

## Parish Council Notes – Council Meeting 7<sup>th</sup> November 2018

**First Aid Courses:** Cotswold First Aid very kindly agreed to run free first aid training courses for residents at the Community Centre. The take up was excellent, and an additional course was put on, which was fully booked within days. We're very grateful to Cotswold First Aid for giving up their time to provide this training, which will hopefully lead to some additional local First Responders being recruited.

**WWI Commemoration:** The Parish Council has contributed towards the purchase of a limited edition print which captures the action at the Sambre Oise Canal for which Major General Dudley Johnson was awarded the last Victoria Cross of WWI. The painting depicting the battle scene in which this former local resident took part is by renowned military artist, David Rowlands, and it will be on permanent display in the Community Centre Windrush Room from December onwards.

**Allotments:** It has been agreed that fees will go up £1 to £20pa in 2020, which is hopefully still good value. Rent renewal notices will be sent out in early December, and any tenants intending to give up a plot are asked to contact the Council as soon as possible so vacant plots can be reallocated without delay.

The Council has just approved the lease issued by Cotswold District Council which allows the Parish Council to occupy the Springvale allotment site for a further 7 years. However, CDC has the ability to bring the lease to an early end after 2 years if the land is needed by it for housing development. It's hoped this will not come to pass, but the Council will keep residents notified of any such proposals well in advance. Any planning application for housing will also be subject to the planning consultation process during which time the Parish Council and residents will have the opportunity to comment.

**Village speeding:** Automatic Number Plate Reading equipment is being installed in the village at agreed locations to help try to address speeding concerns – residents are advised to read the separate article in this edition for more details.

**Grants:** The Council awarded a grant to help fund Artlift sessions which take place in the Royal British Legion each week.

**Traffic Regulation Order (TRO):** Apologies to residents that the public consultation on various changes in respect of local parking restrictions and other highway related matters has been delayed. The arrangements to install number plate reading equipment have proved extremely time-consuming, and this has delayed finalisation of the draft document on which the public will be consulted. Now that the speed identification equipment is close to installation the Committee will focus on the TRO, and it's hoped the next Browser will contain details of the date for public consultation. Thank you for bearing with us on this.

**Meetings:** Residents are asked to note that the January meeting will be held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> and not Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January as originally scheduled, due to the New Year holiday period.

**Next Parish Council Meeting:** Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm in the Community Centre. Sue Cretney, Clerk. Tel: 01451 820712; Email: [clerk@bourtononthewaterpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@bourtononthewaterpc.org.uk). Website: [www.bourtononthewaterpc.org.uk](http://www.bourtononthewaterpc.org.uk)