

Cholsey Village Voice Feb 2016

Welcome

Welcome to Cholsey Village Voice (CVV), the monthly newsletter from the Parish Council. The newsletter is available free from 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 cholseypc.clerk@mediummail.co.uk

Waitrose – Green Tokens



The Friends of Cholsey Children's Centre are delighted to announce that we have been selected to be part of the Waitrose "Community Matters" initiative.

So next time you visit Waitrose in Wallingford don't forget to pick up your green tokens as the new Cholsey Children's Centre will be one of the community organisations you can donate to for the whole month of February.

Celsea Place update

The recent planning application to build 60 homes off Celsea Place has been refused by South Oxfordshire District Council.

The developers are appealing against the decision and the appeal will be heard in May between 10th and 14th at the SODC offices at Milton Park near Didcot.

The Parish Council will be making a representation against the developers based on the nine arguments we have against the development of this site. We also expect residents to be involved in the appeal.

Cholsey Pumping Station

As a result of recent development in the village we have become concerned about the effect on the pumping station and sewage works. This concern has been exacerbated by several breakdowns at the pumping station in recent months and news that the sewage works will be expected to cope with the waste from the 555 new houses which are being built in Wallingford.

As a result the Parish Council has arranged a meeting with Thames Water to discuss the ongoing development and the capacity of these vital installations.

The meeting will also be attended by representatives of Wallingford Town Council and SODC.

Dog Fouling!

At this time of the year we usually see an increase in the amount of fouling, largely due to the fact that many people walk their dogs after dark.

PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW YOUR DOG TO FOUL THE PARKS AND STREETS OF OUR VILLAGE.

Illuminated tags can be purchased from Ebay, Amazon and other internet providers from £1 – this can be fixed to your dog's collar so that you can see when it remains stationary for a period of time.

COPA–Cholsey Older Persons Advice New Number 07494 893997



COPA offers a community information service for older people, their families and carers. Every Saturday morning we aim to provide an opportunity to access a range of useful information and support in your locality. . Come along to the Pavilion, Station Rd between 10am and 12noon for a chat or call us on 07494 893997 for advice or to make an appointment.

County Councillor Mark Gray writes.....

Oxford Flood Defence Scheme – Will it affect us?

I visited the exhibition for the new flood defence channel in Oxford, as I know many people locally are worried about the potential effect it could have on those of us lower down the Thames in times of flood. The staff from the Environment Agency are at pains to point out that any scheme will be modelled to ensure there will be no ill effects for neighbouring communities. They say that rather than dumping water on us it will regulate the flow, so the water runs for a longer period.

The EA staff have agreed to run a consultation in Wallingford in the next few weeks so we can see what is planned and question them on any likely effects.

Gravel Update

As you may have seen in the local press, Grondon have sent in a "scoping request" to Oxfordshire County Council for an environmental impact assessment (EIA). This is in respect of potential mineral extraction on the land they have acquired near the bypass south of Wallingford (New Barn Farm).

The following is a summary of the CAGE response to the request:

By law, an EIA must be carried out before a planning application can be made for any major development. In the scoping request, a developer proposes a list of topics to be covered. On receipt of the scoping request, the relevant Planning Authority is obliged to respond to the developer, setting out any additional requirements beyond those already proposed by the developer. This does not infer that the Planning Authority in any way approves or disapproves of the application.

CAGE has responded by sending OCC a detailed list of additional points that it believes should be addressed in the EIA. In essence our additional points reflect a lot of the reasons why CAGE considers the land would not be suitable for mineral extraction. We want to ensure that these points are properly addressed and not simply ignored or glossed over.

The points include detailed arguments under the following headings:

Hydrology, fauna and flora (water table, aquifer, impact of extraction and infill) Traffic (roundabouts already at capacity) Archaeology (research into Great Burh implications, Roman finds, Saxon and medieval archaeology) Air quality (nearby nursery, maternity hospital, residential housing) Noise and vibrations (nearby properties); Heritage, tourism, recreation and landscape (Agatha Christie trail, heritage railway, Mill Brook walk, listed buildings) Socioeconomic impacts (house-building nearby, wider Cholsey-Wallingford developments) Utilities (nearby sewer and gas main).

Although not strictly relevant to the scoping request, we presaged our response by once again pointing out that any application on this site would be "premature" because there are already enough extraction sites in the county to last nearly 25 years, well over the 10 years required by the government (based on the last 5 years of sales of sharp sand and gravel) the county has not yet had its Core Mineral Strategy adopted

Cholsey Gardeners Question Time



On Friday February 12th Cholsey HortSoc will be holding a Gardeners' Question Time. Local HortSoc experts and special guest Helen Bostock from RHS Wisley will be there to help with your garden problems. There will also be a fun quiz and a Ploughmans supper will be available for only £1.50. Tickets are available from Irene Creasy Tel : 200491. The evening starts at 7.30pm with a very short AGM then on to the social evening at 8pm.

Wear A Hat Day!



The office staff at the Parish Council are taking part in the Brain Tumour Research organisation's "Wear A Hat Day".

We are going to be organising a coffee morning on Wednesday 23rd March.

If you would like to be involved please contact Mark Gray on 07971 805416

Cholsey Library

As well as being open Mon to Fri 2pm until 4:30pm, Friday Evenings 6pm to 8pm and Saturday mornings 9:30am to 12:30pm the library is also the venue for the Cholsey Craft Club

<http://cholsey.info/community/creative-club/> on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month and from later this month will be hosting a Lino Printing class (contact Shirley Meyer on 07938 487249).

If you would like to use the library as a venue for a club or class then please get in touch with Amanda Taylor cholsey.library@gmail.com

Job Vacancy

Cholsey Children's Centre would like to employ a **TEAM LEADER** for the new centre in the village. The post will be for twelve hours per week and in addition to working with children and families will involve managing the two centre staff, devising a programme and ensuring safeguarding issues. **Salary £7,488** For an application pack, please call 01491 652255 or cholsepc.clerk@mediummail.co.uk

What's On



Saturdays Community Tea Shop – The Pavilion 10:00 – 12:30pm

Fri 12th Feb – Cholsey Silver band – Evening of music and song – The Great Hall

Fri 6th, 8th and 12th Feb – The Pavilion – Knowing Me – FREE course (see earlier article)

Fri 20th Feb – Boys Brigade Quiz – The Pavilion

Wed 24th Feb – Learn to Lino print – The Pavilion Library