

**Adderbury Parish Council**  
**Report for February 2020**

**Meetings** - During February 2020, there was one meeting of the Parish Council held on 25 February 2020 and one meeting of the Staffing Committee also held on 25 February 2020. Copies of agendas and minutes are available on the PC web site. [www.adderburypc.co.uk](http://www.adderburypc.co.uk)

**Oxfordshire High Sheriff's Award** – The Parish Council was pleased to learn that the Chairman, Diane Bratt, had been given the award for her services to the community over many years. A ceremony would be held on 24 March 2020 at Oxford Town Hall.

**Environment/Highways/Footpaths** – The Community Speed Watch Scheme was continuing to use the Speed Indication Equipment supplied by Thames Valley Police and also the Sentinel fixed speed camera which had been purchased by the Parish Council. If anyone would like to support the village with this project, please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council.

Volunteers were also needed to progress other traffic calming measures, especially in West Adderbury. If any residents wished to assist the Parish Council with the implementation of the speed reductions measures, they should contact the Clerk to the Parish Council. Unfortunately without the support of residents, the Parish Council does not have the capacity to introduce all of the measures it would like. The measures had been approved and costed by the Parish and County Councils and funds are available, we now need the man power to introduce them.

Allan Ziff was still collecting information relating to accidents or near misses in the village so please continue to report these to [allanziff@aol.com](mailto:allanziff@aol.com)

Drainage issues on Oxford Road were continuing to be followed up by a resident and they had been liaising with Oxfordshire County Council about works to correct the issues.

The suggestion of switching off street lights in the village would be discussed at the Annual Parish Meeting on 9 April 2020.

The Parish Council had also been liaising with the Enforcement Department at Cherwell District Council and the Footpaths Officer at Oxfordshire County Council, with regard to the condition of the footpaths and the ditches surrounding the Barwood Homes site on Banbury Road.

A section of the wall between Long Wall footpath and Adderbury Lakes had collapsed recently but had quickly been repaired.

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

**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.

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 Plackett Playing Field and should be kept on a lead in the Playing Field.**



**Vacancy** – There was currently one vacancy on the Parish Council and if anyone would like to become a Councillor, please email the Clerk for more information. The role was only until the elections in May 2020 because at that point, the whole Parish Council was due for election.

**Village Shop** – The shop was now open and residents were asked to support it as much as possible.

**Bus Services** – Discussions with Stagecoach and Banbury Business Park were continuing and it was hoped that a bus service could be introduced to the Park. However, this was dependent on the number of people working there, who would use the service.

**75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day, 8 May 2020** – Residents are encouraged to hold their own events to mark the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day and there would be an Aunt Agatha's tea party in the village on 10 May 2020.

**Spring Clean** – The WI would be organising the village litter pick as part of Cherwell District Council's annual Spring Clean on Saturday 4 April from 10.00 - 12.00. Please meet at the Coach and Horses and all are welcome to join. Please contact Pat Smith for more information on 07971808467 or email [pat\\_smith\\_52@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:pat_smith_52@yahoo.co.uk)

**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 Parish Council thanked all those who volunteered at the Adderbury Lakes Local Nature Reserve. The Lakes had been closed on occasions recently due to the bad weather, apologies for any inconvenience to users of the Lakes, however as you will appreciate, these closures are for health and safety reasons.

**Working for Adderbury Community (WFAC)** – The planning application for phase two of the project, which was the design of the building, had been submitted to Cherwell District Council and was currently out for consultation.

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**Parish Council Surgeries** – These are held on the first Saturday of the month, from 11am to 12 noon at the Church House. Please come along and meet your Parish Councillors and discuss any issues that you have about the Parish.

**Land Registration** – The Parish Council was 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 Land Registry.

**Adverse Weather** - Oxfordshire County Council worked closely with all its partners to monitor the situation with the recent bad weather. As a reminder 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/>

**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 31 March 2020. 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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