

May 2022

Hello from the Clerk



Hello residents from your parish council Clerk, Claire.... The work of a clerk follows an annual cyclical calendar of duties but every four years the election process means that all councillors stand down from their roles.

This year's election has meant a number of councillors have decided to continue to serve their community and I look forward to continuing to support them in their role.

However, the parish council sees the departure of three councillors and I am sure you will join me in thanking them for their service in the local community:

Cristina Harris joined us in 2017 as our youngest councillor to serve in the 12 years of the council. Cristina regularly attended external committee meetings mainly transport related and always lent a hand at parish council hosted events such as orchard days and Christmas parties.

Richard Martin is our outgoing Chair of the council, having also joined in 2017. He took on the role of Chair in 2020 and I would like to record my personal thanks for his support to myself and the office team, as we navigated unprecedented times during the pandemic whilst still functioning effectively as a parish council.

Helen Butler joined the shadow council when it was formed in 2010 and has been one of our longest serving parish councillors. Helen has therefore been passionately serving her community as a parish councillor for over 12 years and has always been ready to share her knowledge of all things Church Crookham.

A huge thank you to Cristina, Richard and Helen for all of the time and effort that you have put into our community over the years.

Key Dates

Parish Council Meeting Dates - please refer to our website for times and location.

May 2022:

23rd May - Annual Meeting

25th May - Annual Parish Meeting (more details in this issue)

June 2022:

13th June - Planning Committee

27th June - Planning Committee followed by Full Parish Council Meeting

July 2022:

11th July - Planning Committee followed by Finance and Policy Meeting

25th July - Planning Committee followed by Full Parish Council Meeting

August 2022:

15th August - Planning Committee

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Annual Parish Meeting - An Invitation

Dear Resident,

You are cordially invited to come and meet your councillors at an informal meeting of the parish council to be held on **Wednesday 25th**

May in Oak Hall, Church Crookham

Community Centre from 7.15pm



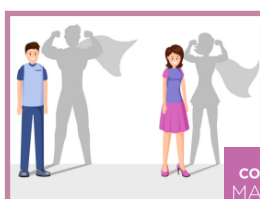
Come and enjoy a drink and find out what the parish council has been doing over the last year and what it's plans are for the future and what it hopes to achieve in Church Crookham.

We look forward to welcoming you.

Election Results

Following the elections on 5th May we have three vacancies and are able to fill these through the process of co-option. This means that there is no requirement for an election process. If you would like to consider being a councillor and serving your community in this way please contact the clerk by:

Telephone 01252 939450 or email
clerk@churchcrookham.org.uk



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COUNCIL NEEDS YOU!
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Speedwatch is launched

Great progress has been made in getting this initiative off the ground. Before the pandemic the equipment was purchased by the parish council and a group of volunteers were recruited. Crookham Village residents have also been campaigning to introduce Speedwatch on their roads too but did not have access to equipment.

Church Crookham and Crookham Village residents discussed the possibility of sharing resources in terms of manpower and equipment and Church Crookham Parish Council agreed on this basis to encourage a shared Speedwatch team.

Training has taken place, the equipment has been tested and the team is ready to take to the nominated roads. Remember, this initiative serves as an educational tool to remind those using our roads to drive with caution and within the local speed limit. This will encourage safe driving and therefore safer roads for all users.

Litter-picking safely

The parish council has been really pleased that our 'Adopt a Litter-picker' appeal received such a positive response. A huge thank you to all residents that have popped by to collect litter-pickers and who are now litter-picking in Church Crookham on a regular basis.

Tips for staying safe while litter-picking

AVOID:

- **Potentially hazardous objects such as unidentified cans, canisters, oil drums or chemical containers**
- **Sharp objects such as broken glass and disposable BBQs**
- **Clinical waste - such as needles/syringes—make a note of their location and inform the parish council on 01252 626793**
- **Hazardous areas - where there may be deep or fast-flowing water, steep, slippery or unstable banks, sharp rocks, derelict buildings, busy roads and electric fences**
- **Working alone - try and stay in sight and earshot of others or let someone know where you have gone and when you expect to be back**

DO:

- **Wear heavy duty protective gloves**
- **Use hand sanitiser / wash your hands regularly. Keep your hands away from your mouth and eyes while litter-picking and wash hands and forearms before eating, drinking or smoking**
- **Cover any cuts with plasters before you set out**
- **Supervise children at all times**
- **Wear Hi-Vis clothing— the parish council have Hi-Vis vests available for free if you need one**

We still have litter-pickers available, so pop by to pick one up if you can commit to regular litter-picks in Church Crookham.

Tree Planting Initiative

Her Majesty was very pleased with Fleet Lions' efforts!

The tree planting initiative led by the Fleet Lions in March has meant that Church Crookham will now benefit from over 300 new trees! A contribution to the Queen's Green Canopy in honour of her Platinum Jubilee, all trees planted will go towards creating a legacy in honour of the Queen's leadership of the nation. Species include: Cherry Maple, Silver Birch, Rowan, Alder, Oak, Hornbeam, Goat Willow and Osier Willow trees. School pupils were asked to gain sponsorship for their tree and were presented with a certificate and a tag for the tree so that they can identify it as it grows.

"Local schools and their pupils did us proud" said Lion Graham Drayton who led Fleet's sponsored tree planting exercise on 26th and 27th March. "We had 200 families participating and between them they raised over £2,200 for their schools' projects."

A big thank you to all of those that took part and to the wonderful Fleet Lions, who made sure that even the unsponsored trees were planted that weekend. We look forward to watching these trees grow over the years.



The Fleet Lions planted over 300 trees in Church Crookham

Seniors Jubilee Event - 4th June



Fleet Lions are hosting a 'Picnic in the Park' for seniors on **Saturday 4th June from 2pm to 4pm** at the Church Crookham Community Centre. Afternoon tea will be served and there will be lots of wonderful entertainment from singer Marcus Ball, supported by the Midnight Songbirds Trio. Jubilee gifts for everyone to take home. Booking is essential for this **free** event.

Contact:

secretary@fleetlions.org.uk or call 07808 126526



No Magic Fairies in Church Crookham!

Over the Easter holidays there was a dramatic increase in the levels of rubbish left discarded at the Peter Driver Sports Ground. Numerous complaints were received and posts were left on local social media pages about the disgraceful mess left almost on a daily basis at the site.

The parish council allows this facility to be used by residents **FREE OF CHARGE** during the daytime, when bookings by paying customers are not taking place. The parish council may consider changing this policy based on the lack of respect for the facility. This may involve closing the 3G pitch (the 'Cage') to the public.

The parish council (therefore the council tax payer) bears the significant cost for the daily collection of litter and the replacement and repairs of the play surface on the pitch, especially when individuals have set fire to the surface. Sadly, there are NO magic fairies cleaning the pitch every day but the council would like to thank all those kind folks that have been voluntarily collecting the litter. Whilst you are not magic fairies, you are superstars for caring for this facility and keeping it as pleasant as possible for all users.



Rubbish is being left strewn at the Peter Driver Sports Ground daily

The parish council would like the users of this facility to think about the impact to them if the facility was not freely available anymore. Please use the rubbish bins and if they are full, take your rubbish home with you. Do not leave broken glass on the pitch as this is a health and safety hazard.

We would appreciate our resident's support in using all of our outdoor facilities respectfully, so that these can be kept open and safe for everyone to freely use.

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