

Chedworth Parish Council

News from our July and August Meetings

Do you fancy joining our ranks?

If you want to put yourselves forward to be elected to the parish council you had better get your skates on. Nomination papers need to be with Cotswold District Council by 4pm on 2nd September. If there are at least two candidates then an election will be held on 29th September.

Fighting for a better service

The council has complained to Thames Water and the Consumer Council for Water about the poor service Chedworth is receiving.

We have complained about the appalling communications, which have meant that villagers have no idea when they are likely to get their supply restored, as well as about the repeated disruptions.

Thames Water have offered to send a representative to explain what they are doing to improve things and we have asked them to come to our October meeting when we hope as many villagers as possible will come along and show how strongly we all feel that things need to improve (Watch out for further details next month).



Flooding on Tuns Hill

The parish council, and in particular Matt Fulford, has been working hard to try to get something done to solve the problem of flooding on Tuns Hill which has continued throughout much of the summer.

We have persuaded the county council that a trial should be carried out to see if the deposits which are blocking the pipe can be removed and in order to get them to agree to the trial going ahead we have agreed that, if it fails, we will pick up the bill, but, if it is successful, the county will pay for the cost of the work.

If the trial works, the next challenge will then be to persuade the county council to carry out the work to clear the pipe which is going to cost many thousands of pounds. We have been told that there is no money in the budget this year but the parish council feels it would be completely unacceptable for the flooding to be allowed to continue through another winter so will be putting pressure on once we know the outcome of the trial.

EE may offer mobile hope for village

Since the end of the government scheme to bring mobile coverage to areas such as Chedworth the parish council has continued to investigate ways that mobile signal can be improved.

One solution may be available from mobile phone company EE who use Micro Networks, small aerials attached to houses, to bring mobile signal into areas which previously struggled for a service.

Although only EE customers would get everyday coverage, emergency calls from any phone would automatically use the network.

The parish council has agreed to ask EE to look into whether Chedworth would be a suitable location for a micro network.

It's very early days at the moment, even if Chedworth is suitable EE require community agreement to the idea, but councillors felt it was worth looking into the idea.

Be prepared

By now you should have received a sticker with the phone number on which you need to call if you need the defibrillator brought to you.

We all hope that it's a number we will never need to use but it's well worth having a plan in case we face a crisis.

We have been told by the ambulance service that they only inform callers that there are defibrillators available if they live within 250 metres of one of them. This means that only a small proportion of the village will be given that information.

Their reason for this is that they don't want distressed people driving and potentially causing an accident – they consider that 250 metres is the distance which can be walked to collect a defibrillator and get back to the casualty in time for it to be effective.

Because we have the VETS emergency telephone system which will bring the defibrillator to you it is important you tell the Ambulance Service that this is an option.

While this may seem an easy thing to remember when everything is calm and under control, in the middle of an emergency it may well be the one thing which gets forgotten. So, put the sticker by your phone and every time you see it just think about what you need to do if you find yourself on your own with a casualty in need of the defibrillator.

First **CALL 999**, then **TELL** the ambulance service that there is a number you can call to get the defibrillator, then **CALL 01285 610230**.



Changes to Bus Service

The Monday and Friday bus into Cirencester is now being provided by Stagecoach and the times have changed.

Winson, opp Village Turn	0915	Cirencester, opp Job Centre	1310
Fossebridge, Hill View	0923	Stratton, opp Old Meeting Hall	1312
Yanworth, Village Hall	0929	Bagendon, St Margarets Church	1320
Withington, Compton Rise	0941	Woodmancote, The Apiary	1325
Chedworth, The Ladder House	0954	Rendcomb, Post Office, school stop	1331
Chedworth, Calmsden Turn	1004	North Cerney Village Hall	1335
North Cerney, Phone Box school stop	1009	Chedworth, Calmsden Turn	1340
Rendcomb, Post Office, school stop	1013	Chedworth, The Ladder House	1350
Woodmancote, The Apiary	1019	Withington, Compton Rise	1403
Bagendon, St Margaret's Church	1024	Yanworth, Village Hall	1415
Stratton, Old Meeting Hall	1028	Fossebride, Hill View	1421
Cirencester, opp Job Centre	1030	Winson, Village Turn	1430

Collection Request



The afternoon collection from the post box near the village hall has been stopped so if you want your letters to be collected after 9am then you need to use the box by the Old Post Office on Cheap Street or the one near the Hemplands.

The parish council felt that the box by the hall was probably one of the best used in the village, with easy parking and handy for those collecting their children from the school, so we asked Royal Mail to reconsider their decision and reinstate the late collection.

They have responded with a standard letter telling us that they are providing lots of new boxes in Scotland and Northern Ireland – which is of little comfort to us! They did not address the point we made about ease of access and convenience and we have gone back to them with further details asking them to reconsider, arguing that as they are already in the village, emptying one more box will not add significantly to their costs.

New form for Playing Field

If you want to book the village playing field for an event or match the council has made it easier. There is a new form on our website which you just need to complete and send to the clerk.

Footpath closure

The footpath which runs in front of Chedworth House, the new house which replaced Tweedledum and Tweedledee, can remain closed until September 24 when the current temporary closure order expires.

Permission to close the path (KCH47) was granted in March 2015 because of safety issues during the building works.

We have asked Gloucestershire County Council to consult with us if they are considering extending the temporary closure order.

Folk Camp may be back next year

The council has decided to allow the Folk Camp Society to use the playing field for its summer camp next year but has agreed that they should pay a realistic rent for the two weeks.

The previous parish council had only charged a nominal amount for the use of the field in 2015 in order to maximise the income to the village hall. At our July meeting it was felt that the parish deserved a better return for the loss of the facility during the school holidays, particularly as we were pleased to learn that village hall finances were on a more secure footing.

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To contact the council, email the clerk, Elizabeth Broad (clerk@chedworthpc.org.uk), or call her on 720313. You can also contact any of the councillors direct.