

Parish Council Notes – Council Meeting 3rd October 2018

World War I Commemoration Event 10th/11th November: Please see the separate article in this edition for details of the commemoration event. The Council's web-site provides details of the event timetable, together with a comprehensive history of Major General Johnson.

First Aid Courses: Cotswold First Aid will be running two free first aid training courses at the Community Centre in November. There has been a lot of comment on social media recently relating to the lack of Community First Responders in this area, and this is an ideal opportunity for residents to acquire basic first aid knowledge, and possibly go on to become a Community First Responder. We're grateful to Cotswold First Aid for providing this training at no cost - please see the separate article in this edition for details of the courses, and how to register.

Community Centre: Works to refurbish windows and guttering are now largely complete. Works will begin in October to repair leaks to various elevations to the roof of the main building and replace different sections, as and where necessary. This urgent work will help to extend the useful life of the Centre and ensure it can continue to play a role in the community for years to come. The Council will consider whether the next phase of works can be funded in 2019-20 as part of the ongoing programme of maintenance.

Youth: The Baptist Church has kindly agreed for the Hall to act as an indoor venue for Winter Outreach sessions (whereby youth workers engage with young people around the village on the topics that matter to them). These sessions will take place between 5.30 and 7.30pm on various Wednesdays throughout the Winter – please see the Council's web-site for details of dates.

Foul water network: At a recent meeting with Thames Water various proposals were discussed which are part of Thames Water's ongoing programme of improvements to the local network. It's anticipated that modifications to the Rissington Rd pumping station system will greatly reduce the need for tankering activity in future; various works to line existing pipes are also planned which will reduce the extent of surface water infiltration into the foul water system.

Police: One of the current Police priority initiatives is that of County Lines, which aims to increase protection for vulnerable residents in the Cotswolds. Residents are asked to refer to the information provided on Glos. Constabulary's web-site and see how they can play a part by keeping an eye out for vulnerable neighbours.

<https://www.gloucestershire.police.uk/operations/operation-tarak/>

Glos Live web-site also provides information on activities relating to Cotswolds arrests:

<https://www.gloucestershirelive.co.uk/news/cheltenham-news/gloucestershire-county-lines-drug-offenders-2018529>

A new PCSO is currently being trained prior to joining the local team and starting patrols in the N. Cotswolds. Residents are reminded of the weekly Police Point sessions at the Community Centre – please see the web-site for details of dates.

Grants: The Council awarded a grant to the Cricket Club to fund the purchase of a glass-washer for the new bar area – an updated schedule of all grants is available on the web-site.

Next Parish Council Meeting: Wednesday 7th November at 7pm in the Community Centre. Sue Cretney, Clerk. Tel: 01451 820712; Email: clerk@bourtononthewaterpc.org.uk. Website: www.bourtononthewaterpc.org.uk