

# Claydon with Clattercote Newsletter

November 2018

## VILLAGE GREEN LEFT IN LIMBO

The Parish Council had obtained quotations for work on the Village Green wall, including one option of demolition, both of which would involve a considerable spend. The cost would represent a large proportion of the Village Precept, thereby affecting everyone's Council Tax. As both the cost and the work on the wall would possibly be considered as contentious, the Parish Council felt it necessary to survey the village rather than make the decision themselves.

Survey forms were therefore delivered to every house, to ensure that everyone had the opportunity to have their say. The lack of response was therefore extremely disappointing. Out of the whole village there were just 18 responses, leaving the survey results inconclusive. No decision has therefore been made with quotations for other options being sought.

*Editor's comment: In view of the spend involved this is extremely surprising as it is not long ago that the proposal to erect a bus shelter, which would have cost a similar amount and benefitted the village schoolchildren, was shelved due to strong opposition from the parents.*

## OTHER PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Parish Council Meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> November was attended by County and District Councillor George Reynolds. The following further items were discussed:

### DEFIBRILLATOR

There was certain confusion regarding the specification of the defibrillator to be purchased, though there was general agreement that it should be code locked. It was resolved to seek advice from the local paramedics and defer the decision to the next meeting. There is also an issue regarding the electricity supply from the Church Room as a new circuit board will be required.

## **PLANNING**

### **Haybridge Meadow (formerly known as Otter Hollow)**

The application for the erection of a static home and stable building, relocation of the existing polytunnels and glasshouse and change of use of the existing stable building to a carpentry workshop and agricultural land into equestrian use has been refused.

## **VILLAGE TREES**

An expert survey of the village trees is to be undertaken. It is expected to cost in the region of £500. As Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) is responsible for some trees, the list will be checked against OCC records to ensure that only village owned trees are included in future maintenance plans.

## **DOG LANE**

As the overhanging trees in Dog Lane are in desperate need of maintenance the Parish Council has been attempting to determine its status as a public footpath, and therefore owned by OCC. There is proof that OCC maintained it in the past. OCC has now concluded that the lane is not registered and the maintenance was purely a goodwill gesture.

## **GRIT BINS**

Installation of the grit bins is awaiting the repair of the wall in Manor Park.

## **WEBSITE**

It was agreed to pay £143.72 to Paul Gallagher for hosting costs of the village website for posting Parish Council information for the last two years. The Parish Council is extremely grateful to Paul for this service, negating the need for a separate website to be set up. However, there is concern that the Clerk has no access.

## **ALLOTMENTS**

A question from the floor regarding the cost of the allotments implied that the maintenance costs far outweigh the benefits.

## **PRECEPT**

The Parish Council set a draft precept of £10,703.92.

## **HORTON HOSPITAL CAMPAIGN**

In order to help justify the return of consultant led maternity to the Horton, the Keep The Horton General Campaign (KTHG) group is running a survey of women asking where they would choose to give birth if full services were available at the Horton. Go to [www.keepthehortongeneral.org](http://www.keepthehortongeneral.org) and follow the link to the survey

After waiting almost a year KTHG has been granted permission to appeal against the process by which Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group downgraded the Horton, not only maternity, but intensive care, stroke services and the removal of inpatient beds. Fundraising to support the appeal is under way.

## **PARISH COUNCIL CLERK AND RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER VACANCY**

Claydon with Clattercote Parish Council is seeking applications for the post of Clerk / RFO:

Working from home, Hours: 15 per month, Salary: NJC Scale LC1 or 2 (£9.341 to £12.404 per hour), starting point depending upon experience and transferable skills.

### **Job Description**

The Clerk provides administrative and clerical support to the Council and, as the Responsible Financial Officer, will be required to manage the Council's finances. Duties will include:

Managing the meetings of the council meetings and trustee meetings including preparing the agenda, taking the minutes, monitoring actions and decisions

Ensuring planning applications are considered, and submitting responses to the District Council

Managing the Parish Council's finances, preparation of accounts and reconciliation, payroll and PAYE, payment of invoices, banking, end of year accounts, submission of accounts for external audit, VAT reclaim, preparing for budget review and precept

Dealing with a variety of correspondence and public notices

### **Qualities**

You will be required to work from home and attend evening meetings on the second Tuesday of every other month. You must be computer literate, have some administrative experience and able to maintain accurate accounts.

Candidates must possess a high standard of oral and written communication skills, be proficient in Microsoft Office software (particularly Word and Excel), be capable of working independently and have the ability to deal with a range of issues.

Or for further information please call or e-mail the clerk (Kirsty Buttle) on 01295 275372 or email [cwcclerk@outlook.com](mailto:cwcclerk@outlook.com)

To apply please send your C.V. with a covering letter before 5pm on 14th December to the clerk - [cwcclerk@outlook.com](mailto:cwcclerk@outlook.com)

# *Diary Dates*

## **UNITED BENEFICE COMMUNION**

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December** 10.00 am at St James Church

## **LITTLE LIGHTS AND CHRISTINGLE**

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December** 10.30 to 12.00 in the Church Room

## **SENIOR CITIZENS' CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December** 12.30 pm for 1.00 pm at Cherwell Edge Golf Club

## **HOLY COMMUNION (said)**

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December** 8.30 am at St James Church

## **CAROL SERVICE**

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December** 4.00 pm at St. James' Church

## **COFFEE MORNING**

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December** 10:30 am in the Church Room

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December** 9.30 am at St James Church

## **CRIB SERVICE**

**Christmas Eve Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December** 3.00 pm at St. James' Church

## **CHRISTMAS DAY - COMMUNION**

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> December** 10.00 am at St. James' Church

## **COMMUNION at Great Bourton**

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> December** 11.00 am at St James Church

## **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019** at 7:30 p.m. in the Church Room