

Notes of the Parish Council meeting held on 22 March 2017

Your Parish Council

Barbara Reynolds (Clerk)	780479
Lynne Parsons (Chair)	780649
Malcolm Goldie	788538
Athene Duffield	788332
Rose Hancock	780622
John Yeomans	780564
Andrew McEwan	788266
Helen Gibbs	07500937390

The council met in the dining area of the George and Dragon. Once again many thanks to Paul for allowing us to meet there. We welcomed one member of the public as well as Cllr. George Reynolds.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 17 May 2017. The meeting will start at 7.00p.m. with the AGM and continue at 8.00 pm with the Parish Council meeting, and will be held in The George and Dragon.

HIGHWAYS: The council engineer did not visit. However, several pot holes within the village were repaired, but the PC is aware that the roads in and around the immediate area are still in a poor state of repair. The highways are the responsibility of the County Council, and during this time of local government re-organisation it is difficult to get immediate and long-term support. The PC urges residents to report any concerns they have on the “Fix My Street” web-site. The link is www.fixmystreet.com Cllr. Mc Ewan has agreed to take photos of some of the pot holes and download them onto this site. The clerk will write again to the highways department at OCC.

SPEED CHECK: The Parish Council have now completed this activity and are in the process of analysing the data. A further update should be available at the meeting in May.

DEFIBRILLATOR: This will be attached to the outside of the village hall once the building works are completed. Training will then take place. Letters of thanks will be sent to the British Heart Foundation and the South Oxon Ambulance Trust for their support in this matter.

LITTER PICK: There was a good response to the PC's request for volunteers to litter pick on 18 March. The PC would like to thank everyone who took part in this annual activity to help keep Shutford clean.

PARKING: Once again the PC has received various complaints regarding parking around the village. We are aware that there are no specific parking restrictions in terms of yellow lines etc. However, the normal parking regulations are enforceable relating to corners, for example, the corner of West Street and Malthouse Lane. The police have informed us that they do have the power to give "on the spot fines" for this type of offence. The PC would respectfully ask all residents and those who come to work in the village to ask themselves if they have parked sensibly paying due regard to the safety of others.

DAIRYGROUND: Please remember the sea saw can be used but it should **not** be used by children unless they are supervised by an adult. The PC is in the process of replacing this piece of play equipment.

PLANNING: There have been no applications that are likely to impact on the village as a whole.

VILLAGE HALL: The PC discussed a motion proposed by Cllr. Gibbs and seconded by Cllr. McEwan that the PC give a donation of £2,000 to the Village Hall Committee for the new build. There were three votes in favour, three against and one abstention. The Chair used her casting vote and voted against. The discussion took into account the information provided by the Village Hall Committee, and paid due regard to the appropriate use of public funds.

WYATT ALMSHOUSES, BROUGHTON: These almshouses are situated on the Main Road and Wykham Lane Junction. They are owned by the Wyatt Almshouse Charity. A ground floor single unit will shortly become available. The Trustees invite applications for occupancy in writing to Margaret Allan, Lavercock, Main Street, North Newington OX15 6AE.

Hands off the Horton

If anyone would like to object to the Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group's vision for the future of the Horton. Please contact Lynne Parsons on 01295 780649 to get a template letter that can be used.