

Adderbury Parish Council
Report for February 2019

During February 2019, there had been a meeting of Adderbury Parish Council on 26 February 2019. A meeting of the Environment Committee had been held on 22 January 2019 and the next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday 19 March 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 22 January 2019. At that meeting, the Committee discussed a list of proposals for traffic calming measures (which are available to view on the PC web site) and agreed to take a number of actions on those which were considered the most effective use of the existing available budget for road improvements. The minutes of that meeting are available at www.adderburypc.co.uk along with a list of the proposals.

Highways/footpaths – The Parish Council would contact Cherwell District Council and Oxfordshire County Council with regard to flooding of the footpath along the Adderbury Circular Walk behind the Barwood development on Banbury Road. The County Council had also been contacted again with regard to progress with the road drainage issues in the village.

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

Environment – A proposal for a new bus shelter at the end of Chapel Lane would be discussed by the Environment Committee on 19 March 2019. Works to remove a dangerous tree on the Adderbury Court land had been undertaken. Work to the hedge at a property in Tarvers Way (off Aynho Road) and also in the Cemetery was being undertaken. The noticeboard outside Church House had been vandalised and an insurance claim would be made to purchase a new one. Works to trees had also been carried out in Rawlins Close.

Lucy Plackett Playing Field – There had again been some vandalism at the playing field and there had been a small fire in the field and a liquid/substance had been thrown over the MUGA. A tree in Lucy Plackett would also be replaced. There had been reports of a person felling trees on the railway embankment. The Parish Council had not given permission for this and would consider taking action if this continues. Please advise the Parish Council if you see anyone cutting back or damaging trees and vegetation on the embankment. Details of the person and a vehicle would also be useful.

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.

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

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. With regard to the Milton Road land planning permission, conditions 3 & 4 had been discharged by Cherwell District Council and the Clerk and Chairman of the Parish Council would continue with the necessary work to discharge condition 5. Once this final condition had been discharged, the field would be prepared to be sown. The archaeological dig had been completed and nothing had been found.

Adderbury Lakes – There were regular work parties on the first Saturday of the month. The next working party would be on Saturday 6 April 2019. The March work party 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. Katharine House Hospice would also be using the Lakes as part of their fundraising Treasure Hunt in April.

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

Working for Adderbury Community (WFAC) – Work was continuing and so too was fundraising for the project. Designs for the Hall were now being worked on and a Quantity Surveyor would be appointed to assist with this process.

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 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 – Following a by-election on 26 February 2019, Victoria Head had been elected to the Parish Council and attended her first meeting on 26 February 2019.

Silent Soldier – The Parish Council thanks Mr Peter Jordan for repairing the Silent Soldier which had been vandalised and it was now back in its rightful place at the end of Kemps Road.

Litter Pick – A village litter pick was being organised by Adderbury WI for 16 April 2019. Please contact Pat Smith for more details president@adderburywi.co.uk

Annual Parish Meeting (APM) 2019 – The APM would be held on 16 April 2019 at the Methodist Hall, Chapel Lane, Adderbury at 7.30pm and District Councillor Andrew McHugh had been invited to give a presentation on his role relating to health and well-being.

Party in the Park - The Chairman and Vice-Chairman would be meeting with the Committee to ensure that any arrangements for the event which involved fencing off the field and charging for entry, were in accordance with the Trust Deed. If a suitable plan was agreed for an enclosed area, it would only be for the 2019 event and a review would be undertaken before planning started for the 2020 event. Parish Councillors Rod Head and Garrad Millier were appointed as the Parish Council representatives on the Party in the Park Committee.

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

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 Plckett 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 March 2019 and 30 April 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.

Minutes & Reports - The minutes and reports relating to the Parish Council meetings and the meetings of the Committees, are available at www.adderburypc.co.uk

Facebook - Follow **Adderbury Parish Council** on Facebook

Thames Valley Police Alert:

You can sign up to Thames Valley Alert via email, text, or even receive voice messages about what's happening in your local area.

The service is completely tailored to you, so you can choose what sort of alerts you would like to receive – whether you'd like news on local incidents, community news, or you'd just like to be alerted to significant or high priority messages. When you sign up to Thames Valley Alert (a free service) you will be given login details that will allow you to change your settings at any time. There is also a business watch service and a country watch service.

If you'd like to sign up to Thames Valley Alert, you can join via the Thames Valley Alert website, <https://www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk/> or download the free Thames Valley Alert app by visiting the Apple store or Google Play store. If you already have an Alerts account, you can sign into the app with the same login details.

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