

Parish Council Notes – Council Meeting 2nd March 2016

Queen's 90th Birthday: Along with many other Cotswold communities, a Beacon will be lit on the piece of land opposite Pulham's new depot on the Industrial Estate at 7.30pm on Thursday 21st April to mark the Queen's birthday. Residents are encouraged to attend for the lighting of the Beacon and are welcome to bring food and drink to celebrate informally.

Village Green: It's now been agreed that the majority of the fencing will remain in place till the end of April, with a small area remaining into May; the grass treatment programme will begin in March. The Green will also be left to grow slightly longer during the Summer months to encourage a more robust grass surface. Residents are asked to not feed the ducks on the grass itself, which is contributing considerably to the deterioration of the surface. The RSPB has also recently issued the following bulletin: *"Bird-lovers in the Midlands are running the risk of killing ducks, geese and swans – with kindness. By being fed bread, the birds can develop a health condition which can prevent them from flying. As a result, these birds might be unable to seek out more nutritious natural food, and could eventually starve to death."* Although we understand this practice is entirely well-meant, it is obviously harmful to these birds, let alone the grass, and we're sure bird-lovers will be happy to cooperate with this guidance.

Riverbank walls: Works have been instructed to repair the riverbank along a section between the Old Manse and Birdland, following damage which has occurred over several years.

Fund-raising initiatives: A Village Garage Sale will take place on 18th June – please see the separate article in this edition for further details. A Quiz will also be sold in the run-up to Christmas at a nominal cost – it's hoped many residents will support both initiatives, and also have some fun at the same time as raising funds for the Community Centre.

Community Centre: Residents are asked to be aware that some new art is now on display in the Function Room and can be viewed when the room is not hired out – a sign will be displayed from the notice-board outside the Centre when viewings are possible.

Highway matters: The surface of Moore Road will receive further attention as the recent surfacing works were deemed to be of an unsatisfactory standard. Fines are being levied on utility companies following the poor restoration of the road surface in Station Rd adjacent to the Honeystones development. The developer will anyway be required to re-surface across the entire road width when the new traffic light filter lane is created. GCC is proposing the introduction of a 20mph zone in the village centre. A map is available from the Council office outlining the areas that will be included. The Council supports the developer's proposal to install signage to encourage construction traffic for the new development to the rear of Roman Way to access the site via Bourton Link Road instead of Meadow Way. A road sweeper is also in regular attendance.

Next Council Meeting: Wed 6th April at 7pm in the main Function Room at the Community Centre. Sue Cretney, Clerk. Tel: 01451 820712; E-mail: clerk@bourtononthewaterpc.org.uk. Web-site: www.bourtononthewaterpc.org.uk