

**Adderbury Parish Council**  
**Report for June 2019**

*Andrew Barnes*

*The Parish Council was extremely saddened by the recent passing of Andrew Barnes. Over many years, Andrew had assisted the Parish Council and the community, with various projects and his hard work and support had been invaluable. He would be greatly missed by many people and the Parish Council had sent its sincere condolences to his family at this very difficult time.*

During June 2019, there had been a meeting of Adderbury Parish Council on 25 June 2019, a meeting of the Environment Committee on 5 June 2019 and a meeting of the Staffing Committee on 11 June 2019. The next meeting of the Environment Committee was scheduled for Wednesday 24 July 2019 at 7.30pm at the Church House.

The two vacancies on the Parish Council had now been filled. Andy Millard and Laura Walker would be welcomed to their first meeting on Tuesday 30 July 2019. Rhys Owens had been invited to be co-opted onto the Environment Committee.

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.

**Environment/Highways/footpaths** – Barwood Homes had again been asked to remind their sub-contractors not to park in The Rise and also on the grass verges opposite the site. Issue with the footpath to the rear of the site had also been raised with Cherwell District Council's Enforcement Team.

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

The Environment Committee continued to work on assessing appropriate traffic calming measures for the village and if anyone wishes to volunteer to help move the project forward, they should contact the Clerk to the Parish Council. Mike Wasley from the County Council would be attending the next meeting to discuss a possible temporary closure of the turning at the Oak tree, from the direction of Bloxham. The Committee would also be discussing with him, a number of other measures around the village. It was hoped that more details on the changes to the Community Speed Watch Scheme would also be provided shortly by Thames Valley Police to enable this to be progressed.

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.

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Advice was being obtained from Thames Water with regard to the proposal to plant new trees in The Rise and whether or not there was a sewer running through The Rise, which might affect the trees.

The damaged bollards by the Oak tree on Berry Hill Road had been reported to Oxfordshire County Council and the bollards in Dog Close had also been replaced and repaired by the Parish Council.

**Adderbury Cemetery** - The Parish Council would continue to monitor the ground water in Adderbury Cemetery and continue to follow the revised burial policy to avoid burials in areas which may have a high water table. The Clerk and Chairman would look into marking out suitable grave spaces and they would also investigate how many years of burials the cemetery potentially has and consider measures to acquire future burial land elsewhere, as per Policy AD21 of the Adderbury Neighbourhood Plan.

**New Bench** - A request for a new bench in The Rise was approved and further decisions on the type and location was deferred to the Environment Committee to be considered as part of the tree planting project in The Rise.

**Bus Shelters on Banbury Road** – One new and one replacement shelter would be installed on Banbury Road; one in the lay-by near Summers Close (opposite Griffin Close) on the west side of Banbury Road and the other on the west side of Banbury Road near Gracewell, to replace the current old shelter.

**Silent Soldier** – A relocation of the Silent Soldier was discussed, but it was agreed it would stay in its current location at The Crescent/Kemps Road.

**Adderbury Community Day** – This was being held on Saturday 21 September 2019 and volunteers are required to marshal the road closure. Please contact the Clerk if you are available for an hour between 11am and 6pm.

**Adderbury Party in the Park** – Thanks to the Organising Committee for their speedy response to the adverse weather and for putting contingency plans in place as quickly as they did. It was a great event held in St Marys Church and The Bell Inn.

**Planning** – The Parish Council would be objecting to application 19/00963/OUT, OS Parcel 9100 Adjoining and East of Last House Adjoining and North of Berry Hill Road, Adderbury - Re-submission of application 17/02394/OUT for outline planning permission for up to 55 dwellings with associated landscaping, open space and vehicular access off Berry Hill Road.

At the next meeting, the Parish Council would be considering planning application 19/01047/OUT from Hallam Land Management Ltd on land north east Of Oxford Road west of Oxford Canal and east of Bankside, Banbury for outline planning application for a residential development of up to 850 dwellings; green infrastructure including formal (playing fields with changing rooms, allotments) and informal open space, landscaping; and associated infrastructure including a balancing pond; on land off the A4260, with access off the existing Longford Park access off the A4260 (Oxford Road), and a new access off the A4260 (Banbury Road). All matters of detail reserved, save for access.

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Neither the Parish Council nor Cherwell District Council had taken responsibility for the new developments in the village (Adderbury Fields, Clock Makers Turn, Barwoods estate and the Bloor Homes estate). Therefore any issues relating to grass cutting, dog waste bins, litter bins, play areas etc, should be raised with the developers.

**Adderbury Lakes** – The regular work parties on the first Saturday of the month had now stopped during the nesting season. The Parish Council thanked all those who volunteered at the Lakes Local Nature Reserve.

**Working for Adderbury Community (WFAC)** – The project on Milton Road was progressing well and a Quantity Surveyor had been appointed. Negotiations would be undertaken with an Architect and hopefully this appointment would be made shortly.

**Adderbury Court Land** – The wall which runs along the Adderbury Court Land was in need of repair and quotes for this work would be obtained shortly.

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 30 July 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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