

Cholsey Village Voice February 2020

The monthly newsletter from the Parish Council. Available free in most shops and pubs, The Pavilion foyer, and the library. 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

Gravel/Marina Update

At long last the County Council is in a position to make a decision on the Planning Application to allow the development of a marina on the River Thames with moorings for approximately 280 boats.

This development, better known locally as a gravel pit (suspiciously the company putting in the application is known as London Rock) that may become a marina if the funding can be found, will be a matter of metres away from the gravel pit that is currently being developed at New Barn Farm.

Cholsey Parish Council opposes the development of the "marina" as we see it as a Trojan Horse to remove yet more gravel from our area.

The grounds on which we oppose the digging of another pit include the impact on the local ecology, most notably there are otters in this stretch of the Thames and this will move them on, the increased amount of lorry movements on local roads, the proximity to the new care home that is being built in Winterbrook and the fact that this is the longest unbroken stretch of the river – something that is of great import to our world class rowing teams.

Oxfordshire County Council are only just able to make a decision on this application as the developer has caused delay after delay by asking to submit ever greater amounts of information. It is likely that the Planning Committee at OCC will deal with this matter on 9th March or 20th April.

If you would like to comment on this application please go to the County Council website search for planning and enter the application number MW.0033/18.

Street Cleaning

Having declared a Climate Emergency, the Parish Council are looking at all aspects of their operations to see where improvements can be made and have now taken the decision at the to no longer use glyphosate to keep the weeds under control on the pavements in Cholsey. Council agreed to employ a street cleaner (at the same cost as the weeding) to keep the weeds under control.

More opportunities to eat cake!

Eve Evans tells us of a very special Sunday Tea at Cholsey Day Centre on Sunday 8th February. In addition to the usual lovely cakes there will be a performance by Broomsticks Silver Band who are returning by popular request. Doors open at 2.30 – 4.30pm

Milk Bottle Tops

Hard to believe, but Cancer Research are able to generate money from the recycling of plastic milk bottle tops – red, green, blue, white or whatever colour! If you would like to put your clean milk bottle tops to good use a recycling point has been set up in the Pavilion.

Happy Hub News

The planned new extension for the Happy Hub is scheduled to begin in early March. There will come a point at which the Happy Hub will no longer be able to use their current home but before the new rooms are complete so the activities will have to take place in other spaces around the village. We apologise for any issues caused whilst the works are taking place but think the outcome will be worth a little short-term inconvenience.

Hedges

Just a gentle reminder that hedges which obstruct pavements not only cause problems for wheelchair users, buggy pushers and hand holding parents of young children but are also in contravention of the Highways Act 1980. You have until March 1st to cut your hedge back before the birdnesting season starts.

Cholsey Environmental Survey

If you haven't already heard, I am the new Environmental Co-ordinator for Cholsey Parish Council. I would love to hear your views and ideas on how we, together, could make Cholsey more environmentally friendly. Please go online and fill in the short questionnaire by following this link

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ZNDVS73>.

Saturday Car Parking

The Parish Council are aware of problems caused by football parking on Saturday morning. The Council is working with the Bluebirds to find a longterm solution but in the mean time if you are attending the football and have to bring your car please be considerate when parking and lift share if at all possible.

COPA–Cholsey Older Persons Activities/Advice/ Befriending Service

Enquiries 01491 652100, 07979 188701 (Jennie Kent), COPA direct line 07526 291088.

copacholsey@gmail.com

COPA is a community service for older people, their families and carers, working closely alongside Cholsey's Older Person's Worker Vicky Beardall-Richards. We organise regular social activities and transport can be arranged locally. We have a team of volunteer befrienders to support those who are lonely, and would benefit from a "listening ear". Your community can help! Join us at our Monthly Brunch Club, Film Club and Lunch Clubs--see our Newsletter (available at the Pavilion, Rowlands and Cholsey Day Centre). NEW FROM FEBRUARY 13th Monthly Music and Memories group on the second Thursdays...come along to sing, make music, have fun! 10.30 til noon at the Old School/Day Centre.

February's What's Ons

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

Wednesdays 10am – 1pm – The Pavilion Community Support Drop-In for adults with mental health conditions, includes lunch, activities and space to talk. Costs £4

Sun 8th 2.30-4.30 Day Centre Sunday Tea

Thur 13th 10.30am – 12 noon Day Centre COPA Music and Memories

Tues 18th 12.45 Day Centre COPA Film Club £3.50 including tea/cake and film. No need to book

Weds 19th 7.30pm The Library Parish Council

Fri 21st 7.30pm Library 7.30pm HortSoc AGM and social evening

Tues 25th 12 noon The Red Lion COPA Lunch Club. Bookings Jennie Kent 652100

Opening Times/ contacts

Parish Office – Wednesday 10am-12pm, at other times call us for appointment. Phone 652255

Library Monday to Friday 2- 4.30pm, Friday 6 – 8pm and Saturday 9.30am – 12.30pm

Day Centre Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10am – 4pm. Phone 652970

St Mary's Church office 651812

Rowlands Pharmacy 652392

Happy Hub Mon – Wed and Friday 9.15-11.30am,

Thurs 9.45-11.15 at the Great Hall, Sat 10-11.30am.

Activities and fun for under 5s.

Vacancy

Cholsey Parish Council would like to appoint a

Village Street Cleaner

to keep the pavements clear of weeds and litter.

The role is for an average of 2 hours per week.

£1040 salary per annum.

For more details or to apply for the position please

contact the Parish Clerk Lucy Dalby 652255

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