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Adderbury Parish Council Report for January 2022

Meetings – During January 2022, a meeting of the Parish Council was held on Zoom on Tuesday 18 January 2022.

Copies of agendas and minutes are available on the PC web site. www.adderburypc.co.uk

Anti-Bullying and Harassment – The Parish Council supports the new national Civility and Respect Project, which is addressing bullying and harassment of Parish Councillors and Clerks and the PC makes the following statement:

Adderbury Parish Council treats everyone with courtesy and respect and ask for the same in return. We ask that you treat your councillors and council staff courteously without violence, abuse or harassment.

Councillors and council staff have the right to carry out their civic duties and work without fear of being attacked or abused.

Any behaviour whether that be verbal, physical or in writing, which causes either councillors or council staff to feel uncomfortable, embarrassed, or threatened, is totally unacceptable.

The zero tolerance policy includes abuse, aggression or threats made in person, over the telephone or in written communication, including on social media.

The Parish Council considers threatening behaviour to be: Attempted or actual aggressive, or physical actions made towards any councillor or member of staff. The use of aggressive, or abusive language, (including raising of the voice, swearing, shouting or in writing) which threatens or intimidates councillors or council staff'.

This policy applies throughout all council meetings, but it also applies to any councillor or council staff away from council meetings.

Parish Council Surgeries – The next two surgeries are scheduled for the following dates, from 11am to 12 noon at Church House, High Street, Adderbury: Saturday 5 February 2022 & Saturday 5 March 2022.

Environment - Please could residents remember to cut back hedges and trees which are overhanging footpaths and roads, as this creates a dangerous situation for drivers and pedestrians.

Highways - The Parish Council would be applying to the County Council for appropriate roads in the village, to have a 20mph speed limit restriction. Main roads such as the B4100, A4260 and Milton Road are exempt from the initiative.

Residents of The Rise and parents dropping off/collecting from the Primary School are reminded not to park their vehicles on the green in The Rise, as it is an amenity area not a designated parking area. Parking on the green damages the grass, kerb stones and obstructs the grass cutting contractor from being able to maintain the grass.



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

For highways issues that do not require immediate action, residents are encouraged to use the Fix My Street app or complete an online form, available on the OCC web site.

Civil Parking Enforcement has been introduced by the County Council and it is hoped that officers will monitor the village for illegal parking. Illegally parked vehicles can also be reported directly to the County Council. https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/roads-and-transport/parking/illegal-parking

Volunteers are required to support the Parish Council's Community Speed Watch Scheme. Please contact the Clerk if you have a few spare hours each month to help reduce the speed of traffic in the village. Training will be given.

Milton Road Land – Members of the public are reminded that they should not be accessing the Parish Council's land on Milton Road (site of the community building and sports pitches), due to the health and safety risks of contractors being on site. There is no public access over the land and there is no public access to any Public Rights of Way through the adjoining land which is privately owned land. <u>Therefore, for your own safety, please do not access any of this land</u>.

A topographical survey would be undertaken shortly, which was part of the process for discharging the planning conditions before the main building work could be started. Grant funding for the project was continuing to be investigated and anyone wishing to join the WFAC group would be very welcome and they should contact the Clerk.

RESIDENTS ARE REMINDED THAT IN THE LUCY PLACKETT PLAYING FIELD, DOGS SHOULD BE KEPT ON A LEAD AND THEY ARE NOT PERMITTED IN THE PLAY AREA



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Due to the number of incidents involving dogs not being kept on their leads, the Parish Council is considering dedicating a specific area of the Lucy Plackett Playing Field for dogs to be exercised. If residents have any comments on this proposal, they should contact the Clerk

Fibre Broadband – Gigaclear would be rolling out fibre broadband in the village in February 2022. An on-line meeting for residents was being held on Tuesday 25 January 2022 at 7.00pm on Microsoft Teams. More details could be found at gigaclear.com/events

'No Cold Calling' – Window stickers are available for free to residents if they wish to have one. If any residents would like a sticker posted to them, please contact the Clerk on 01295 710965 or <u>adderburypc@hotmail.com</u>

Cemetery Gate – The gate at the Cemetery was not opening fully, therefore the Parish Council had asked the contractor who had refurbished them to make the necessary adjustments.

Day of Dance – This event was being held on Saturday 23 April 2022 and the Parish Council would be arranging the road closure and the litter/recycling bins.

HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee – The Parish Council had allocated £500 to support any village events which residents are organising. Please contact the Clerk if you are intending to hold an event or would like to help with a wider village event.

New Benches – A new bench would be installed in the Cemetery and a bench on the Green would be replaced.

Covid-19 – To find information on the latest case numbers of Covid-19 please visit the Covid-19 Dashboard. <u>https://phdashboard.oxfordshire.gov.uk/</u>

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 15 February 2022 at Church House, High Street, Adderbury. All residents are invited to attend.

Minutes & Reports - The minutes and reports relating to the Parish Council meetings and the meetings of the Committees, are available at <u>www.adderburypc.co.uk</u> Facebook - Follow **Adderbury Parish Council** on Facebook

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