

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

### **Parish Council Website**

The Council's new website is up and running. This has a total new look and replaces the previous website which had been in place for some years. There was a need to update the site to enable users of small screens, such as tablets and mobile phones, to access the site easily, as well as those using desktop computers. The site is more user friendly, and has been uploaded with new content and information. In case you find any teething problems when using the new site, then please contact the Clerk. The site can be found at [www.suttoncourtenay-pc.gov.uk](http://www.suttoncourtenay-pc.gov.uk).

### **Thames Water - Possible Speaker**

Unfortunately Thames Water last month were not in a position to attend the meeting of the Parish Council, and have said that when their studies on the drainage needed to accommodate growth in the catchment area are complete, they will attend a Council meeting to outline their thinking. The Parish Council will, as far as possible, advertise the date and time of their presentation when it is known.

### **Redrow Planning Application – Hobbyhorse Lane**

Last month the Parish Council reported that it had written to the Vale of White Horse District Council to express its concern regarding the time taken in connection with this protracted application. The District Council has gradually been extending the date when the application could be determined, but the Parish Council understands that no further extension of time will be permitted. However, new drainage and flood risk assessment information has been submitted by Redrow and this has been considered by the Council and other interested parties. It is very much hoped that this planning application will be determined very shortly.

### **Parish Council Elections**

On 2<sup>nd</sup> May there will be elections for the Parish Council. As part of the local council you will have responsibility for running local services, deciding on how much to raise through the council tax, influencing and shaping the long term development policy for the parish, and as part of the planning process, comment on planning applications in the parish. If you wish to improve the quality of life and the environment in the local area and help deliver local projects then consider standing as a candidate for the Parish Council. The main meetings are just once a month, in the evenings, except August when there is no meeting.

The village is a busy place at the moment, monitoring the science vale enterprise zone, and the planned area for the Didcot Garden Town, the Oxford Cambridge expressway, as well as overseeing the Neighbourhood Plan, community infrastructure spending, and beginning to focus on plans for improvements to the recreation ground and creating a new burial area within the cemetery.

If you wish to be part of these exciting times, then for further information on standing as a candidate for the Council, as well as the nomination pack, go to the Electoral Commission's website.

<https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk>. If you have difficulties with this site then contact the elections office at the Vale of White Horse District Council at [elections@southandvale.gov.uk](mailto:elections@southandvale.gov.uk), or the Parish Clerk may be able to help with general information too. In addition, if you are unsure about what is involved, then please feel free to talk to your local parish councillor who can tell you what they do.

All nomination forms have to be with the Vale of White Horse District Council at 135 Milton Park, delivered by hand by 4.00 p.m. on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April. It is advisable to make an appointment in advance before you visit the offices, by telephoning 01235 422528.

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

P18/V3158/HH Realign pitch and unify roof to east side of property to create covered walkway and adjust wall to enable access at 13 Brook Street. The Council had no objections P18/V2617/FUL Variation of P16/V1457/FUL to rectify garage design and position and clarify boundary at 51 High Street. The Council believed the application was lacking in sufficient detail to enable it to reach a decision. It was unclear as to which garage on the site the application related. Nevertheless, the garage was some 5.3 m tall and being close to the boundary would impact on the neighbouring property.

MW.0148/18 Request for Scoping Opinion for proposed concrete block factory and associated plant and machinery on the Landfill Site. The Council expected to see reports on how this impacted on Sutton Courtenay in regards to noise, lighting, and transport

P19/V86/ Single storey rear and single storey rear and side extension at 16 Appleford Road. The Council had no objections

P19/V0170/HH Single storey conservatory to the rear at 58 Lady Place. The Council had no objection

P19/V0196/FUL Demolition of west wing of building 3 / 4 and alterations to divide into 3 B1 /B2/B8 units with associated loading areas and car park rearrangement at Building 3 / 4 Trident Business Park, Basil Hill Road. The Council had no objections

P18/V2770/FUL amendment to partial conversion of existing outbuilding at Buckridges 13 High Street. The Council had no objections

Notification received from Oxfordshire County Council that further information relating to the planning application by Hills Quarry Products Ltd for permission to extract sand, gravel and clay at Fullamoor Plantation, Clifton Hampden had been submitted. The Council continued to object and support the views of Clifton Hampden Parish Council

**Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 at 7.15 p.m. in the village hall, Frilsham Street.**

**Clerk: Mrs. L. Martin 90 Howard Cornish Road, Marcham OX13 6PU, Tel: 01865 391833 or email:info@suttoncourtenay-pc.gov.uk.**

**ANNUAL MEETING FOR ELECTORS IN THE PARISH**

This meeting is not a Council meeting, but is a public meeting of Local Government electors in Sutton Courtenay and an opportunity for electors in the parish to raise any items relating to parish matters.

This parish meeting may, by law, discuss all parish affairs and pass resolutions about them. **You are invited to take part.**

This meeting will be held on **Tuesday 2nd April at 7.00 p.m.** in the village hall

**Sutton Courtenay Parish Council**

**11 Vacancies for councillors**

**Elections take place Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**

**To be eligible to apply to be a councillor you need to be over 18, preferably a resident of Sutton Courtenay on the electoral roll (although exceptions do apply), able to attend evening meetings, and above all**

**Interested in local issues and matters that affect Sutton Courtenay**

**See the note in the Parish Council's article for further information**