

Adderbury Parish Council
Report for July 2020

Meetings - During July 2020, there was one meeting of the Parish Council held on Zoom on 28 July 2020.

The next meeting of the Environment Committee was scheduled for Tuesday 11 August 2020 at 7.30pm and would be held on Zoom.

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

If anyone in the village needed support during the Covid-19 Pandemic, even as the lockdown is released, they should contact the Clerk who will help them contact the correct organisation.

Environment/Highways/Footpaths – The Community Speed Watch Scheme has started again and traffic speeds are being monitored on a number of roads in the village. All volunteers are covered by the Parish Council's insurance policy.

The volunteers have been using the Parish Council's Sentinel fixed speed camera and drivers of speeding vehicles have been written to by Thames Valley Police; a number of those drivers were local residents as well as some drivers from out of the area.

New volunteers have also come forward to investigate the Twyford 'rat-run' so the Parish Council will be supporting them, with advice from the County Council. The County Council is also supporting residents with the other projects in the village; namely the chicanes on Milton Road and Berryhill Road and the possible closure of the western arm of the oak tree junction. This is in addition to the road markings and additional signage which has been erected around the village.

County Councillor Arash Fatemian and District Councillor Andrew McHugh would contact Thames Valley Police with regard to a 20mph zone around the area of the Primary School.

There were also plans to erect new hardstandings around the village to enable the Thames Valley Police enforcement van to monitor more areas around the village.

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

There has been a general increase in many areas of fly-tipping and if residents were aware of any, they should report it to Cherwell District Council.

<https://www.cherwell.gov.uk/info/7/environment/374/fly-tipping>

Adderbury Cemetery – The Cemetery in Hornhill Road has remained open during the Pandemic, but residents are still requested to ensure that they observe social distancing guidelines when visiting the site. Plots in the Cemetery are available for residents for a number of years and more information on this can be found in the 'News' section of the Parish Council web site. There are also details on the PC web site of a Freedom of Information request relating to Adderbury Cemetery.

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Lucy Plckett Playing Field - Residents are 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. Replacement 'no dog fouling' / dogs on lead signs were being erected.

There had been a number of reports of anti-social behaviour in the Lucy Plckett Playing Field, some of these had been on week days as well as at the weekend. Please could the Parish Council encourage all those who witness anti-social behaviour to report it to the Police via 101. If the Police are not made aware of the issue and how often it happens, then they are unable to do anything about it.

Western Power is due to complete works to trees on the disused railway embankment next to Lucy Plckett Playing Field, to stop them causing any damage to the overhead power cables.

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

Christopher Rawlins Primary School – The School has kindly requested that people do not use the school field for exercising their dogs. There has recently been an increase in dog mess on the field, which presents a number of health and safety issues for the children who use the field. Please use other locations for exercising your dogs and please pick up their mess.

Vacancy – There is one vacancy on the Parish Council and if anyone is interested in becoming a Councillor they should contact the Clerk to the Parish Council.

VAS – The VAS on Banbury Road is still not working, but it is scheduled to be repaired by Westcotec. However this had been delayed due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

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.

Adderbury Lakes – The Lakes are now fully open again thanks to the hard work of Rick Atkinson and Nigel Claxton. The Parish Council thanks all those who volunteer at the Adderbury Lakes Local Nature Reserve. There was due to be works undertaken to the Ice House and also to remove weeds from the two lakes.

Letter from the Lord Lieutenant of Oxfordshire's Office – A letter has been received thanking those in the village and also the Parish Council who have provided support to the community during the Covid-19 Pandemic. The full letter is available to read on the Parish Council web site.

Dog Fouling – The Parish Council is supporting a new initiative to tackle dog fouling in the village, which would involve spraying with a fluorescent paint, dog mess which had not been picked up by dog owners. If anyone in the village who is concerned about dog fouling and would like to support this work, please contact the Clerk.

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The Parish Council/Working for Adderbury Community project for Sports and community facilities on Milton Road – The planning application for phase two of the project, which is the design of the building, has been approved by Cherwell District Council. Works to the pitches and drainage on the land has started, in accordance with the approved scheme and the approved planning permission for this work. Due to health and safety issues, the public are not now permitted to enter the field. It is also hoped that the fundraising Community Day could still go ahead in September 2020, but this is under constant review.

Community Governance Review (CGR) – A petition from some residents living in West Adderbury had been submitted to Cherwell District Council requesting a CGR to divide West Adderbury from East Adderbury and Twyford and therefore splitting the village and having a separate Parish Council. The Parish Council does not support this proposal and more details are available on the Parish Council web site. We will keep all residents up to date on the consultation process.

Play Areas – The play areas in The Rise and the Lucy Plackett Playing Field are both now open and guidance for users is provided in each area. Thanks to Parish Councillors Laura Walker and Ann Lyons for all their work on this.

Parish Council Surgeries – These are held on the first Saturday of the month, from 11am to 12 noon at the Church House, however, they are currently cancelled until further notice. These would be resumed once it was deemed safe to do so.

Land Registration – The Parish Council is continuing to pursue the registration of the railway embankment and the Lucy Plackett Playing Field. The issues with the track which runs alongside The Leys was now in the hands of the Parish Council's solicitor.

Planning – The Parish Council has been consulted on a planning application for nine houses on the Gracewell Care homes site. The planning reference is 20/01845/OUT and details can be found on the Cherwell District Council web site <https://www.cherwell.gov.uk/info/9/planning-and-building>

The hedge adjacent to Barwood Homes site on A4260 has been removed by the developer, but it should have been left in place as Barwood Homes did not have permission for its removal. This had been raised with Cherwell District Council and they were looking into it and it would hopefully be reinstated.

Adverse Weather - Oxfordshire County Council works closely with all its partners to monitor the situation in the case of bad weather. There are some numbers that you can call to report weather related issues if you become aware of them:

- To report fallen trees or other debris which pose a risk to your safety or the safety of others, please call 999
- To report fallen trees or other debris which doesn't pose such a high risk but still needs to be dealt with, please call 101
- If you lose power or can see that a power line has come down please report it by calling 105
- If you are concerned about flooding, you should visit the Oxfordshire Flood Toolkit online - <https://www.oxfordshirefloodtoolkit.com> – and I will summarise the key numbers to call below:

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- If you have a flooding emergency which is a threat to someone's life, contact Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service on 999
- To report flooding relating to a highway such as blocked ditches, blocked drains or flooding on a road call Oxfordshire County Council Floodline on 0345 310 1111
- To report flooding from a main river contact the Environment Agency through the Floodline (Tel: 0345 988 1188 or 0800 80 70 60) or visit their website
- If your property is at immediate risk of surface water flooding please contact Thames Valley Police on 101

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 8 September 2020 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. Please contact the Clerk for the joining details. 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

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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.

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