Adderbury Parish Council Report for March 2021

Meetings - During March 2021, there was one meeting of the Parish Council held on Zoom on 30 March 2021. There was a meeting of the Environment Committee on 23 March 2021 and a meeting of the Staffing Committee on 18 March 2021.

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

Environment/Highways/Footpaths

The County Council has advised the Parish Council that works to erect the new chicanes on Berry Hill Road and Milton Road would be delayed until June 2021, as a road closure was now required. Plans of where the chicanes will be located are available on the PC web site. The work to close the western arm of the Horn Hill Road/Milton Road junction would be completed at the same time and large planters were still required to block the road. If anyone could assist the Parish Council with sourcing these, please contact the Clerk.

Community Speedwatch was continuing and if any residents wished to volunteer a few hours to monitor the traffic around the village, please email the Clerk.

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. Parents/carers attending the Primary School are also requested not to park dangerously at the junction of The Rise and Banbury Road.

Investigations were still be made into electric charging points in the village.

Land in Sydenham Close had been damaged by contractors employed by Persimmon Homes to bring the area up to an acceptable standard so that it could be adopted by Cherwell District Council. Works to rectify the situation was being undertaken.

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

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

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

Snow Wardens – If any residents would like to support the village and become a Snow Warden to clear and grit footpaths during the winter, please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council. Thanks are passed to Councillor Laura Walker for all her work on this project.

Contact the Clerk to the Parish Council - Theresa Goss, on 01295 710965, <u>during normal office hours</u> or email <u>adderburypc@hotmail.com</u>

Grant Funding - The Parish Council's application for grant funding submitted to Cherwell District Council to support organisations coming out of the Covid-19 pandemic has been successful. FOCAL and Christopher Rawlins Primary School will be receiving sums to support their work to make the library and the school Covid-19 secure. The school will also be able to provide equipment to support children when they need to home-school.

Adderbury Lakes – The Lakes Management Committee had agreed to re-open the Lakes, but only week days.

Lake House – Concerns had been raised by residents about the erection of a structure in the garden of Lake House. A meeting would be taking place with The Orders of St John Care Trust, who own the Care Home.

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. Taking photographs of the infiltration basin will also be at your own risk. There is no public access over the land and there is also no reason to cut the fencing in the north-west corner onto the adjoining land because this is privately owned land. <u>Therefore, for your own safety, please do not access any of this land</u>. Rabbit fencing will also be erected at the north end of the playing field.

WFAC – Adderbury Community Day was being held on 18 September 2021 and the Autumn Ball was being held on 20 November 2021.

Noticeboards – Maintenance work had been carried out to the three wooden Parish Council owned noticeboards in the village.

Sydenham Close Amenity area – The PC Chairman has met with Persimmon (the owners) and Cherwell District Council to discuss recent work by contractors on behalf of Persimmon with regard to reinstatement of part of the area.

John Harper Road/Tarvers Way - Bloor Homes had been contacted to repair the gate leading into the small amenity area on John Harper Road and also complete repairs to the fencing in Tarvers Way.

Parish Council Elections – Elections are being held on Thursday 6 May 2021. If anyone is interested in standing as a Councillor, please visit <u>https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/</u> for general information. For more information with regard to Adderbury Parish Council, please contact the Clerk or any of the current Parish Councillors.

'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>

Adderbury Library – A new Secretary is required and work was continuing behind the scenes to ensure everything was in place for when it re-opened on 20 April 2021.

Adderbury Cemetery – A 'topple test' of the headstones had been completed and repairs works to the walls had ben completed.

Annual Parish Meeting 2021 – The Annual Parish Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 14 April 2021 at 730pm on Zoom. All residents are invited to attend and the agenda with the Zoom joining details, is available on the PC web site.

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Spare Laptops – If anyone had a spare laptop which they would like to donate to a child in the village to assist them with on-line homeschooling, please contact the Clerk.

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 27 April 2021 and although meetings are usually held at Church House, High Street, Adderbury, this meeting will be held on Zoom, if the Government guidelines on social distancing have not been relaxed. The Zoom joining details are published on the agendas.

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