

Adderbury Parish Council
Report for September 2020

Meetings - During September 2020, there was one meeting of the Parish Council held on Zoom on 8 September 2020. There was no meeting of the Parish Council in August 2020, however there had been a meeting of the Environment Committee held on 11 August 2020.

The next meeting of the Environment Committee was scheduled for Tuesday 22 September 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

Keith R Mitchell CBE – It was with great sadness that the Parish Council had learnt that the Vice-Chairman Keith Mitchell had passed away on 26 August 2020. Condolences would be passed to his wife and family. A £50 donation would be made to Katharine House Hospice in Keith's memory.

Environment/Highways/Footpaths – The Community Speed Watch Scheme was continuing to monitor traffic speeds on a number of roads in the village. All volunteers who assist the Parish Council 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.

The County Council is the responsible authority for highways, therefore, contact had been made with the County Council officers to enable the new volunteers to investigate the Twyford 'rat-run'. 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.

A consultation process had started for two chicanes; one on Milton Road and one on Berry Hill Road. There was also a proposal for the closure of the western arm of the Milton Road/Hornhill Road junction (oak tree corner). More details were available on the Parish Council web site. Please submit any comments to the Clerk.

As residents will appreciate, these projects are only progressing because of the input from the community. The Parish Council does not have capacity to make all of the traffic calming requests possible on its own. If any residents feel that other traffic calming projects should be investigated, then further volunteers are required to make this happen. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the Clerk.

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

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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>

The biodiversity project in St Mary's Road was continuing with local residents and the Parish Council would be liaising with the County Council to install a bollard to prevent vehicles from parking on the verge at the front of the wild meadow area.

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. Burial fees would also be increased by 3% from 1 April 2021.

Lucy Plackett Playing Field - Residents are 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. 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 Plackett 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.

RESIDENTS ARE REMINDED THAT DOGS IN THE LUCY PLACKETT 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.

Grit Bin - A new grit bin will be installed on the grass verge outside Gainsborough, on the corner of Twyford Grove and Twyford Avenue, following a request from a resident.

Co-option/Vacancy – Jamie Cox has been co-opted onto the Parish Council. However there is still one vacancy and if anyone is interested in becoming a Councillor they should contact the Clerk to the Parish Council.

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 – On Saturday 12 September 2020, Berks, Bucks and Oxon Wildlife Trust (BBOWT) will be at the Adderbury Lakes from 10am to 3pm to give information about wildlife/BBOWT etc in
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this area. Also, please note that from 14 - 19 September 2020, the Lakes will be closed as contractors will be removing weed from both waters.

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.

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. Chris Wardley had now been appointed as the Project Manager and Latham's had been appointed as the architect.

Works to the pitches and drainage on the land had been completed in accordance with the approved scheme and the approved planning permission for this work. Due to health and safety issues, the public are not permitted to enter the field. Rabbit fencing would also be erected.

Community Governance Review (CGR) – The second stage of the consultation will be held between 2 November 2020 and 4 January 2021 and all residents will again be contacted by Cherwell District Council to make their comments.

More details on the CGR can be found on the Cherwell District Council web site or by contacting Democratic Services at Cherwell District Council.

<https://www.cherwell.gov.uk/info/11/elections/315/community-governance-review/2>

Please note that this is not a vote, it is a consultation process and the final decision will be made by the CGR Working Group and ratified by Cherwell District Council on 22 February 2021.

The Parish Council thanks all residents for sending their views to Cherwell District Council. Although this seems like a long winded process, the Parish Council urges everyone to send their comments to Cherwell District Council at the second consultation stage in order that the CDC's Working Group can get a full picture of the opinion of all residents in the Parish.

Tree Survey – The Parish Council would be undertaking a tree survey at Adderbury Lakes Local Nature Reserve and Tree and Woodland had been appointed to complete the work.

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.

Community Award – The Parish Council would be investigating the introduction of a 'Community Award' for those residents who made a significant contribution to the community.

'No Cold Calling' – Consideration would be given at the next meeting to erecting signage in the village or alternatively issuing stickers to be placed in residents' windows.

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Land Registration – The Parish Council would not be registering its land at the railway embankment next to the Lucy Plackett Playing Field with the land registry. The adjacent land owner had registered the access track, however the Parish Council believed it had proper title to this land. Therefore, any registration would be an admission that the track does not belong to the Parish Council and Councillors did not feel this was the case and that a registration would not be appropriate.

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 the 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:
- 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/>

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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 October 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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