

Parish Council Update

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Extracts from July Parish council Meeting (full minutes can be found on the village noticeboard.)

❖ Jim Trotman – Area Commander Thames Valley Police

Mr Trotman and his colleagues kindly spent time discussing their policy regarding Raves. These are growing in number but equally the Police have had increasing success stopping them. Tell tale signs e.g. broken gate locks, large groups assembling in the M4/M40 services and notices on the side of fields usually indicate that one may be about to happen. At this point up to 90 riot trained officers may be needed to halt one. As this is a limited resource, it is the urgency and persistence of complaints of villagers that will bring the police out sooner. Therefore the Police stressed that the first thing to do is to phone the police if you think one may be about to start and to complain once it has started. The number to phone is 08458 505 505.

PLEASE SEE additional article within WIN for how you can help.

❖ Correspondence received

Letter received back from Melvyn May, Highways manager indicating that the ditch alongside the Recreation Ground is the responsibility of the owner or occupier of the land adjacent to the ditch.

This was a disappointing reply as it seems the Council have been active by recently clearing away loose gravel from the recent storm. They had done so in the Catmore road area by dumping it in the verges and therefore preventing flow of water but had not cleared the gravel left on Bury Lane.

❖ The Play Ground working group.

The group were pleased to announce that a site had been approved by both Lockinge Estate and The Carlisle family. This is an area approximately 15 sqm in the field at the back of The Recreation Ground to the right hand side of the tennis court. The group confirmed that the PC will need to take responsibility for insurance and maintenance and that the next stage is to Question all villagers to confirm that a Play Ground is still sought after .

❖ Traffic Management Group

The group confirmed that they had carried out a leaflet drop recently to raise the profile of speeding through the village. Leaflets had been dropped through all doors plus Mr Channon's stables. There had been no progress with moving the 30mph signs further out from the village boundaries. This decision may be imminent. Dist. Cllr Chandler offered to follow up this decision.

❖ Accounts for payment/receipts received

1 st payment Precept received	£1172.50
Agreed for August/September	
Audit fee	£50

Additional extracts from Parish Assembly.

The Ilsleys Primary School

It's been a busy and successful year for the school, the new Headteacher being welcomed by the whole community. A positive award system has been introduced throughout the school. A new timetable has been introduced to maximize the school day. An interactive whiteboard has been installed in each classroom. The school choir sang at the Hexagon and performed at the Newbury show. A revamp is planned of outdoor play equipment and development in sport and ICT is continuing.

Downland Sports Centre

Interest in Badminton continues to thrive and the gym continues to be busy. The Archery and Bowls sessions are well supported. The children's holiday activities have been fully booked each day. The pool is hugely popular and will be open to the public once the children's session has finished. Indoor Boot Sales were held over the winter and proved to be very popular. New Junior Gym sessions for 11 – 16 year olds start soon.

WI Fete Committee

Last years fete was very successful with £1250 being distributed between various local organizations.