

Milcombe Parish Council
2 November 2021
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Parish Council Precept 2022/2023 – The Parish Council increased the Precept (the funds it receives from Cherwell District Council to provide services such as grass cutting, maintaining street furniture, providing and maintaining the play area etc) from £13,500 to £14,000 for 2022/2023.

Milcombe Newsletter – Thanks were passed to Mark Boardman for continuing to print the MNL on behalf of the village. The December 2021 and January 2022 edition would be combined.

Play Equipment – The installation of the new equipment is taking place during November 2021 and the play area will be closed for the whole of the month. Please do not enter the play area whilst the works are being carried out.

Remembrance Day - Councillors Myra Peters and Nigel Davis would lay wreaths on behalf of the Parish Council at the Remembrance Day services in Bloxham and Milcombe on Sunday 14 November 2021.

The Choir of Exeter College, Oxford – The Choir will be at St Mary's Church, Bloxham on Saturday 4 December 2021 at 7.30pm.

Christmas Party 2021 - The children's Christmas party is being held in the Village Hall on Saturday, December 4th from 4pm to 6pm organised by the Hall committee. Numbers are restricted to children living in the village. Details will be advertised on the Milcombe community page.

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.

Hedges – Hedges on New Road and on the way to Rye Hill Golf Course had been reported to the County Council because they needed cutting back.

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.

Oxfordshire 2050 – The Parish Council had submitted a response to the County Council's consultation.

Planning – The Parish Council had no objections to the following planning application:
21/03221/NMA Land North of The Green and adj To, Oak Farm Drive, Milcombe
Non-material amendment to 19/00046/REM - Amendments to Condition 2 to allow alternative materials

The Parish Council had made observations to the following planning applications:

21/02974/F 6 Dovecote Close, Milcombe
Two storey rear extension with first floor balcony

20/03609/F Land North of The Green and adj To, Oak Farm Drive, Milcombe
Application for an additional four dwellings to be reviewed in conjunction with previous planning approval 19/00046/REM approved 22nd January 2020.

Local Plan – The deadline for making comments on the Local Plan is 10 November 2021. Please visit the PC web site for more details and the impact on Milcombe. <https://www.milcombepc.co.uk/news-story.php?newsid=41>

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/>

Dog Waste Bin – A new dog waste bin would be installed at The Green and the current bin would be moved to the entrance of Dovecote Close.

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 New Road and the surrounding roads.

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.

Community Emergency Plan – The County Council had been advised that the Village Hall and St Laurence Church could be used as emergency centres, if should they be required.

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

All welcome to attend!

Agendas and minutes are available on www.milcombe.com or please contact the Clerk, Theresa Goss, at milcombepc@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 currently available from New Road Stores and in the Church porch. Due to cutbacks in CDC's budget, they will no longer be supplied when present stocks run out. It is still necessary for you to clean 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

**Milcombe Parish Council wish residents a
MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR**