

Parish Council Report – February 2019

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Meetings of Parish Council - Reminder

The next formal meeting of the council is on 11 February followed by a surgery on 25 February. All meetings commence at 19.00 (7pm). Should there be matters of concern between these dates please contact the parish clerk or councillors whose details appear above.

Draft Minutes of all Parish Council meetings appear on the website, the Minutes two weeks after the date of the meeting:

www.tackleyvillage.co.uk

See there, also, some personal details of your councillors.

Copies of this report are also circulated via Tackley Notices.

Road Closures

Notice of the following road closures have been circulated –

Nethercote Road will be closed between 09.00 and 15.30 between 1 April 2019 and 4 April 2019 for the installation of low voltage cable. Parking will be affected. A map showing the details of the closure can be seen on the door of the village shop.

St Johns Road will be closed from the 18 February 2019 up to and including the 22 February 2019. This closure is in force 24 hours per day. Access will be maintained for emergency service vehicles and for those frontages within the closure area, subject to the progress of the works and liaison with the works supervisor.

Developers Lorries

Your Parish Council is aware of, and shares residents concerns about building site traffic; we are continuing to monitor these concerns which have been raised with the relevant

authorities at County and West Oxon. It is suggested that residents becoming aware of such occurrences should contact the County Highways Department direct, at the same time, copying any written communication sent or received, to the Clerk.

Parking in Tackley

With the prospect of 100 new houses comes the possibility of 250 or more cars in our village in the near future. We must think very carefully about where we park our cars. The older parts of the village were built in the days before cars were invented or when people had fewer cars! We must all park considerably and think where we can park if our house doesn't have off road parking. If your house has a garden with road frontage it may be possible to make a space? You can by contacting OCC highways have the kerb dropped outside your house, there is a fee for doing this. If you live in a rented house seek your landlord's permission first. If a neighbour has no car but a driveway, would they be willing for a small fee or the offer of some "jobs" or lift sometimes to allow you to park? If you live in a house with no off road parking think twice about having two, three, four cars with nowhere to put them?

Resident parking is not the norm in the Memorial Hall car park. There have been occasions recently when there has been a function at the Memorial Hall or School where the car park has been full to capacity and drivers have had to park along Medcroft Road. It is the only access to our shop for delivery lorries and we need to give them space too. At the moment there are a few people who have asked to park there because they are affected by the building works. This is a temporary, short term measure. Over the years there has always been a parking permit issued by the Parish Council to allow some residents to park there. Can you remind the PC Clerk if you have a permit. If you don't, then please write to her and your request will be considered at the next PC meeting.

The only way forward is to think very carefully, if you buy another car, where are you intending to park it? If you have one or two already, be very considerate in where you park them, and please please don't park on the pavements or near junctions.

Crecy Hill Nature Reserve Needs You

We would like to thank the Oxfordshire Conservation Volunteers for scrub clearing on Sunday 28 January, Barbie for cooking everyone sausage rolls and our one gallant family who came to help.

Back in 1996 our village took control of a two acre plot of land at Crecy Hill to create a Nature Reserve. For some years, a group of residents along with some of the Collier's cows kept the reserve in good shape. Unfortunately over that last decade some of those who were enthusiastic have grown older, died and some have moved from the

village. At the moment it is sadly in need of care and attention. The main task is scrub clearance, as the brambles and bushes are taking over and not allowing the plants underneath to flourish, or the cows to graze. The Oxfordshire Conservation Volunteers come when they can to do scrub clearance, but unfortunately there is a distinct lack of volunteers to help them. Please can we have more volunteers? It is a very beautiful spot and armed with tough gloves and wearing sensible shoes anyone can help. It can be fun and very rewarding.

The next day planned for this work is 3 March, when hopefully the weather will be warmer. There are jobs to do at anytime of the year. Please come, bring your family and help.

Noticeboards

The PC noticeboards by the school and at the junction of Medcroft and Nethercote Roads are to be replaced, the former probably not until building work around that area has been completed.

Dog Waste bins

The Council is aware that some of the dog waste bins around the village are becoming very full; it is possible that they are not being emptied properly. If you see an overflowing bin, please contact WODC at 01993 8611000.

Hedges etc growing over pedestrian walkways

There are still hedges and outcrops of plants growing over and obstructing pathways. Please have a look at yours.