

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

There will be an uncontested Parish Council election on Thursday 5 May 2022. An uncontested election means that there were not enough candidates to necessitate an election. From Monday 9 May 2022, there are only four Councillors: Ruth Dale, Nigel Davis, Myra Peters and Tracey Scott.

There are seven seats on the Parish Council and until these three vacant seats are filled, it will result in a reduction in the amount of work the Parish Council can undertake. Therefore, please bare this in mind when contacting the Parish Council or when you expect the Parish Council to become involved in a village matter.

If you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor and supporting your community, please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council or any of the Parish Councillors for more details.

Neighbourhood Development Plans – Tom McCulloch from Community First Oxfordshire will be attending the Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 10 May 2022 to give advice on how to develop a Plan for Milcombe.

Wheelie Bins – Residents are kindly requested not to block the footpaths with their wheelie bins, where possible. If they could also be collected back in as soon as they had been emptied, this would avoid the footpaths being blocked for those pedestrians with pushchairs or wheelchair users.

St Laurence Church Clock – Maintenance to the clock face will be carried out by Smith of Derby and would be funded by the Parish Council as part of HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

Highways – Repairs which were required to potholes should be reported to the County Council's Fix My Street web site. <https://fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk/>

Trees/Bushes/Hedges - Residents were reminded that trees/bushes/hedges should not be causing an obstruction because they were overhanging a boundary onto a footpath or road. If an obstruction was occurring in the village, it should be reported to <https://fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk/>

Food and Garden Waste Collections – From 1 March 2022, Cherwell District Council had made changes to their food and garden waste collections. Please visit the CDC web site for more information. <https://www.cherwell.gov.uk/info/10/rubbish-and-recycling/42/your-bins/3> Food should not be placed in the brown bin.

Play Area – The official opening of the play area is being held on Sunday 24 April 2022 at 12 noon and all residents are invited to attend. Quotes will be obtained for netting to be located behind the goal, to stop balls leaving the play area.

Oxfordshire County Council Highway Initiatives – An application had been made to the County Council for a for a 20mph speed limit on appropriate roads in the village, supported by County Councillor Kieron Mallon. In addition, investigations were being made into a weight limit for New Road.

Civil Parking Enforcement – Oxfordshire County Council is providing Civil Parking Enforcement Officers in the Cherwell area and it is hoped that they will monitor Milcombe for illegal parking. For more information and to report illegally parked cars, please visit the OCC web site. <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/roads-and-transport/parking/illegal-parking>

Planning applications and comments could be viewed on Cherwell District Council's web site at:
<https://www.cherwell.gov.uk/info/115/planning/443/see-or-comment-on-a-planning-application23as>

Adverse Weather:

Oxfordshire County Council works closely with all its partners to monitor the weather and 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

Meeting Dates – Future meetings, starting at 8.00pm would be held at the Village Hall, Milcombe. However please check the agendas on the Parish Council web site the week prior to the meeting.

- Tuesday 10 May 2022 (Starting at 7.30pm)
- Tuesday 5 July 2022
- Tuesday 6 September 2022
- Tuesday 1 November 2022

All welcome to attend!

Agendas and minutes are available on www.milcombe.com or please contact the Clerk, Theresa Goss, at milcombecp@gmail.com or ring 01295 710965 during normal office hours.

Reminders:

Roads (including potholes)/footpaths/street lighting/overhanging trees/hedges: Report to Oxfordshire County Council <https://fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk/>

Faulty Street Lights: Report on freephone 0800 317802 giving exact destination and pole number if possible.

Electricity: SSE 0800 294 3259 or text phone 0800 316 5457, UK Power Networks – 0800 169 9970, Western Power Distribution – 0800 096 3080

Water: Thames Water 0800 009 3652 or text phone 0800 316 6899, Anglian Water 03457 91 91 55

Power failure: If there's a power cut call the free number 105 to check what's happening with your local provider