

Adderbury Parish Council
Report for October 2020

Meetings - During October 2020, there was one meeting of the Parish Council held on Zoom on 27 October 2020 and one meeting of the Environment Committee held on 22 September 2020.

The next meeting of the Environment Committee was scheduled for Tuesday 10 November 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

Environment/Highways/Footpaths – Discussions were being held with local farmers who would possibly be affected by the new chicanes on Milton Road and Berry Hill Road, due to the size of their farm vehicles and it was being discussed whether they could safely negotiate the chicanes. The informal consultation for the chicanes and the closure of the western arm of the Berry Hill Road/Milton Road junction (oak tree corner) had closed on 16 October 2020 and a few residents had responded with varying comments on the proposal. The formal consultation, held by the County Council, would last four 4 weeks.

At its meeting, the Environment Committee had a very good discussion with a resident with regard to traffic calming on Aynho Road and any interested residents should refer to the minutes which are available on the PC web site. <https://www.adderburypc.co.uk/meetings-past.php>

A meeting had been arranged with the County Council's Footpath Officer to discuss using Section 106 funds in the village to either improve the current footpaths or create new ones. These options would depend on the availability of funding.

The community areas on John Harper Road and Tarvers Way were currently in the process of being transferred from Bloor Homes to Cherwell District Council.

Drivers are asked 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.

The County Council will be completing a formal consultation process with regard to new double yellow lines in the following locations: Aynho Road by the Primary School, Deene Close/Aynho Road junction, the eastern arms of the Horn Hill Road/Berry Hill Road junction and the Banbury Road/The Rise junction. More details will follow in due course.

The Parish Council would be undertaking works to tidy a number of amenity areas around the village and this would be completed by Rural Works.

Hedgehog warning signs had been erected around the village in the hope that drivers would slow down and try to avoid hitting them on the roads. Thanks to the residents who assisted with erecting the signs.

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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>

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 two bollards to prevent vehicles from parking on the verge at the front of the wild meadow area. If any residents would like to join the working groups helping the PC to look after the St Mary's Road biodiversity area or the amenity areas on Sydenham Close/Long Wall, please contact the Clerk.

Dog Fouling - Two residents have kindly agreed to assist the Parish Council with the dog fouling initiative, so please look out for the **fluorescent piles of poo** which will start appearing in the village to highlight just how bad the problem is. Please pick up your dogs' mess and avoid the volunteers having to do too much work! Councillors Ian Bailey and Laura Walker would support the residents.

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.

Co-option/Vacancy – Stephen Walsh has been co-opted onto 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 – The weed clearance project has now been completed. A work party took place on 10 October 2020 which successfully dealt with a number of ongoing jobs. The Parish Council has appointed a surveyor for the trees at the Lakes.

The Lakes Management Committee has established a one way system to comply with Corvid 19 Guidance. Please can all visitors be aware of this guidance and ensure they follow the signed route.

The Parish Council/Working for Adderbury Community project for Sports and community facilities on Milton Road – 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. The drainage was currently working very well and there were no issues with it. Due to health and safety issues, the public are not permitted to enter the field. The next stage of the project was to seek approval of the amended plans from Cherwell District Council. Once this has been completed, the plans would be available for the public to view.

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Unfortunately the Spring Ball, which had been arranged to raise funds for the project, has been postponed due to Covid-19 Pandemic.

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. After the first stage of the consultation, CDC agreed that the Parish Council should not be split, but it would seek views on increasing the number of Councillors and the Parish being split into two Wards. More details would follow in due course.

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.

Community Award – The Parish Council agreed in principle to establish a Community Award and would consider the details at a later date.

‘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.

Planning – The application at Gracewell Homes for 9 dwellings had been withdrawn by the applicant.

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 24 November 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 Digital Infrastructure Programme at Oxfordshire County Council has been awarded £1m from the MHCLG, ‘Getting Building Fund.’

We are using this funding to top-up the existing voucher scheme **up to a value of £7,000** per qualifying property in Oxfordshire; both residential and business premises can receive this amount.

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This presents a great opportunity to increase broadband speeds up to 1,000Mb/s on a full-fibre connection. All other terms and conditions remain and anyone interested should visit: <https://gigabitvoucher.culture.gov.uk> where the application process starts. We will readily help anyone if they have any questions and applications must still form part of a group project - two or more residents and/or SMEs combining their vouchers towards the shared cost of infrastructure build; single connections are *not* eligible for funding.

This is a chance to use HMG funding now, to get the best broadband connection possible!

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