

**Adderbury Parish Council**  
**Report for March 2019**

During March 2019, there had been a meeting of Adderbury Parish Council on 26 March 2019. A meeting of the Environment Committee had been held on 19 March 2019 and the next meeting was scheduled for Friday 10 May 2019. A meeting of the Staffing Committee had taken place on Friday 1 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 19 March 2019. At that meeting, the Committee discussed potential projects. Initially work would be undertaken on the cutting back foliage which was covering speed signs as well as painting of the village gateways to make them more prominent. Other potential projects would need permission from the County Council and these would be pursued. If any members of the community wished to assist with the traffic calming project, they would be very welcome, as the measures were likely to be implemented more quickly if there were more volunteers to help. Please contact the Clerk if you are interested. In addition, all information relating to the project is available on the PC web site.

**Highways/footpaths** – The proposal for a bus shelter on the corner of Chapel Lane/High Street would not be progressed due to the high number of objections from surrounding residents.

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

**Environment** – Advice would be obtained with regard to the repair work to the fencing/hedge planting along the railway embankment next to the Lucy Plackett Playing Field. Consideration would also be given to new planting of small trees. As a reminder, the Parish Council own this area of land and no one is permitted to cut down trees and/or remove wood or other items from the site.

Investigations would also be made into additional tree planting in The Rise, led by a resident of The Rise.

Additional signage for the Lucy Plackett Playing Field would be investigated as there were on-going problems with dog fouling and dogs, which were not in the control of their owners, being let off their leads.

Grant funding applications had been submitted to Cherwell District Council and Oxfordshire County Council to help with the costs of two new bus shelters on Banbury Road. The majority of the funding would come from Section 106 funds, however, there was currently a shortfall.

**Lucy Plackett Playing Field** – Vandalism had taken place on the playing field and this was being investigated by Thames Valley Police. Anyone with information on the culprits should either contact the Clerk to the Parish Council or call 101.

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

Residents are reminded that dogs are not allowed in the play areas at The Rise and the Lucy Plckett Playing Field and should be kept on a lead in the Playing Field.

Residents are also asked to enjoy the facilities at the Lucy Plckett 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. With regard to the Milton Road land planning permission, the PC has applied to Cherwell District Council for the discharge of condition 5 and the Clerk and Chairman of the Parish Council would continue with the necessary work to the land.

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

The Lakes will also be used by Katharine House Hospice for their Easter Nature trail on Sunday 14 April 2019, 1pm to 3pm.

A new memorial bench would be installed at the Lakes, in memory of Marie Corney, a bat survey of the Ice House was being progressed and new fencing would be erected in the autumn.

**Working for Adderbury Community (WFAC)** – Work was continuing and so too was fundraising for the project. Councillor Victoria Head was appointed as a Parish Council Trustees on WFAC.

**Members' Allowances for 2019/2020** – Parish Councillors would not receive any allowance for their role as a Councillor and they would continue to work for the benefit of the village on a voluntary basis. If a claim was made, travel and subsistence would be paid.

**Correspondence/Communication** – The Parish Council would no longer be responding to any type of correspondence if it was anonymous and the sender did not state their full name. Threatening emails had also been received by Councillors and these had been brought to the attention of Thames Valley Police.

The Parish Council Surgery was held on the first Saturday of the month at Church House, from 11am to 12 noon.

**Litter Pick** – A village litter pick was being organised by Adderbury WI for 13 April 2019. Please contact Pat Smith for more details: [president@adderburywi.co.uk](mailto: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 would be giving a presentation on his role relating to health and well-being. There would also be presentations from WFAC and from the Environment Committee on traffic calming.

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**Party in the Park** - The Chairman and Vice-Chairman had met with the Committee and the plans for the 2019 event had been approved by the Parish Council.

**Day of Dance 2019** – The event was being held on Saturday 27 April 2019 and volunteers were required to marshal the road closure, between 11am and 6pm. If you would like to help for an hour, please contact the Clerk. The Parish Council would collect the necessary signage for the closure.

**FOCAL** – The next fundraising event was a quiz night at The Bell on Saturday 6 April 2019 and then to coincide with the Day of Dance on Saturday 27 April 2019, a joint book sale with FOSMA would be held in St Mary's Church.

**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 30 April 2019 and 28 May 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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