

Charvil Village News

Summer 2016



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Village Hall....

Get Charvil Walking!

Sunday 11th September, 2pm

Charvil Parish Council would like to invite each and every resident to join us on Sunday 11th September at 2pm by The Pavillion at East Park Farm Playing Fields, for a walk around our Country Park.

'Get Charvil Walking' is a great way to explore the park and to meet new people from the village. The walk will take approximately 1 hour, taking in the lakes and pathways en route.

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Hope to see you there, Lauren McCann (Environment)

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Editorial

Many thanks to Fi Mowlem for putting together the front and back covers of this edition, and also for the photography on the front cover which shows the new cricket square at East Park Farm Playing Fields in use earlier this summer by Sonning and Charvil Junior Cricket Club with coach Naqash Tahir. The cricket square was installed by Charvil Parish Council in the spring ready for the 2016 cricket season.

This is my last Charvil News as I have sadly decided to resign from the Parish Council due to work commitments, however I am sure the publication will continue to improve and inform residents with all the local Charvil news.

Please do note that back editions, up to date news, village hall availability and much more is available online at www.charvil.com and also up to the minute information is available via facebook and twitter.

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Chairmans Foreward

Lots of news this time and not all of it good – so let's kick off with the bad stuff.

Sadly we lose the services of our Assistant Clerk Tracy Ray who has for many years been at the very heart of the village – looking after our excellent village hall and managing the bookings of all the various clubs and societies that make use of it. Tracy's been responsible for transforming the fortunes of the building, it is well maintained and clean and the full booking diary is testament to her passionate stewardship. We'll miss you Tracy and wish you well as you return to your teaching career.

We'll also be looking for a newsletter editor after Liz Black steps down from her role on the Parish Council. Liz has shown a tremendous passion for this newsletter, making sure that all the contributors meet their deadlines (I'm an habitual offender) and that there is always relevant and interesting content. Liz has also spent several years as a Councillor and the last couple of years as vice-chair of the Parish Council – her contribution has been invaluable.

It's not really news now, but I'd like also to record my thanks to Nick Ray for serving as our Borough Councillor for the last four years. Nick was a determined champion for the interests of Charvil residents and fought our corner on several issues.

So we'd better kick off the good news by welcoming Emma Hobbs back as our Borough Councillor. I'm sure she'll carry out the role with the same diligence that she did when last in position. I know she's hit the ground running and is active on a number of fronts already – you'll find her report later in the newsletter.

Parish Council has funded the installation of a defibrillator that is now available for emergency use and is located in the porch of the village hall. We have also engaged with the Piggott Academy after the hugely disappointing news that some families in Charvil failed to secure a place at the primary school for the forthcoming school year. You'll find a report of Councillor Bell's meeting with the school in our June minutes.

I'd like to use this article to raise awareness of our ability to award grants to local not-for-profit groups that provide a service that benefits Charvil and its residents. We don't have a huge budget but we do have some money set aside annually that we can contribute to worthy causes. We have two rounds of applications – check the website to read the full grant policy.

Many of you will be aware that we are (still) in negotiations with WBC about assuming control of the East Park Farm Pavilion. The delays are extremely frustrating but we are determined to reach a deal that protects the interests of the village. We are now managing the bookings on the site so if you're looking for a venue for a sports or club activity, or children's parties, please get in touch.

Lastly I'd like to ask you to give us a like on Facebook, follow us on Twitter and explore our website where we can stay in touch with you more readily and frequently than we can in print. I'll share an unsolicited (promise!) comment I picked up on the Twyford Facebook page:

“CPC are fabulously organised and have been fabulously helpful to me on a number of occasions in the last years on different local issues; I think their online presence really helps them to be engaged and promote the work they do which does require extraordinary time and effort volunteered for free to make our local area a better place for us all!”

It's really gratifying to see feedback like this, which is a credit to the tireless work of everyone involved in Parish Council.

Chris Drew, Chair, Charvil Parish Council

Edited Extracts from the Minutes of Parish Council Meetings

Meeting held On 21st March 2016

Village Hall – Cllr Black has arranged that Mullie's Estate Agent will provide a floor plan of the hall in return for providing a place to plant some of their trees.

Environment – A meeting had been arranged with the school and Simon Bartlam to further the progress of the Forest School. The Chairman had received an e-mail from the Piggott senior school that one of the sixth form students had been working on an app for the nature trail and he and Cllr McCann were due to see it.

Amenities Committee – Cllr. Gillett reported that he had had a meeting with some of the Waingels Road residents who are not happy with the lack of progress of the proposed sewer. Cllr Gillett and Borough Councillor Ray are due to meet with Thames Water and a further expert later in the week to discuss the possibility of compulsory purchase of the identified land, and also to consider another solution that Thames Water have come up with.

East Park Farm – The chairman, Cllrs Hobson and Mundy and the clerk had met with Peter Baveystock and Dee Maddox-Hinton earlier in the evening. The issue of the full repairing lease will be dealt with by including something in the lease to the effect that wear and tear will be taken into account. The condition report was done in August, and Council would like a fresh check in case of any new damage. Peter Baveystock agreed to meet with Cllrs Hobson, Mundy and Drew at East Park Farm to look at this issue, and also to take a look at any other issues that may need sorting out before handover, including the tennis court fence, the danger points for traveller incursion and damage to the new footpath. As far as travellers are



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concerned, if there were an incursion, then Wokingham's legal department could help but the Parish Council would have to pay for it. There are break clauses at two and five years in case of not being able to make a success of it. It was agreed that the formal approval of the hand-over be included in the next agenda.

To consider whether to purchase a defibrillator for the hall – It was resolved that Council would purchase a defibrillator at a cost of up to £2,000. The clerk was also asked to speak to the school to see whether they would consider making theirs available for public access.

Meeting held on 18th April 2016

Environment – Council noted that Simon Bartlam has said that the stream running behind Old Acres Lane would be cleared within the next year. The Chairman and Cllr. McCann visited the Piggott School to meet the boy who is developing the app for the Nature Trail. It doesn't quite work yet, but he will try to finish it when he has completed his a-levels in the summer.

To consider prices for letting out the pavilion, and the various potential tenants who have shown an interest – Council were happy to set something close to the rates currently charged by Wokingham, but exact figures should be decided at the next Amenities Committee meeting. Cllr Bell wondered whether Council would need to look at its current committee structure with the pavilion on board – Council will keep this under consideration.

Meeting held on 16th May 2016

A resident was concerned about the speed limit signs being obscured by trees, and informed Council that Cllr. Hobbs was dealing with it. The Chairman explained that Council had been dealing with the speeding issue and ran through the result of the traffic survey. He also highlighted the new "halos" on the zebra crossing that have improved their presence considerably. The resident was also concerned about planning application 160849, for a third dwelling on the plot of 111, Old Bath Road, but this had been discussed at the previous meeting, where Council had objected.

Borough Councillor's Report

The Chair congratulated Cllr Hobbs on her election and thanked the outgoing Borough Councillor Nick Ray for all his hard work during his period of office. Cllr Hobbs ran through the issues she was dealing with, including the issue of many Charvil children not gaining admission to the Charvil Piggott; the issue of dust on the unmade up part of Milestone Avenue; Park Lane being used as a rat run and speeding in the Old Bath

Road. She has organised a meeting for local residents at Jubilee Hall on 25th June to discuss Milestone Avenue, and whether residents would like it adopted by the Borough or not. It was noted this issue is quite contentious amongst the residents.

HIGHWAYS- The forthcoming road closure of the Old Bath Road was noted and it was felt that Council and WBC had done as much as they could to raise awareness. It was agreed that signage would be monitored. Borough Cllr Hobbs would bring this up with WBC.

To consider any issues that have come to light from the Annual Parish Meeting – It was felt that the new format worked well. The major issue was that of the school and the failure of so many Charvil children to get in for next September when siblings of children at the senior school did, even though they do not, and never have, lived in Charvil. Cllr Bell offered to talk to the Piggott senior school, as he has experience of working in an academy. Council accepted this offer. The Parish Plan was another topic discussed and a couple of residents have come forward to work with Cllr Bell on this project. Other issues brought up were the lack of appropriate signage for Pipistrelle Way, resulting in many vehicles turning into there, realising it goes nowhere, and turning round in what is a very narrow road; and the branches that have been cut back near the bus stop on the Old Bath Road being dumped behind it. *Clerk's note: The Highways team have been informed of the problem at Pipistrelle Way and the clerk is waiting to hear back, while the branches etc behind the bus stop have been removed.*

Meeting held on 20th June 2016

HIGHWAYS -The clerk has been in touch with Simon Botham of Twyford Police, and he has reported that the new Neighbourhood Inspector is reviewing how to undertake speeding enforcement and will let us know in due course.

The clerk has been asked to chase WBC regarding the Pipistrelle Way signs. *Clerk's note: the new sign is on order and will be in place in the next few weeks.*

It was noted that Cllr Hobbs has arranged a meeting with residents of Milestone Avenue about the state of the road and what the best solution is.

ENVIRONMENT The Chair of Environment explained her idea to Get Charvil Walking by arranging a community walk. It was agreed Council should choose a weekend in September and then promote this.

It was reported that the Forest School is up and running again and that Simon Bartlam has provided them with some willow and logs for their clearing. Cllr McCann is helping with this project. It was suggested that when the children are out there, there is some signage to advertise the fact

to dog walkers.

The clerk reported that she has been contacted by Local Greenspace and Conservation Development who are looking for projects in parishes to get involved in. The clerk was asked to contact them to see whether there could be some joint working.

The local complaints about the grass cutting regime were discussed and the clerk reported that she was due to meet Pete Baveystock to show him the areas causing most consternation, particularly in East Park Farm. *Clerk's note: WBC are to arrange for the grass to be cut in the residential parts of East Park Farm, but may still leave smaller areas for wildlife.*

To consider the progress of replacement street lighting in East Park Farm – The clerk reported that Wokingham have agreed that the street lighting removed when the school was built be re-instated, and have asked Council to confirm the preferred route through the park. It was generally agreed that it would be best if the lighting could follow the new path until the tennis courts and then go between the MUGA and the tennis courts as this would be of greatest benefit to Pavilion and car park users.

To hear the report back on a meeting between Cllr Bell and the Piggott School – In Cllr Bell's absence, the Chairman read a written statement from him which suggested that Piggott was very sympathetic to the families involved, but that they had followed the correct procedures, and could not differentiate the admissions criteria for different key stages as it is officially one school on two different sites. There are now very few children waiting for a place, but unfortunately they may miss out, but in a very few years, the issue of siblings outside catchment should work its way out of the system. Cllr Bell is to continue to work with the school in an effort to help families in the future even if there is little they can do for the 2016 cohort.

Planning Matters considered at recent Parish Council Meetings

The Council had no objection to the following applications:

- 160440 Application for the proposed single storey rear extension at 143, East Park Farm Drive
- 160535 Application for proposed erection of a two storey side extension at 3, Milestone Crescent
- 160574 Application for the proposed construction of a wooden landing stage measuring 2m x 1.2 m, replacing an existing landing stage on land adjoining Chilterns,

Thames Drive

- 160618 Application for the proposed erection of a part two storey part first floor side extension, following demolition of existing garage at 30, Gingells Farm Road
- 160632 Application for the proposed erection of a single storey side extension, new dormer extension to garage plus conversion of loft space to habitable accommodation with front and rear dormers at 12, Simmons Fields
- 160550 Application for the proposed extension of dropped kerb and new path leading to front door of 4, Newbury Close – no Parish Council comment
- 160682 Application for proposed erection of two link detached bungalows on land to the rear of 70-72 Old Bath Road – no Parish Council comment
- 160723 Application for the proposed erection of front dormer plus addition of three roof lights to 88 Milestone Avenue – no Parish Council comment
- 160778 Application for the proposed raising of the roof to create first floor accommodation to include front and rear dormer extension at 11 Park Lane – no Parish Council Comment
- 161004 Application for the proposed erection of a detached building to form cycle store and storage room at 111 Old Bath Road
- 161331 Adjoining Parish Application for proposed single storey rear extension to form conservatory at Barn Acre, Loddon Drive
- 161381 Application for the proposed construction of 2 new ramps to the side and rear; removal of existing ATMs and installing new ATM to the side elevation plus relocation of air, water and vacuum stations at Texaco, Bath Road
- 161384 Application for the proposed erection of a detached single garage, conversion of loft space to habitable accommodation and changes in fenestration at 159 East park Farm Drive
- 161453 Application for the proposed erection of one dwelling (amendment to previous consent 152833) at 1, Park View Drive South

Council made comments on the following applications

- 160320 Application for the proposed erection of a new smoking shelter to

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existing patio area at The Wee Waif (part retrospective) – the clerk was asked to comment as follows:

Charvil Parish Council would like to object to this application on the following grounds:

1. *Council feels that the siting of the smoking shelter so close to the gardens of the neighbouring properties is unneighbourly, as the people most affected by this shelter will not be fellow hotel users, but the families that back on to the area where the smoking shelter is.*

2. *Council feels that the siting of the shelter in this particular location on the quite substantial Wee Waif site is unacceptable because of its close proximity to the boundary; there would be less objection if it were located closer to the back garden of the Wee Waif, or nearer to the petrol station, as this would have a far lower impact on the neighbouring properties.*

3. *Due to the size of the shelter, the fact that it has heating, and that it is clearly set up for dining if desired, Council feel that this is not merely a place for customers to visit briefly when smoking, but rather a desirable spot to spend longer periods of time eating and drinking, which will inevitably lead to increased noise pollution – a point that has been well documented by many of the near-by residents. Given also that the Wee Waif has extended opening hours for much of the year, this noise pollution will inevitably go on into the night when most people may reasonably be trying to sleep, severely impacting on the neighbours.*

4. *Lastly, this shelter has an unacceptable impact on the residential amenity of the area. All the neighbouring properties report that they cannot use their gardens as much as they would like due to the noise and unacceptable language emanating from the users of the smoking shelter. This seems to be seriously impacting on their rights as householders to enjoy their properties to the full, and it seems unacceptable that the owners of the site should put commercial gain before the interests of the village.*

160601 Application for the proposed erection of a single storey front/side extension and 1st floor side extension over existing garage at 2, Strathmore Drive – the clerk was asked to comment as follows:

1. *Council has concerns about the sightlines that may be affected when driving toward Reading on the Old Bath Road if the side extension is allowed.*

2. *Council feels that the side extension is bringing the building line*

forward and could set a precedent for other dwellings along the Old Bath Road.

For these reasons, Council would like the application to be amended.

160849 Application for the proposed erection of one new dwelling following demolition of existing garage on land adjacent to 111, Old Bath Road – The clerk was asked to comment as follows:

- 1. According to the MDD DPD and Borough Design Guide, any new development on gardens needs to make a positive contribution to the built area. Council feels that this proposal fails to add anything positive because it will appear cramped between one house built to add a spacious feel to the street scene, and two historic cottages set in a verdant environment. Council feels this development would have a negative impact on the area and be out of keeping with this part of the village.*
- 2. Given that permission has been given to build on the garden the other side of 111, Old Bath Road, to allow another dwelling on the site of the garage would clearly be over-development. This is made worse by the loss of all front garden space to parking, which will not be compensated for by new hedge planting.*
- 3. Council feel that the plan is completely out of character with the development heading east on the Old Bath Road, where the majority of homes have attractive front gardens, or at least some green areas as one would expect in a village. This development will create an urban feel to this area which is clearly of character when seen in the context of the rest of this part of the village.*
- 4. Council shares the concerns raised in the pre-application advice that the mature trees adjacent to this property would be placed under undue pressure of adverse pruning, damage while building etc, and that this is unacceptable given that a number of other mature trees have recently been lost in the village because of development.*

160902 Application for the erection of a single dwelling with triple garage on land off Waingels Road – The clerk was asked to comment as follows:

- 1. This site is in the countryside, outside development limits between Charvil and Woodley, and as such, should not be considered for development.*

2. *The green gap between the two villages is being strongly defended by the Borough on Park Lane, Charvil at present, and has successfully been defended on the land near Phillips Close off Beggars Hill Road. It would be incongruent to allow this dwelling in the light of these two cases.*

3. *Council is concerned that any development of this site would set a precedent for further development on the areas off Waingels Road, Beggars Hill Road, Lands End Lane and Park Lane, all of which are designated countryside, and as such, should not be seen as development sites.*

161275 Application for the proposed erection of a single storey side extension following demolition and removal of existing garage and carport, change of use of part of existing amenity land to residential at 12, Quantock Close – The clerk was asked to comment as follows:

Council has serious concerns about the precedent set if public amenity land is allowed to become part of a private residence.

161392 Application for the proposed installation of mechanical plant and task lighting at the rear of store at Texaco, Bath Road – The clerk was asked to comment as follows:

Council has some concerns about noise and light affecting residents who live on the Old Bath Road.

161565 Application for the proposed use of land for the stationing of caravans for residential purposes for 2no gypsy pitches together with the formation of utility/dayrooms and hardstanding ancillary to that use at land adjacent to Model Farm Cottages, Bath Road, Sonning – the clerk was asked to comment as follows:

Charvil Parish Council wishes to object to this application on the following grounds.

1. *This plot of land has been subject to a number of planning applications in recent years, and Wokingham Borough Council has been consistent in refusing any development beyond the footprint of the old farm buildings that the present cottages and barn are built on because the whole golf club complex and the fields on the north side of the A4 present a vital green gap between the settlements of Sonning and Charvil. To allow this application would be severely damaging to the continued existence of this green gap between the settlements, and could create a precedence for future development on land that is classified as countryside.*



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2. Wokingham Borough Council recently completed its consultation on traveller sites, and at present it concluded that there were enough sites up until 2019, and that it had a list of suitable sites that could accommodate the further 52 pitches that the Authority estimated as necessary by 2029, and this site was not one of them. Given the existence of a policy for such sites, it would be setting another dangerous precedent to allow a traveller site on this land.

3. This planning application contains a number of material errors, which Council believe make this application invalid. For example, there is reference to a mains sewer, and there is no mains sewer on this site; it states no development has started, but hardcore and tarmac have been laid, and caravans are already in situ; it is claimed there is a sustainable drainage system, but there is little evidence of this. It is Council's understanding that this application is a generic model used by this agent on many sites, and not taking into account the specifics of this site, and these errors are indicative of this.

4. This plot was important to the biodiversity of the area; unfortunately, all the plants and wildlife were cleared from this site before the application was lodged; however, the wider area is still of importance to local wildlife, and any further development will be detrimental.

5. There are no proposed parking spaces on the plan, which would appear to contravene the local planning laws, particularly for a traveller site with spaces for mobile caravans. Moreover, Council is already concerned about vehicles joining the dual carriageway that is very busy, with fast-moving vehicles – this development is only going to increase this hazard.

6. Wokingham Borough Council has invested much time, energy and money drawing up its core strategy, undertaking consultations on all aspects of its development plans, and latterly adopting a policy on traveller sites, which Council applaud as it should all allow for sustainable development. It would be a great shame if all these efforts prove fruitless when confronted by an application such as this, which is clearly designed to abuse the systems that have been put in place.

The following applications were approved by Wokingham Borough Council:

152026 Application to close existing field access and relocation to form

replacement access on land west of Park Lane

- 152753 Application for a two storey side and rear extension to 140 Park View Drive North
- 152833 Application for proposed erection of one detached dwelling at 1 Park View Drive South
- 160025 Application for installation of astroturf strips for cricket use at East Park Farm
- 160123 Retrospective Application to convert existing garage to habitable accommodation at 44, East Park Farm Drive
- 160100 Application for the proposed erection of a conservatory at 35 Cheviot Drive
- 153295 Application for the proposed erection of a part single storey, part two storey front extension to include front dormer and single storey rear extension at 93 East Park Farm Drive
- 160320 Application for the proposed erection of a new smoking shelter to existing patio area at The Wee Waif (part retrospective)
- 160535 Application for the proposed erection of a two storey side extension at 3 Milestone Crescent
- 160155 Application for a proposed conversion of the existing roof space to habitable accommodation with front dormer extension and insertion of three roof lights in rear elevation at 23 East Park Farm Drive
- 160323 Application for the proposed conversion of loft space to habitable accommodation with rear facing roof lights and conversion of garage to habitable accommodation at 20 East Park Farm Drive
- 160440 Application for the proposed erection of a single storey rear extension at 143, East Park Farm Drive
- 160550 Application for the proposed extension of dropped kerb and new path leading to front door of 4, Newbury Close
- 160574 Application for proposed construction of a wooden landing stage measuring 2m x 1.2m replacing existing landing stage on land adjoining Chilterns, Thames Drive
- 160632 Application for the proposed erection of a single storey side

extension with roof lights, new dormer extension to the garage plus conversion of loft space to habitable accommodation with erection of front and rear dormer extensions at 12, Simmons Fields

- 160160 Application for the proposed erection of a replacement bungalow at Thatcher's Mead, Thames Drive
- 160898 Application for single storey extension to form orangery at 5, Gingells Farm Road
- 160492 Application for a Certificate of Lawful Use for the erection of a single storey rear extension with glazed lantern at 49 East Park Farm Drive
- 160723 Application for proposed erection of front dormer window plus addition of 3 roof lights to 88 Milestone Avenue
- 153162 Application for the proposed erection of part single, part two storey side and rear extension.
- 160619 Application for a Certificate of Lawfulness for the proposed erection of a single storey rear extension at 15 Simmons Field, Charvil

The Following Applications were refused by Wokingham Borough Council

- 153397 Erection of an outbuilding at 44 Old Bath Road
- 153481 Application for the proposed erection of a new part single storey part first floor side extension to include a new front entrance following the demolition of existing garage at 12, Quantock Close
- 160601 Application for the proposed erection of a single storey front/side extension and 1st floor side extension over existing garage at 2, Strathmore Drive
- 160849 Application for the proposed erection of one new dwelling following demolition of existing garage on land adjacent to 111, Old Bath Road
- 160902 Application for the erection of single dwelling with triple garage and associated access on Land off Waingels Road

Planning Applications Withdrawn –

- 153307 Adjoining Parish Application for proposed use of land for stationing of caravans for residential purposes for 2

gypsy pitches together with the formation of utility/ dayrooms and hardstanding ancillary to that on land adjoining Model Farm Cottages, Bath Road Sonning

- 160707 Application for a Certificate of Lawfulness for the proposed erection of a single storey rear extension to include part demolition and part conversion of existing garage, single storey front extension to existing garage at 10 Wenlock Edge

Appeal date

- 143292 The appeal date for proposed erection of 25 dwellings on Park Lane, Charvil is now on 20th September 2016

Application for Screening Opinion –

- 153134 The application for a solar farm in Loddon Drive Charvil would constitute Environmental Impact Assessment development



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Borough Councillor's Report

Firstly, I would like to thank all the residents who kindly voted me back in as your councillor for Charvil. Secondly, I would like to thank Nick Ray for all his work over the last 4 years and wish him well with a well-earned rest.

Some residents ask, "what does our Councillor do?" A Borough Councillor is there to assist residents and the area that they represent. There are times when it is not easy as there are so many issues that take place behind the scenes that you have to deal with.

A large number of issues are confidential between Councillors and resident. Other issues are for the whole area.

So where do I start:

Planning applications: Chiltern Drive. I have written to the council asking them to give us an update on the proposed development, as this seems to have been taking an awfully long time. I have always been in favour of something being done to the plot of land as at one point it was a terrible eye sore. There have not been any objections to the planned bungalows and I do hope that when this goes to print we will see movement taking place.

No 1 Park View Drive South. The original house has been done up and there is planning permission for a second house to be built next to it. I have asked that there be not too much disruption to the left hand turn into Park View Dr Sth as it is on a corner.

Chiltern Drive Flats. I noticed that all the entrance doors to the flats were decomposed causing loss of heat and also very dangerous for anybody just to walk in. I am delighted to say that new doors will be fitted to 4 out of the 5 flats.

Highways:

Milestone Avenue. I held a meeting with the residents of Milestone Avenue as there have been some serious issues regarding the dust, not only causing problems with the closing of windows, but also health.

Old Bath Road and Park Lane- discussions are taking place to see how we can stop a rat run and the speeding down the OBR.

Parking at Twyford Station- The Council and Parish are in discussions to look at the Allotments for taking up some space to increase the parking issues. Network rail are not being cooperative regarding building a 2 storey car park on the existing site.

Grass Cutting- Humm, all councillors are in battle about this issue and I am

hoping that due to the number of complaints the normal routine will be back with us shortly. Where requests have been made I have put pressure on the council and from what I can see all has been achieved.

School – The Parish council are talking to the head and I too will be meeting the school to discuss the issue where children living in walking distance are unable to get places. I know there is a problem with sibling's living now out of the area. Due to its academy position, like all academy's schools they run themselves. The school is aware of the issues to local residents.

Emma Hobbs, Borough Councillor

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Vacancy for Community Flood Wardens in Charvil

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Charvil Village Society

The Charvil Village Society committee has been busy putting together a programme of events for the forthcoming year. As a result of the popularity of the quiz evenings, we've added an extra one this year, please note early booking is essential for all these events. We're also very open to ideas that you might have for social events, so please get in touch.

Saturday September 24, 2016: Village Quiz at 7:45 pm



Details and bookings through Roger Burns - Tel: 9345524
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Friday November 25, 2016: Village Quiz at 7:45 pm



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December 26th 2014: Boxing Day Walk at 10.00 am



Walk leaves and returns to the Village Hall, Park Lane.
No booking needed and **no charge** for this event; everyone welcome
(including dogs).
Refreshments on return to Village Hall (Mulled wine, mince pies)

Saturday January 28, 2016: Village Quiz at 7:45 pm



Details and bookings through Roger Burns - Tel: 9345524
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£7.00 per person

Green Sheet

Because of the prohibitive cost the committee has decided to no longer print the 'Green Sheet' with details of events. Instead we will email event details to members who have opted in, as well as posting information on the Parish Council website at:

<http://www.charvil.com/clubs-and-societies/charvil-village-society/>

Pavilion at East Park Farm—Bookings Now Being Taken

Charvil Parish Council are in the process of taking over management of the Pavilion and sports facilities at East Park Farm from Wokingham



Council. This process is taking longer than anticipated, however bookings can now be made for the Pavilion and sports facilities.

The Pavilion will be a great asset to the village, providing good sized facilities for all types of uses. It is possible to book for a one-off event or regular sessions for a club or classes.

The Pavilion is already proving a popular venue and although slots for regular clubs are still available they are booking fast.

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The Piggott School

Return visit of Luzhou School 2016

Animated faces, happy smiles and emotional farewells make organising foreign exchanges worthwhile. The realisation that children of whatever culture enjoy the same things and share the same interests, is a joy to behold.

Year 9 students shared a baking experience with our Chinese visitors. Initially they were very tentative and withdrawn but by the time they sat down



to share the fruits of their labours they were all chatting and joking



Year 10 and 11 students that are studying Chinese had hosted the exchange partners from Luzhou School and following many shared experiences they tearfully said their goodbyes.

Yoga at the Piggott School

Friday afternoons at 3.30 during term time, all welcome.

Please contact Carole on brooksc@piggott.wokingham.sch.uk

Charvil Pre School

Our annual OFSTED inspection resulted in us being awarded a GOOD in all areas - a real achievement for us and the hard work over the last year has certainly paid off.

Also a huge thank you to everyone who came to support us at Charvil Fete, where we raised a substantial amount for the Pre-School. We couldn't do it without you!

On the 13th of September, we will be hosting a Circus on East Park Farm Playing Fields. The event is a ticket only event. Tickets are £6 in advance or £8 on the door. The event will start at 16:30 and we will have a BBQ, Bar and children activities throughout the afternoon. So, please come and

join a fun afternoon with the whole family. All proceeds will go to the Charvil Pre-school, which is a local registered charity (No. 292 997). For ticket ordering go to <http://www.wegotickets.com/event/365858> or email adm1n.cpc@hotmail.com. Check local Facebook groups for updates and more information.

As our numbers are growing, we are looking to recruit additional staff, so please let us know, if you are interested.

Johannes Burger, Committee Chair

Twyford Library

Events at Twyford Library are as follows:

Knit and Natter - Drop in for knitting and a chat.

Third Tuesday in each month 2pm to 3pm

Reminiscence Club - Discuss memories of days gone by.

First Tuesday in each month 10.30am to 12noon

Twyford Author Book Group

First Monday in each month 2.30pm to 3.30pm

Twyford Tuesday Reading Group

Second Tuesday in each month 2.30pm to 3.30pm

Meg and Mog- Stories and rhymes for parents and children to enjoy together, For children aged 3 to 5 years old. Just drop in!

Tuesday October 18, 5pm to 4.30pm

There's a Bear on my Chair Storytime with the Bookstart Bear, For under 5's, just drop-in!

Friday November 25 4pm to 4.30pm

Festive Storytime- Festive Stories and rhymes for parents and children to enjoy together, For children aged 3 to 5 years old. Just drop in!

Friday December 16, 10.30am to 11.30am

For information call (0118) 9340800

Charvil Short Mat Bowls

Are you interested in a new hobby?

Charvil Short Mat Bowling Club is looking for new members to join its Wednesday evening sessions at Charvil Village Hall.

Beginners are welcome and bowling woods are provided, and there is no requirement to have any previous bowling experience.

The new season starts on the 7th September from 6:45pm to 9:0pm
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One week you may be rock climbing, the next doing a community service project, the week after taking the young people on a hike to test their navigation skills. What we can guarantee is that no two weeks are the same as the young people do different things each week to earn their badges and awards.

Volunteering is great fun, incredibly rewarding, a chance to meet new people and the opportunity to give back to your community! There's lots of support from fellow volunteers, so you won't be alone! Maybe you're looking for a career change, want more experience of working with young people or you're wanting to improve your leadership and management skills. Volunteering with Scouts can help. We can offer you free training, masses of career skills, and a great chance to improve your CV. 91% of Scout volunteers say that Scouting has helped them develop key skills for life and 41% of employers said that involvement in Scouting would have a positive influence on their decision to employ applicants.

We are looking for a leader and assistant leaders for Beavers (age 6-8). We promote flexible volunteering and you do not have to have any Scouting background.

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Jewel Tones

Charvil-based girls' choir, Jewel Tones, enjoyed a fairly quiet summer term working on some new pieces including 'Skye Boat Song', 'Go lassie go' and 'It don't mean a thing if it ain't got that sing, sing, sing'. On June 26th, the girls hosted a concert at St Mary's Church, Twyford with The Sound of Voices from Neath and the Waverley School Choir from Wokingham. Jewel Tones will be travelling to Neath for a return visit in November. The choir also held a tombola at Charvil Fete. An Open Evening was held on July 3rd and five new girls came along to this. Jewel Tones have a busy term ahead with performances in Maidenhead, Neath, Wootton Bassett and Hereford. Come and see the choir at their annual concert at Norden Farm Centre for the Arts, Maidenhead on Sunday, 27th November – 7.00pm.

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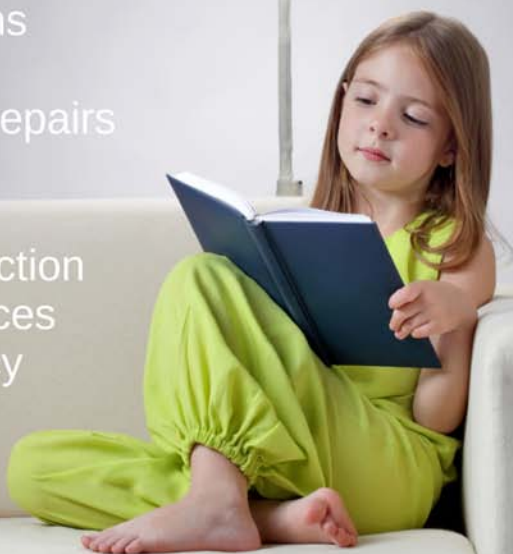




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