

### **PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS**

***There will be Milcombe Parish Council elections on Thursday 5 May 2022. This means that all Councillors will stand down and all seven seats on the Parish Council are up for election.***

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

***Also, all residents are invited to attend the Milcombe Annual Parish Meeting on Tuesday 22 March 2022 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall. This will provide the opportunity to meet the current Councillors and the Clerk and receive information on the work the Parish Council has undertaken in the last twelve months.***

***The Parish Council is hoping to embark on a Neighbourhood Development Plan over the coming months and support from the community on this project, which will ultimately protect the village from unsuitable developments, will be essential.***

***A representative from Community First Oxfordshire will be attending the Annual Parish Meeting to give a presentation and guidance and information on Neighbourhood Development Plans.***

Play Area – Due to the ground in the play area being so wet, the play area will remain closed for the time being. This will be kept under review and it will be opened at the earliest opportunity. Apologies for any inconvenience and thank you for your patience.

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.

Snow Warden/Grit Bins – If anyone in the village would like or care to volunteer to be a Snow Warden to help clear the footpaths in adverse weather conditions, please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council. Grit bins are all full and grit may be used on slippery public footpaths and roads only. It should not be used for private property use.

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/> New road markings had been painted on the road by the junction at the Horse and Groom.

**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 would be making 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>

Oxfordshire County Council Highway Initiatives – Applications will be made to the County Council for a 7.5 ton weight limit and a 20mph speed limit on appropriate roads in the village.

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>

Neighbourhood Development Plan – Initial work would be undertaken to assess the feasibility of producing an NDP for Milcombe. It is hoped there will be a presentation from Community First Oxfordshire at the Annual Parish Meeting on this subject.

Civility and Respect Project – The Parish Council would be supporting the new national Civility and Respect Project and would not tolerate any sort of bullying or harassment of Councillors or the Clerk. An anti-bullying statement would be published on the Parish Council web site.

#### **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

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>

**Meeting Dates** – It was hoped that all future meetings, starting at 8.00pm would be held in person and not on Zoom. However please check the agendas on the Parish Council web site the week prior to the meeting.

- Tuesday 4 January 2022
- Tuesday 1 March 2022
- Tuesday 22 March 2022 (Annual Parish Meeting)

#### **All welcome to attend!**

Agendas and minutes are available on [www.milcombe.com](http://www.milcombe.com) or please contact the Clerk, Theresa Goss, at [milcombecp@gmail.com](mailto: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