

**Adderbury Parish Council**  
**Report for April 2020**

**Meetings** - During April 2020, there was one meeting of the Parish Council held on 21 April 2020. This was the Parish Council's first virtual meeting using Zoom and it had been very successful.

There would be a meeting of the Environment Committee using Zoom on Tuesday 5 May 2020 at 7.30pm. Anyone wishing to attend any Parish Council or Committee meeting, should contact the Clerk for the joining details.

The meeting scheduled for 31 March 2020 had to be cancelled due to the Covid-19 Pandemic and the Government Guidelines on social distancing.

Copies of agendas and minutes are available on the PC web site. [www.adderburypc.co.uk](http://www.adderburypc.co.uk)

If anyone in the village needed support during the Covid-19 Pandemic, they should contact the Clerk who will help them contact the correct organisation.

**Environment/Highways/Footpaths** – The Community Speed Watch Scheme was currently on hold until the Government issued further advice on social distancing, however prior to this, volunteers had been using the Speed Indication Equipment supplied by Thames Valley Police and also the Sentinel fixed speed camera which had been purchased by the Parish Council. If anyone would like to support the village with this project, please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council.

**Volunteers were also needed to progress other traffic calming measures, especially in West Adderbury.** If any residents wished to assist the Parish Council with the implementation of the speed reductions measures, they should contact the Clerk to the Parish Council. **Unfortunately without the support of residents, the Parish Council does not have the capacity to introduce all of the measures it would like.** The measures had been approved and costed by the Parish and County Councils and funds are available, we now need the man power to introduce them.

Allan Ziff was continuing to collect information relating to accidents or near misses in the village so please continue to report these to [allanziff@aol.com](mailto:allanziff@aol.com)

Issues relating to the maintenance of highways, footpaths and street lighting should be reported by residents to <https://fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk/>

There had been a delay to the grass cutting in the village due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, however the contractor is now back at work.

The Biodiversity Project has been well supported by residents. A Working Group for the Sydenham Close amenity area is being established but is now on hold until after the lock down and also the nesting season. The Long Wall Close amenity area, Lake Walk Green and verges in St Mary's Road and Tanners Lane have been left uncut in places to allow potential meadow plants to develop.

Contact the Clerk to the Parish Council - Theresa Goss, on 01295 710965, during normal office hours or email [adderburypc@hotmail.com](mailto:adderburypc@hotmail.com)

**Adderbury Cemetery** – The Cemetery in Hornhill Road was still open, but residents are requested to ensure that they observed social distancing guidelines when visiting the site.

**Lucy Plackett Playing Field** - Residents are asked to enjoy the facilities at the Lucy Plackett Playing Field, but if the litter bins were full, please could rubbish be thrown away at home and not left on the ground around the litter bins.

**RESIDENTS ARE REMINDED THAT DOGS IN THE LUCY PLACKETT PLAYING FIELD SHOULD BE KEPT ON A LEAD AND THAT THEY ARE NOT PERMITTED IN THE PLAY AREA**

**Vacancy** – There is currently one vacancy on the Parish Council and if anyone would like to become a Councillor, please email the Clerk for more information. The role is until the elections in May 2021 when the whole Parish Council is due for election. Elections had been due to be held in May 2020 but they had been put back a year due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

**Snow Wardens** – If any residents would like to support the village and become a Snow Warden to clear and grit footpaths during the winter, please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council.

**Adderbury Lakes** – The Parish Council thanks all those who volunteer at the Adderbury Lakes Local Nature Reserve. The Lakes were currently closed due to the Covid-19 Pandemic and would re-open when Government guidelines on social distancing had been relaxed.

**Working for Adderbury Community (WFAC)** – The planning application for phase two of the project, which was the design of the building, had been submitted to Cherwell District Council and would be considered at the Planning Committee in May 2020. Works to the pitches and drainage on the land would be starting at the end of April/beginning of May 2020. Planning permission for this work had already been granted.

**19/01047/OUT, Hallam Land Management Ltd, Land North East of Oxford Road West of Oxford Canal and East of Bankside, Banbury** – The Parish Council would again be objecting to this application for 850 houses.

**Adderbury Fields** – The communal areas on the site had not yet been transferred to Cherwell District Council, therefore, any issues relating to litter/dog waste bins and grass cutting should be directed to David Wilson Homes.

**Play Areas** – The play areas in The Rise and the Lucy Plackett Playing Field are both currently closed due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. Please do not enter the play areas until the Parish Council has advised that they are open again. The closures are due to the Government guidelines on social distancing.

**Parish Council Surgeries** – These are held on the first Saturday of the month, from 11am to 12 noon at the Church House, however, they are currently cancelled until further notice.

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**Land Registration** – The Parish Council was continuing to pursue the registration of the railway embankment and the Lucy Plackett Playing Field. The issues with the track which runs alongside The Leys was now in the hands of the Land Registry.

**Adverse Weather** - Oxfordshire County Council worked closely with all its partners to monitor the situation with the recent bad weather. As a reminder there are some numbers that you can call to report weather related issues if you become aware of them:

- To report fallen trees or other debris which pose a risk to your safety or the safety of others, please call 999
- To report fallen trees or other debris which doesn't pose such a high risk but still needs to be dealt with, please call 101
- If you lose power or can see that a power line has come down please report it by calling 105
- If you are concerned about flooding, you should visit the Oxfordshire Flood Toolkit online - <https://www.oxfordshirefloodtoolkit.com> – and I will summarise the key numbers to call below:
- If you have a flooding emergency which is a threat to someone's life, contact Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service on 999
- To report flooding relating to a highway such as blocked ditches, blocked drains or flooding on a road call Oxfordshire County Council Floodline on 0345 310 1111
- To report flooding from a main river contact the Environment Agency through the Floodline (Tel: 0345 988 1188 or 0800 80 70 60) or visit their website
- If your property is at immediate risk of surface water flooding please contact Thames Valley Police on 101

**Reminder:** To dog owners, please ensure that all dog faeces are cleared up and either taken home (and placed in household waste green bins) or placed in the dog waste bins provided. Take extra care on grassed areas where children play.

**Dogs must also be kept on a lead in the Lucy Plackett Playing Field and at the Adderbury Lakes Nature Reserve.**

**Faulty Street Lights** - Please report on freephone 0800 317802 giving exact destination and pole number if possible. Or report to <https://fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk/>

**Power Cuts** - The new, free, three digit, 105 telephone number to call in the event of a power cut has now gone live.

**Meeting Dates** – The next Parish Council meeting is being held on 19 May 2020 and although meetings are usually held at Church House, High Street, Adderbury, this meeting will be held on Zoom, if the Government guidelines on social distancing have not been relaxed. Please contact the Clerk for the joining details. Information is also available on the PC web site.

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The service is completely tailored to you, so you can choose what sort of alerts you would like to receive – whether you'd like news on local incidents, community news, or you'd just like to be alerted to significant or high priority messages. When you sign up to Thames Valley Alert (a free service) you will be given login details that will allow you to change your settings at any time. There is also a business watch service and a country watch service.

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