

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

### **All Saints Church – River Room**

At the last Parish Council meeting, the church gave a presentation about declining churches and how the creation of new facilities at the church in Sutton Courtenay would enable it to be equipped for a variety of community uses thereby ensuring future survival of the church as a building. It was very interesting to hear a different aspect. The Council understands that there is a shortfall still to be raised to enable the project to go ahead. The Council has supported the project in a small way, bearing in mind that its resources are small and that there is the village hall which needs maintenance.

### **Footpath 27 Closed Frilsham Street to Old Wallingford Way**

A temporary closure of the footpath, which runs from Old Wallingford Way next to the Cemetery along the rear of Lady Place houses, to Frilsham Street will take effect between 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2018 to 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2019. This is to allow the removal of the pipe by Magnox, which was referred to in last month's issue of The News.

### **Bradstocks Way – Gas works**

Direct Mole, on behalf of SGN are carrying out gas pipe replacement works in Bradstocks Way. This is relining existing pipes, so there will be holes dug at intervals in order to push through a new pipe within existing pipes. There will be the need for traffic lights when they are working in the vicinity of the junction with Harwell Road, but mostly, the works are in the verges or gardens of properties. SGN is talking to those affected by their works, such as the primary school. The works are likely to take several weeks and will be ongoing into the new year.

### **Village Green – Poppy Display**

The Council's thanks go to Georgia Broome, Poppy Appeal organiser for the Royal British Legion who organised the poppy event on the village green leading up to the Anniversary of the Armistice of WWI. A big thank you too to the many village organisations who made the poppies from mosaics, recycled plastic, ceramic, acrylic wool, felt etc. It was a magnificent representation of the different local skills, bringing all sections of the community together at a time when we joined with the Royal British Legion who led the nation in saying Thank you the First World War generation who serviced, sacrificed and changed our world.

### **Thames Water – Water Resources Management Plan**

Thames Water, in the latest consultation document has brought forward the date of needing a reservoir on land west of Steventon and Drayton. This they say is partly on the basis of overwhelming support for the scheme. The Parish Council has objected as the water stored would be sold on to other companies and not used for local need. They have not given sufficient economic, or environmental justification for the reservoir, and the overall case for the reservoir has not been made.

### **Appeal for village photographs**

Have you taken sent your photographs of the local area to the Parish Council?. The Parish Council is arranging a new website and is appealing for photographs of the village itself, other areas within the parish, village events, or anything that reflects life in Sutton Courtenay. If you have any photographs from the past, or are a keen photographer then please take your camera or mobile phone when you go out and about and send your pictures into the clerk.

### **High Sheriff Awards**

**Nominations are invited for the High Sheriff Awards for 2018/19.** Nominations can be made by anyone who lives or works in Oxfordshire or who is representing an organisation in the public, voluntary and charitable or private sectors. Nominations will be welcome for people who have made outstanding contributions to any aspect of community life but in the current year nominations in the following area will be particularly welcome from individuals who are, or have been, involved in:-

- **Coaching or volunteering in Youth Sport and Youth Leadership organisations.**
- **Youth projects associated with the Arts and Education.**
- **Mental health work in the community.**
- **Communication initiatives in communities.**

Nominations should arrive with the High Sheriff before **Thursday 11th January 2019** and sent via email to [Oxfordshirehighsheriff@outlook.com](mailto:Oxfordshirehighsheriff@outlook.com) or by post to: The High Sheriff of Oxfordshire, c/o VSL & Partners, 22 Bankside, Kidlington, Oxon, OX5 1JE.

### **School Admissions – Entry to primary or infant school September 2019**

If you are a parent or carer of a child 3 or 4 years old then you need to apply for a primary school place now. This is for children born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2015 (inclusive). You still have to apply even if your child already attends a nursery attached to the school. For further information and to apply online go to

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/schools/starting-school/infant-and-primary-school>

The closing date for applications is 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2019. If you do not have internet access, then you can access the internet at many of the County Council's libraries, or telephone the schools' admissions team on 0345 241 2487 for further information

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

P18/V2474/D Proposed demolition of existing discharge pipeline on land between Frilsham Street and Old Wallingford Way for: Magnox Ltd. Council wished to see an arboricultural report and restoration plan.

P18/V2531/LDP Creation of outbuilding for uses incidental to the enjoyment of the dwellinghouse and single storey rear extension at East Wilden, Brook Street. The Council had no comment to make.

P18/S3067/FUL Redevelopment of Waggon and Horses public house at Culham, with extension to dining room, erection of 12 bedroom motel and 8 dwelling houses. The Council objected owing to additional road traffic in an area already deemed by the County Council as being at peak capacity.

P18/V2539/FUL Demolish 2 semi-detached cottages, garages and outbuildings and construct 2 x 4 bed dwellings and garages at 3 and 4 Mill Lane. The Council had no objection in principle, but had concerns regarding the possible impact of flooding.

P18/V2617 FUL Variation of Planning Applications P16/V1257/FUL and P17/V0371/FUL to rectify garage design and position on site due to conflicting application details. The Plough, 51 High Street. Council had no objections.

**Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December, 2018 at 7.15 p.m. in the village hall, Frilsham Street. The finance meeting of the Council, when grant applications will be considered, and the budget set for the next financial year, will be held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2018 at 7.00 p.m. in the village hall.**

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**The Council wishes everyone a happy Christmas and new year**