

## ***PARISH COUNCIL NEWS***

### **Public Inquiry – Redrow Homes – Hobbyhorse Lane**

The Public Inquiry held by the Planning Inspectorate, into the Hobbyhorse Lane site for 200 homes by Redrow is scheduled to commence on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July at The Garden House, Milton Hill Steventon OX13 6AF. Please note this is a different venue from the Inquiry which commenced in January. The second week of the Inquiry starting on 24<sup>th</sup> July, will be held at Didcot Civic Centre, Britwell Road. Since the adjournment of the Inquiry in January, the Parish Council has been working closely with its planning consultant, and other advisors, representing the interests of the parish. It has submitted updated evidence to the Inspectorate. There is a suggestion that issues relating to drainage could be heard later in the year, so if that is the case, then a decision following the Inquiry will not be available until Christmas or even into the new year. The Inquiry is open to the public, so if anyone wishes to attend to listen to the proceedings, then the Inquiry starts at 10.00 a.m. Anyone wishing to speak at the Inquiry will need to attend on the first day to register.

### **Sutton Courtenay Lane / Harwell Road - Closure from 9<sup>th</sup> July**

The Parish Council has been advised by the County Council that they have made a temporary Road Closure Order which affects Sutton Courtenay Lane and Harwell Road between Bradstocks Way and the Power Station “Ash” entrance. The Parish Council has asked for at least one side of the road to be kept open and the traffic controlled by traffic lights. Unfortunately this is not possible, as the full width of the road will be excavated to allow for new utilities to be put in. Given the number of utilities that need to be kept apart and the remaining width that is needed for traffic should one lane be kept open, it proved impossible to meet the legal obligations, so full closure was necessary. Works will also take place in phases and will continue from the Power Station “Ash” entrance to Brook Drive and then Park Drive. The anticipated date for completion of all the works is mid November.

### **Neighbourhood Plan – Shaping our Future Together**

Neighbourhood Plan questionnaires are being delivered to households between 11<sup>th</sup> June and 15<sup>th</sup> July. This is the opportunity to have your say and help plan the future for the village of Sutton Courtenay. If you need an additional hard copy, then please contact the distributor whose details are on the first page of the questionnaire that has been delivered to you, alternatively contact the Parish Clerk. You can also complete the questionnaire by going to the Sutton Courtenay Parish Council website [www.suttoncourtenay-pc.gov.uk](http://www.suttoncourtenay-pc.gov.uk) and selecting the green link. If you have completed a paper copy of the questionnaire, then please do not also complete the online one.

### **Singing for the Brain – Grove near Wantage, and other areas**

The Alzheimers Society which organizes “Singing for the Brain” is seeking volunteers to help at their sessions. The groups are based on the principles of music therapy and singing, and offer people with dementia and their carers a wonderful opportunity to socialise and have fun in a safe, non-judgemental and supported environment. Anyone who feels able to help, or assist the Alzheimers Society in any other way can contact Jane Penton on 01296 331 722 for further information.

### **The following planning applications have been considered :**

P18/V1062/FUL Replacement house, Lakeside, All Saints Lane. The Council continued to object to the proposal. Whilst lower in height than the previous application which was refused, the design did not complement the existing houses or fit into the street scene.

P18/V1078/HH Proposal to extend the existing garage and annex area to allow for two bedrooms above the garage and study below. To remove current conservatory and build a single storey Orangery style design conservatory with pergola. Replace all the windows at the property. Norreys, 14a The Green. The Council had no objections but asked for a condition that the north facing velux window should have obscured glass or high cill heights to prevent overlooking of the neighbouring property. It also asked for a condition to prevent the sub-division of the dwelling.

P18/V1226/FUL Demolition of pair of semi-detached cottages and outbuildings, and erection of 5 bed dwelling and triple garage at 3 and 4 Mill Lane. The Council objected as it considered the application to be incomplete. The Environment Agency was unable to determine the flood risk, as it was in the process of carrying out modelling of Ginge Brook. As data was unavailable the floor level of the property and eventual height, and therefore the eventual impact on the surrounding area was unknown.

**Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2018, at 7.15 p.m. in the village hall, Frilsham Street. Clerk: Mrs. L. Martin 90 Howard Cornish Road, Marcham Tel: 01865 391833 or email:[info@suttoncourtenay-pc.gov.uk](mailto:info@suttoncourtenay-pc.gov.uk).**

### **PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY**

**PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS WILL TAKE PLACE IN MAY 2019, WHEN ALL 11 SEATS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR ELECTION. CURRENTLY THERE ARE 10 MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL, SO THERE IS SPACE FOR ONE MORE PERSON. ARE YOU INTERESTED IN LOCAL CURRENT AFFAIRS? DO YOU WISH TO SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY? COULD YOU PROVIDE A VOICE FOR THE RESIDENTS?**

***WHY NOT GIVE, BEING A COUNCILLOR, A TRY FOR A FEW MONTHS UNTIL THE NEXT ELECTIONS, TO LEARN WHAT THE COUNCIL DOES, AND WHAT ITS COMMITMENTS ARE.***

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT THE CLERK TO THE COUNCIL, LINDA MARTIN AT [INFO@SUTTONCOURTENAY-PC.GOV.UK](mailto:INFO@SUTTONCOURTENAY-PC.GOV.UK) OR TELEPHONE 01865 391833**