

Adderbury Parish Council
Report for January 2021

Meetings - During January 2021, there was one meeting of the Parish Council held on Zoom on 12 January 2021. The next meeting of the Environment Committee is scheduled for Tuesday 26 January 2021 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

Environment/Highways/Footpaths – The formal consultation for the chicanes on Milton Road and Berry Hill Road had closed on 18 December 2021 and due to the number of comments received by the County Council, a report will be submitted to the County Council’s Cabinet on 21 January 2021.

It was hoped that work on the chicanes could start in March 2021 and at the same time, the western arm of the Horn Hill Road/Milton Road junction would be closed. Large planters were required to block the road and if anyone could assist the Parish Council with sourcing these, please contact the Clerk.

Drivers are reminded not to park their vehicles on the green in The Rise, as it is an amenity area not a designated parking area. Parking on the green damages the grass, kerb stones and obstructs the grass cutting contractor from being able to maintain the grass. Parents/carers attending the Primary School are also requested not to park dangerously at the junction of The Rise and Banbury Road.

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

Councillors Ann Lyons and Laura Walker are thanked for their work over the Christmas period assisting residents of West Adderbury with potential flooding issues during extreme rainfall, including sourcing sandbags from the County Council.

Investigations would be made into appropriate locations in the village, for electric vehicle charging points.

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

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 Management Committee has established a one way system to comply with Covid 19 Guidance, therefore please can all visitors be aware of this guidance and ensure they follow the signed route. If visitors are unable to follow the guidance or the Lakes Nature reserve is being damaged by excessive visitors the Management team may need to temporarily close the Lakes. A new shed would be erected at the Lakes and following a tree survey, work would be undertaken to trees at the Lakes, in due course.

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

Precept 2021/2022 – The precept for 2021/2022 would remain unchanged from 2020/2021, staying at £49,880.

The Parish Council/Working for Adderbury Community project for Sports and community facilities on Milton Road – An application had been submitted to Cherwell District Council with plans to change the position and reduce the size of the building on the Milton Road site. This reduction was due to the lack of grant funding which was now available due to the Covid-19 pandemic. All the key features of the building still remain. Pam Haynes had stepped down as Secretary to WFAC and she is thanked for all of her hard work during her time on the Group.

Milton Road Land – The Parish Council would like to kindly remind members of the public that they should not be accessing the Parish Council's land on Milton Road (site of the community building and sports pitches), due to the health and safety risks of contractors being on site. Taking photographs of the infiltration basin will also be at your own risk. There is no public access over the land and there is also no reason to cut the fencing in the north-west corner onto the adjoining land because this is privately owned land. Therefore, for your own safety, please do not access any of this land.

The Parish Council was pleased to see the attenuation basin working as it should during the heavy rain over the Christmas period.

Community Governance Review (CGR) – The second stage of the consultation has now closed and Cherwell District Council (CDC) will consider the recommendations of the Working Group on 22 February 2021.

The Parish Council is opposed to the idea of wards, which has been proposed by CDC and its response is available on the PC web site. www.adderburypc.co.uk

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>

Parish Council Surgeries – Due to the pandemic, these were cancelled until further notice.

'No Cold Calling' – Window stickers would be available for free to residents if they wish to have one. They would be available for collection in three locations and these would be advised once permission had been received from the owners of the premises. If any residents would like a sticker posted to them, please contact the Clerk on 01295 710965.

Adderbury Fields – The amenity areas at Adderbury Fields are still within the ownership of David Wilson Homes, therefore, any issues with the estate, including dog waste bins, litter bins, grass cutting etc need to be reported to David Wilson Homes, in the usual way.

Adderbury Library – It had been the intention of the County Council to re-open the library in January/February 2021, until the new lockdown had been introduced. The re-opening will be reassessed once the lockdown restrictions have been lifted. FOCAL AGM was being held on 30 January 2021 at 11am.

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Adderbury Cemetery – Repair work would be undertaken to the entrance gates at the Cemetery which will involve them being removed for a short period of time for the work to be completed.

Annual Parish Meeting 2021 – The Annual Parish Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 14 April 2021 at 730pm. A decision with regard to the format and speakers will be taken at the PC meeting in February 2021.

Spare Laptops – If anyone had a spare laptop which they would like to donate to a child in the village to assist them with on-line homeschooling, please contact the Clerk.

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 23 February 2021 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.

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