

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Thames Water – Drainage Plans for the Village

Thames Water have now progressed their studies on drainage for Sutton Courtenay taking into account the impact that the new housing developments have made. Representatives from Thames Water will give a presentation about their studies and the solutions they have in mind at 7.00 p.m. on Tuesday 7th May in the village hall. The presentation is open to the public, so please attend if you are interested in hearing the latest information.

Local Council Elections - 2nd May, 2019

New Parish Council is formed

The term of office for the current Parish Council is coming to an end and a new Parish Council will be formed from the 4th day after the election to serve for the next 4 years. There are 11 seats on the Council and 4 local people have been nominated to fill the seats. As the election is uncontested, no formal ballot is needed. Currently your new Parish Councillors will be:

Rita Atkinson	Chapel Lane
Teresa Field	Drayton Road
Michael Jenkins	Churchmere Road
Jennifer Corrigan	Appleford Road

The following existing Parish Councillors: David Butler, Christopher Campbell, Karl Gebhart, David Hignell, Martin Howell, and Claire Myerson have decided not to stand as candidates for election, and they will therefore be standing down from the Council. The Council wishes to express its thanks to them all for their efforts on the Council and on behalf of the community over the last 4 years.

Vacancies on the Parish Council

As only 4 parishioners were nominated for 11 seats, there are 7 seats on the Council which remain to be filled. The Parish Council can proceed to co-opt others within a statutory timescale. The Parish Council maintains the cemetery, recreation ground, and village green, and is currently busy with the Didcot Garden Town and its transport suggestions, the Oxford Cambridge Expressway and supports the Steering Group undertaking a Neighbourhood Plan. It has a statutory right to be consulted on all planning applications in its area and its views are taken into account when the planning decision is made. It is often consulted on other local matters as well, having a representative on local committees such as WRG and RWEnPower at the Power Station. The Parish Council plays a vital part in representing the interests of the community which it serves and is an effective lobby group influencing the other decision makers. If anyone is interested in joining the Parish Council to help work towards improving community well-being, then please contact the Clerk, whose contact details appear below, or can be found on the Council's website, as soon as possible.

Cllr. Gervase Duffield – Vale of White Horse District Council

The members of the Parish Council would place on record their thanks to Cllr. Gervase Duffield who has decided not to stand for re-election as the parish's representative on the Vale of White Horse District Council. Gervase has regularly attended meetings of the Parish Council in his term of office, and has helpfully guided the Parish Council in matters relating to the District Council. He has been committed to working for the benefit of Sutton Courtenay and has been a great support to all.

Parish Council Website – www.suttoncourtenay-pc.gov.uk

Have you looked at the Council's new website yet? Whether you are a villager or visitor to the site, there is a lot of new information which you will find useful. The site has been organised to make navigation easy, is updated regularly and includes information about Council business, news, meetings, finances and it has several pages for the Neighbourhood Plan, where agendas, minutes, consultations and project plan are all contained. If you would like to see certain information on the site, which is not currently listed, then please contact the Clerk whose details appear below, or send an email via the website.

Planning Applications

The following planning applications have been considered :

P19/V0420/HH Removal of existing conservatory and construction of single storey extension at 125 Drayton Road. The Council had no objections

P19/V0572/HH Single storey rear extension at Jasmine Cottage Abingdon Road. Council had concerns regarding flooding in that location, and the impact on nearby cottages, and possible loss of parking

P19/V0573/HH Single storey rear extension at Rosemary Cottage, Abingdon Road. Council had concerns regarding flooding in that location, and the impact on nearby cottages, and possible loss of parking

P19/V0539/HH Erection of two storey and single storey extensions to existing dwellinghouse and associated alterations including replacement of existing roof at 14 Abingdon Road. As the area was in a flood zone, the Council had concerns that construction could impede water flow, and the Environment Agency was not a consultee.

P19/V0702/LB Minor proposal to supplement existing listed building consents at Tudor House, 20-22 Church Street. Council had no objections

P19/V0580/HH and P19/V0581/LB Demolition of rear projection. Erection of new two and single storey extensions. Insertion of new window on west elevation. Removal of brick wall at Cross Trees, 1 Church Street. Council had no objections

P19/V0706/D Removal of section of off site discharge pipeline between Churchmere Road and Appleford Road

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 7th May at 7.30 pm. in the village hall, Frilsham Street. This will be preceded by a presentation by Thames Water on village drainage plans at 7.00 p.m.

Please check noticeboard outside Burgrey stores in case arrangements change. Clerk: Mrs. L. Martin 90 Howard Cornish Road, Marcham Tel: 01865 391833 or email:info@suttoncourtenay-pc.gov.uk.

SUTTON COURTENAY PARISH COUNCIL – VACANCIES

The Council has vacancies for councillors. It is the tier of local authorities closest to the people and provides some local services within the parish. It acts as a consultee on many issues putting forward the views of residents. The Council meets 11 times in the year to discuss matters relating to the village and immediate surrounds. If you are interested in joining or just want to find out more about the role, then please contact Linda Martin, Clerk to the Council, on 01865 391833 or email info@suttoncourtenay-pc.gov.uk