committee.

**Better Broadband** – The County Council's completion date for their coverage under contract with Openreach has moved out to June 2019. The Better Broadband for Oxfordshire programme had delivered superfast broadband access to some 76,000 premises to date and the remaining delivery was in rural to very rural locations. This more challenging geography had meant some delays in completion of the necessary civils work, which had been compounded by civils contractors seemingly being in great demand. Across England, just about every similar local delivery programme

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was enduring a similar issue, whether the lead contractor is Openreach or other infrastructure operators.

**Lucy Plackett Playing Field** – Additional signage for the playing field with regard to litter and dog fouling would be investigated and discussed again at a future meeting. Permission was granted for the Church/Primary School and Party in the Park to use the playing field for their events on 8 June 2019 and 15 June 2019, respectively. There had also been some vandalism at the playing field and a litter bin had been set on fire.

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.

**Planning** – The PC made comments to Cherwell District Council (CDC) and on occasion, South Northants Council on a number of planning applications and notices of intent for works to trees. The Clerk and Chairman of the Parish Council would continue with the necessary work to discharge the three pre-commencement conditions relating to the planning consent for the change of use on the Parish Council land on Milton Road land.

**Adderbury Lakes** – There have been regular work parties on the first Saturday of the month. The next working party would be on Saturday 2 February 2019. These work parties covered a number of maintenance tasks, including removing small dead trees and keeping the paths clear for pedestrians, the footpath on the east of the lower lake was covered with wood chippings, logs were moved to near the Lake Walk entrance so that members of the public could help themselves – though please leave other piles, which have been created for wildlife.

The Parish Council thanks all those who volunteer at the Lakes Nature Reserve.

**Working for Adderbury Community (WFAC)** – WFAC had instigated a survey/consultation with village user groups to ascertain both the indoor and outdoor potential usage of the Milton Road facility and how in turn, this impacted on a business plan/financial model. WFAC was confident that it had enough data to brief an architect as to what the village needed and what the village would support. This would lead to concept designs and be an aid to completing the business plan. Meanwhile fundraising efforts had continued and the total for 2018 currently stood at £10,000. Further events were planned both as a means of raising much needed funds but also gathering support and awareness across the village dynamic. WFAC thanked Parish Councillors for their support.

**Defibrillator** – This had been purchased and installed at The Bell Inn, by Western Power. Thanks to Chris Shallis for the fundraising efforts and also for agreeing to and arranging the installation.

**Correspondence/Communication** – The Clerk has dealt with a number of letters, emails, telephone calls and face to face conversations with residents on a variety of other issues affecting them and the

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village and had updated the Parish Council web site and Facebook page on a regular basis. The Parish Council Surgery was held on the first Saturday of the month at Church House, from 11am to 12 noon. The new Parish Council web site had also been launched.

**By-Election** – A by-election was being held on Thursday 21 February 2019 to fill the vacancy on the Parish Council. More details could be obtained from the Clerk to the Parish Council.

**Annual Parish Meeting (APM) 2019** – The APM would be held on 16 April 2019 at the Methodist Hall, Chapel Lane, Adderbury at 7.30pm. Please note the change of date from 17 April 2019 to 16 April 2019.

**Budget/Precept 2019/2020** – The Parish Council's budget was approved on 15 January 2019 and the precept would increase by 2.9% to £48,350. Due to the increase in housing in the village, the actual increase was 1.7%.

**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 two Parish Council meetings are being held on 26 February 2019 and 26 March 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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