**Your Parish Council- July 2020**

**June Parish Council Meeting**: Due to the ongoing Covid-19 restrictions, it was decided not to hold a meeting in June. Planning applications were considered by the Council by email.

A Council meeting is planned for July, probably to be conducted remotely using Zoom. This will depend on any further relaxation on social distancing rules by the Government.

**Year End Accounts**: The Council has now published the accounts and Statements for 2019/20 on its website. These have also been submitted for External Audit for the first time because expenditure for the 2019/20 financial year was above the £25,000 threshold. This was largely due to costs related to the Neighbourhood Plan and some one-off capital items.

The Public Rights Period runs from 15 June to 24 July. Anyone wishing to see the detailed accounts should contact the Clerk.

**Covid-19 Support Network** A socially distanced meeting was held between the Clerk, Nicki and Nigel Tinkler as Network co-ordinators and with the Clerk of Bowerchalke Parish Council to consider Wiltshire Council’s recovery plan and how both Broad Chalke and Bowerchalke might take lessons learned forward into Emergency Planning for both villages.

**Giant Sunflower Challenge:** The tallest sunflower reported on the second recording day on 15 June was 140cms, an increase from 52cms in the month!

**Playground:** This has remained closed in line with Government guidelines. Unfortunately, a small minority have ignored this and accessed the playground to socialise, leaving litter, bottles and cans for someone else to pick up. The playground is closed for a reason- to protect the health of our village. Please respect this. The Council will keep the position under review and open as soon as it is safe to do so. To prepare for reopening, some additional safety work is to be commissioned.

**Village Handyperson:** At the time of writing (mid-June) the Council are considering expressions of interest received for the vacant position of Village Handyperson following the retirement of Ron Chalk.

**Planning Applications:** The Council considered an application for extension to rear of Gawens on South Street. There were no objections.

**Parish Council Meetings** The dates of future meetings will be kept under review, but the intention is to hold a meeting on 8 July.

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