

Vacancies – Due to resignations, there are two vacancies on the Parish Council. The role entails attending a Parish Council meeting every other month, for around 2 hours and you can put in, as much or as little time as you have available, in-between the meetings. If you would like any further information, please contact the Clerk on 01295 710965 or email milcombepc@gmail.com

Parish Council Chairman 2020/2021 & Vice-Chairman 2020/2021 – Councillor Marlene Cowell has been appointed as Chairman and Mandie McCullagh as Vice-Chairman for 2020/2021.

Councillor Pete Booth – The Parish Council send their best wishes to Councillor Booth for his on-going recovery.

Covid-19 Community Support – The Parish Council thanks Sam Hughes and all the volunteers providing the village with support during the Covid-19 Pandemic.

Grit Bin – A new grit bin would be installed on Wigginton Heath Road, opposite the entrance to Heath Close.

Bonfires - Advice had been issued by Cherwell District Council, asking that bonfires and fire pits were not lit during the Covid-19 Pandemic because of the effect on those with respiratory issues.

Litter Pick - The village litter pick would hopefully be rearranged for later in the year, possibly September 2020.

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.

Flag Flying – Councillor Myra Peters had taken over responsibility for flying the flag in the village on the appropriate days, such as the Birthdays of members of the Royal Family.

Milcombe Newsletter - Mark Boardman was thanked for his work on the Milcombe Newsletter and had delivered 100 copies of the June edition to the village shop. The July and August editions would be combined.

Dog Fouling – Residents are asked to ensure that they clean up after their dogs because a lot of mess had not been picked up, especially along Main Street. Dog waste bags are available from New Road Stores and the Church porch.

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/>

Village Hall – The village hall is currently closed, as are all public buildings at this time.

Play Area – The proposals for new play equipment is under review and thanks to Councillor Myra Peters who took over the play area inspections. However please note that the play area is still closed due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

Annual Parish Meeting 2020 – The meeting had been cancelled this year due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, however the standard documents, including the Chairman's report, were available on PC web site.

Defibrillator – Church House at Kidlington was currently closed and all staff were working from home. However, the Diocesan Advisory Committee would consider the request for a faculty for the location of a defibrillator in the Church porch after the lockdown had been relaxed.

Grants – The Parish Council has awarded a grant of £500.00 to the Cherry Tree Centre in Bloxham and £100 to the St Mary's Thursday Club.

Adverse Weather:

Oxfordshire County Council worked 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 - Future meetings, all starting at 8.00pm would be held on Zoom, until further notice. Please contact the Clerk if the details to join the Parish Council meetings.

- Tuesday 7 July 2020
- Tuesday 1 September 2020
- Tuesday 3 November 2020

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.

Dog Bags: These are available from New Road Stores and at the back of the Church behind the organ. Please clear up after your dog - it is an offence not to.

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