

Parish Council Notes – Council Meeting 7th March 2018

Village Litter Pick: A Litter Pick will be held on Sunday 8th April – more information is available in the separate article in this edition.

Police: A Community Safety Partnership Roadshow is being arranged to take place on the High St on Wed 18th & Thurs 19th April between 11.00 and 19.00 each day. The Roadshow will be the inaugural event in a series which will take place periodically throughout the Cotswolds. The Police Neighbourhood Engagement Vehicle will be present along with Inspector Ellis and other members of the local Neighbourhood Policing team. Other agencies which work regularly with the Police in reaching out to communities will also attend, and this will provide an excellent engagement opportunity for residents. Further details are available at www.gloucestershire.police.uk.

Play Areas: The Council is considering a project to improve the play provision for the under 10 age group, and proposals to provide additional equipment at the Naight are currently in the early stages of consideration. Residents will be consulted on plans as these become available.

Holm Oak – Village Green: The annual inspection of the Holm Oak (the large tree which leans at an angle across the river opposite the Kingsbridge) revealed significant decay. An internal inspection then confirmed the extent of the decay and recommended the soonest removal of the tree on safety grounds. The potential loss of an iconic and mature tree from the village centre is much regretted by the Council, which places a high value on the local treescape. However, on balance it does appear this is the most advisable outcome to ensure the safety of the public and to prevent further deterioration which would also have a big impact on the visual appearance of the tree. Once planning permission is granted the tree will be felled as soon as works can be scheduled, and a new tree will be planted in an appropriate location on the Green; a tree will be selected which will mature to a similar height and prominence so the village centre treescape can be maintained in the long-term.

Silver Jubilee DVD: An evening showing of the DVD will take place on Thursday 19th April – please see the separate article in this edition.

Village Garage Sale: It's been agreed that this event will take place every other year, with the next Sale taking place in Summer 2019. We wished to let residents know well in advance so they can plan accordingly.

WWI Victoria Cross Commemoration: Plans are well underway for the commemoration in November of the awarding of a Victoria Cross in 1918 to a locally born resident, Major General Dudley Johnson. The ceremony on Saturday 10th November will mark the 100 year anniversary of the award; it's anticipated that an Army marching band will be available to accompany the procession. Further details will be published as plans are firmed up over the coming months.

Annual Parish Meeting: The meeting will be held on Wednesday 28th March between 7.00 & 9.00pm in the Community Centre. This meeting provides an opportunity for residents to discuss local matters with councillors in a more informal way, and with more time than is usually allowed at the monthly Council meetings. The usual light refreshments will be served and a good turnout is hoped for.

Next Council Meeting: Wednesday 4th April at 7pm in the Community Centre. Sue Cretney, Clerk. Tel: 01451 820712; Email: clerk@bourtononthewaterpc.org.uk. Website: www.bourtononthewaterpc.org.uk