

Milcombe Parish Council
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Milcombe Newsletter – Thanks were passed to Mark Boardman for continuing to print the MNL on behalf of the village.

Footpaths in Bloxham - Walkers going over Hobb Hill will notice posts and string at the gates and on the footpath. The farmer is using these to guide users to the location of the Public Right of Way. The farmer will be making hay in the field this year. If the ground becomes compacted it becomes unusable. Walkers should try to keep to the right, close to the hedge on the way up from Courtington Lane and at the top, walk straight down to the kissing gate at the bottom on Ells Lane. Please keep to the paths and enjoy your walks up Hobb Hill...a good pair of wellies / boots always helps.

Anti-Social Behaviour – A resident attended the meeting to discuss the ongoing anti-social behaviour issue at the play area and the grass area around surrounding the Dovecote. The Councillors are aware of the issues and Thames Valley Police have been visiting the site. The Parish Council would encourage residents to report every instance of anti-social behaviour to TVP so they have an evidence base of the issues in the village and will hopefully, act on it.

Play Equipment – The installation of the new equipment would take place during October/November 2021 will be closed whilst the work on installing the new equipment takes place.

Church Clock – The time on the clock had been corrected by Smith of Derby and the costs would be met by the Parish Council.

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.

Women's Cycle Tour – The Tour will be passing through Milcombe on two occasions on Monday 4 October 2021. Please be aware this may cause some traffic disruption. Please come out and support the competitors!

Oxfordshire Bus Service Improvement Plan – Residents can respond to this consultation by visiting <https://letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/oxfordshire-bus-improvement-plan-2021>

Register of Community Assets – Work was continuing on registering a number of community assets to protect them from possible future development.

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.

Oxford-Cambridge Arc - The Oxford to Cambridge (OxCam) Arc is the name given to a cross-government initiative that supports planning for the future of the five ceremonial counties of Oxfordshire, Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire up until 2050.

The Arc aims to ensure a harmonious delivery of improved connectivity, productivity and place-making, whilst ensuring pioneering environmental standards and enhancements are delivered. Because of the commitments to green growth, its governance and scale, the Arc represents a unique opportunity to put the Government's 25 Year Environment Plan into action.

The creation of a Local Natural Capital Plan for the Arc is an essential first step to ensure a natural capital baseline and framework is provided that helps to monitor environmental change and de-risk growth. More details can be found at <https://www.oxcamlncp.org/>

Oxfordshire 2050 – The Oxfordshire Plan 2050 is a strategic planning document that aims to set out how to achieve this by listening to residents about what is important to them and their aspirations, and setting out how and where is best to deliver these for a better quality of life for all. Residents can comment on the consultation by visiting <https://oxfordshireplan.org/>

Planning – The Parish Council had no objections to the following planning application:

21/02138/F 11 Oak Farm Close, Milcombe
RETROSPECTIVE - Installation of 2 No garage doors to carports to cover, secure and make safe the double carport apertures underneath the first floor dwelling/sleeping area by fitting electronically operated up-and-over garage doors

Neighbourhood Planning – The Parish Council felt that it would be beneficial to the village if there was a Neighbourhood Development Plan, however, there was not the resources within the Parish Council to undertake such a large and complex project.

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 complaint had been received about the smell from the dog waste bin at the entrance to The Green and investigations were being made into how this could be addressed.

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 2 November 2021
- Tuesday 4 January 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 available from New Road Stores and in the Church porch. 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