

Chedworth Parish Council

News from our February Meeting

It's not all about the housing



The parish council needs a few minutes of your time to help us find out if there is still a need for affordable housing in Chedworth.

We have compiled a new survey, included with this edition of the Hill and Valley, which also includes questions on what you think our priorities should be.

Please take the time to fill out and return the form - even if you don't have a housing need, your views on what is important to you in the village will help us when making decisions on what we should do and how we should spend your money.

The subject of building new housing in the village always sparks strong feelings and it is important for the parish council to have firm facts about exactly what the need is to help us make decisions when any opportunity comes forward.

If you don't receive your copy of the survey please contact a member of the council or clerk.

Drop in session proved useful

The Drop-in session which the parish council organised so that villagers could meet representatives from Thames Water, the police, the Ambulance service and our county councillor proved valuable for all concerned.

A steady stream of villagers learnt about crime prevention and first aid while Thames Water were given plenty of feedback about what impact the water shortages had on the village.

Parish councillors were also given plenty of helpful advice by the ambulance trust who had lots of potentially life-saving information to pass on. Their top tips were:-

1. **Know your numbers.** To make sure that the ambulance can find you as fast as possible you should be able to tell them your grid reference when you call. Many years ago the parish council provided these to every house in the village and some people may still have those but if you haven't it's now easy to find your own by visiting



<https://gridreferencefinder.com/> or using one of the apps which are available for mobile phones. The reference will look like this: SP 05357 11406.

Just make a note of it by your phone so that it's always to hand. If you need help to find out your grid reference then please contact any of the councillors.

- 2. Let there be light.** If you need the ambulance in the dark you will make it easier for them to find you if you open all your curtains and switch on all the lights in the house. It will be simple to spot you if your house is lit up like a beacon.



- 3. Remember about the defibs.** There are three defibrillators in the village and following advice from the Ambulance Trust the parish council is making the defibrillators more easily accessible. The access code (C123X), which previously needed to be obtained from ambulance service, is now written on the boxes holding the defibrillator.



The ambulance service has stressed that it is important that you still call 999 first in the event of an emergency but making the codes readily available will remove one hurdle when speed is of the essence.

At Last!

The parish council is finally back to full strength. George Broad has joined us having put himself forward for election to fill the vacancy left by Adrian Bell who resigned in May last year.

George, who is studying for a BSc Hons in applied computing, first stood for the council at the election in 2015 and has already been earmarked to take responsibility for dealing with the council's web site and other tech issues.

George was elected unopposed.

Annual date

The annual parish council meeting when the council gives a report of the past year and the various village charities give an update on their finances, takes place at 7.30pm in Chedworth Village Hall on 20th March. The regular March meeting will take place on 13th March.

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To contact the council, email the clerk, Elizabeth Broad
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You can also contact any of the councillors direct.

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