

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Oxford Cambridge Expressway

The Department of Transport has been considering 3 main corridors for further investigation in order to provide a new route between Oxford and Cambridge. These were a northern option, roughly following the existing A421 to the south of Bicester and via Buckingham, a central option, broadly following the east-west rail corridor and a southern option near to Aylesbury, linking to the M1 south of Milton Keynes. An announcement has been made that the central option has been selected for further investigation. Public consultation is likely in 2019, and the Parish Council is closely monitoring what is announced, as there could well be implications for the A34 and areas close to Sutton Courtenay

Commemorative Plaque and Sapling to commemorate the Centenary of the Armistice of WWI

Oxfordshire County Council and the Woodland Trust have joined together to make available commemorative plaques, and sapling trees for planting in the Autumn to commemorate the Centenary of the Armistice of World War I. The Council has applied for a tree and plaque and it is hoped that it can be planted on the village green in the vicinity of the war memorial.

Grants

We are now into Autumn and the Parish Council soon will be considering any requests for grants in time for its budget for the next financial year. Therefore, if there is any worthy and needy organisation where Sutton Courtenay residents benefit, which is considering applying to the Parish Council for a grant, then please write to the Clerk, stating the purpose of the grant and supplying a copy of your organisation's accounts. The Council can then consider all applications when setting its budget later in the year.

Car Theft – Drayton Road

The Council has learned of a car theft last month from the Drayton Road area. The Council would encourage residents to consider setting up neighbourhood watch schemes. These are run by members of the community supported by the Police. A local resident is the co-ordinator for the group, and they can be very successful in sharing information on recent local crimes with neighbours, and to increase vigilance and crime prevention awareness. Thames Valley Police have the community messaging alert system too, whereby residents can register to receive messages and information as well as crime alerts in the area where you live or work. Further information about both, is on the Thames Valley Police website.

Power Station

New alarms are now tested at 11.30 a.m. every Thursday. Residents at the Southern end of the village may hear them. If residents have any concerns or complaints, then please let the clerk know. In regards to the demolition on the "A" site, work is on going to clear the remaining above ground structures, as well as clearing underground pipes and cables. It is expected that everything, other than the cooling towers and chimney, will be cleared by the end of 2018. RWE is looking to take down the chimney and towers next year.

Millennium Common

Cllr. David Hignell, the Council's representative on the Millennium Common Committee gave a report at the last meeting. Annual work of cutting back and clearing overgrown paths would be undertaken once bird nesting season had finished. The Committee had been busy with the phase 2 Amey site redevelopment in ensuring that the proposals did not adversely affect the Millennium Common. Hanson is supplying 3 large lumps of seating rock for the Common and it was hoped that these would be in place before the end of the Summer.

The following planning applications have been considered :

MW.0093/18 Proposed new stockpile area Bridge Farm, Hanson Quarry

MW.0094/18 Extraction of sand and gravel and restoration using imported clay materials to create a wet woodland habitat. Bridge Farm, Hanson Quarry

MW.0095/18 S.73 T and CPA 1990 application for extension to Bridge Farm Quarry to extract sand and gravel

MW.0096/18 Installation of temporary bridge to allow essential plant to cross fibre optic cable At Bridge Farm, Appleford Road for: Hanson Quarry Products Ltd

The Parish Council had no objections to the above 4 applications.

MW.0097/18 Part change of use to allow development of a building materials hub, importation and storage of aggregates at the Appleford Road site. Council objected to this application, as it would lead to an increase in traffic and as the County Council was not supporting additional road traffic in the vicinity of Sutton bridge, it would seem perverse to permit it.

MW.0098/18 and MW.0099/18 S.73 application to continue the extraction of sand and gravel at Oday Hill by varying conditions and by using a temporary haul road on land worked by Tuckwell & Sons. Council thought this would be beneficial as it would remove vehicles from Peep O Day Lane.

Warehousing Sutton Courtenay Lane - Update

The planning applicant for the warehouses after listening to concerns from the Parish Council and local residents has prepared new drawings for the site, showing, we are told, the building and parking having been reversed. At the time of writing, the drawings are going to be available around 24th September, and a meeting with local people, hosted by the applicant to show the drawings was being arranged.

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 2nd October, 2018 at 7.00 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.

Sutton Courtenay (National Power) Trust

This Trust was established with the donation from what was National Power (now RWE nPower). The Charity will be meeting in the Autumn and will consider grants specifically for the relief of poverty and distress, education and recreation and any other general charitable purposes. If there is any local organisation or individual who would like to be considered for a small grant, and who has not yet applied, then please contact the Clerk to the Trustees stating the purpose for the grant, the amount required, and if an organisation supply a copy of the latest accounts.

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