

Cholsey Village Voice February 2018

The monthly newsletter from the Parish Council. Available free in most shops and pubs, The Pavilion foyer, the library and The Great Hall. CVV can also be read on the Parish Council website in the News and Events section. If you have any short, topical articles that we could publish, please forward them to clerk.cpc@outlook.com

Marina or Gravel Pit?

London Rock and White Cross Projects Partnership has announced details of its plan for a proposed 320 berth River Thames marina development on land at White Cross Farm, Wallingford - actually Cholsey.

The company held a Public Exhibition in late January prior to their submission of a planning application.

If you are interested the plans are also available online.

http://londonrock.co.uk/wallingford_index.html

We regard this as a Trojan Horse to enable the company to remove hundreds of tonnes of minerals (gravel) from the site - just look at the name of the company. Who is to say that once the gravel has been extracted the marina will be developed.

Key points to oppose this development include:

* the disruption that will be caused to the three world class rowing clubs that use this stretch of the Thames.

* the claimed financial benefits for Wallingford are over-stated. Boat users are unlikely to use shops and restaurants in the town, they will load up their boats and head off up or down stream.

* Wallingford would like a few more riverside moorings, which would bring economic benefit to the town, but nothing like this.

* the Trojan Horse nature of the gravel extraction.

* if gravel is to be extracted it must go through the County Council site allocations process, not squeezed in through the back door with a spurious claim about delivering a benefit to the area.

SHED BREAKS IN

The local Police are aware of an increase in shed burglaries which have occurred in the village in recent weeks.

Many sheds whilst being of good construction fall short on basic security. It is easy to unscrew the ironmongery, steal contents and in some cases replace the screws to make it look as if the shed has not been tampered with.

Our local PCSOs are encouraging us to use the following advice to protect our property:

- By using tamper proof screws or coach bolts together with a good quality pad bar or hasp and staple and close shackled padlock, the shed owner will make it harder for the would-be thief.
- It is also a good idea to bond any window glass in, with mastic to prevent easy removal.
- Ensure all tools and equipment is locked away when not in use.
- High-quality locks should be used on doors. Windows can be fitted with a grille or, as a cheaper alternative, chicken wire, to slow a thief down.
- A shed alarm can also be installed.
- Post-coding or indelibly marking all property such as lawnmowers, bikes, and tools using ultra-violet pens, forensic marking such as Selecta DNA or Smartwater or engravers.
- Installing security lighting as a deterrent, and plants such as thorny shrubs to act as a barrier at potential access points.
- If building a shed, putting it where it is most visible to you and neighbours.

If you see anything suspicious please phone 101 or if you believe a crime is in the process of being committed 999.

All change at Neighbourhood Plan

The revised Neighbourhood Plan will be published on 10th February, including significant changes from the previous version.

Consultation events will take place on 24th February 11-2 in The Great Hall, 17th February 11-3 in The Pavilion and 3rd March 10 -1 in The Pavilion.

Please come to find out what's going on and to give your opinion

Congratulations.....

To Tanya Ellis our Youth Club leader who has been given a High Sherriff's Award for services to the community.

Celsea Place

We are aware of the problems caused by Linden Homes as they have infringed on their planning permission by allowing their contractor to make such a mess of the roads, poor parking, timings of deliveries and the ramp they have installed. The Parish Council has been in contact with SODC Planning Enforcement and OCC Highways to try and get them to deal with these issues but they seem reluctant to act.

Please send any complaints and photographs of infringements to

Planning.enforcement@southandvale.gov.uk

C&WR News

Visitors to the railway will have seen the collection of wood and ironwork in the car park at Wallingford railway station. This formed the canopy over Maidenhead station and was built during the 'Brunel' era of the Great Western Railway. We have received one of the largest grants ever awarded by the Railway Heritage Trust to rebuild this bit of history at Wallingford. If you want to help and get involved at the railway then pop into Wallingford station on a Saturday or send a message via our Facebook page.

To keep up to date with railway, don't forget to like our Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/CholseyWallingfordRailway

Go Active Gold

Currently there is an activity running, with two due to start.

Tai Chi - Every Tuesday 9am at the Pavilion
Senior Circuits - Starting 29/01/18 Every
Monday 11:30am - 12:30pm at the Pavilion
Social Table Tennis Starting 02/03/18 Every
Friday 11AM - 12 noon at The Great Hall
Cholsey Meadows

Issues with dog owners

The Parish Council has received many complaints about behaviour of dogs in the rec as well as the perennial problem of dog mess around the parish.

We are working on a strategy to try to help us deal with these issues, including a poster campaign and new byelaws.

In the mean time can we please encourage people to pick up after their dogs and keep them under proper control. We provide many bins around the parish and it is now possible to put waste in an ordinary litter bin.

COPA News

Enquiries 01491 652100, 07979 188701 (Jennie Kent) COPA direct line 07526 291088, Cholsey Older Persons Worker Vicky Beardall-Richards 07855 606894, 01491 200291.

We are a community activities/advice/befriending service working alongside Vicky Beardall-Richards, Cholsey's Older Persons Worker, and the Cholsey Day Centre.

See the What's On section for this month's dates for our activities.

Happy Hub

Don't forget Cholsey's own Children's Centre. Activities and fun Monday to Saturday 9.15/10 – 11.30 with baby group Wednesday 12.30 -2.30 Open in the school holidays.

All activities free, but donations welcome.

Look for us on Facebook. The Happy Hub at Cholsey

February's What's On

Saturdays - The Pavilion Community Tea Shop – 10:00 – 12:00pm

Tuesday 6th Feb 11-12.30 The Pavilion
COPA Monthly Brunch Club. £3 for full English breakfast. Bookings via Jennie Kent 652100

Tuesday 6th Feb 7.30 – 9.30 The Library
Cholsey Creative Club – all welcome

Sunday 11th Feb 2.30 The Old School
Afternoon Tea

Friday 16th Feb 7.30pm The Library
HortSoc AGM

Tuesday 20th Feb 1.30 pm The Old School
COPA Monthly Film Club £3 per session (incl. refreshment). No need to book.

Tuesday 20th Feb 7.30 -9.30 The Library
Cholsey Creative Club – all welcome

Monday 19th Feb 7.30pm The Pavilion Bingo in aid of the Happy Hub

Thursday 22nd Feb 10am The Library
COPA Coffee and Chat Group

Opening Times

Parish Office – Monday to Thursday 10am 12pm
Library Monday to Friday 2- 4.30pm, Friday 6 – 7.30pm and Saturday 9.30am – 12.30pm
Day Centre Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10am – 4pm. Phone 01491 652255

Cholsey Parish Council would like to appoint a

Team Leader for the Happy Hub

11 hours per week, salary £6967

To apply ring the Clerk on 652255 or email
clerk.cpc@outlook.com