**Your Parish Council Update - March 2021**

A full copy of the February 2021 meeting can be viewed on the Parish Council website - https://www.broadchalkeparishcouncil.com

**Neighbourhood Plan Update:**

The NP consultation period closed at the end of February and it is hoped that the Plan Referendum will take place on 6 May 2021, the day of Local Government elections.

**Report from Wiltshire Councillor Jose Green:**

A summary can be view on the Parish Council website - https://www.broadchalkeparishcouncil.com

**Parish Council Communication:**

The Council is looking at a number of ways to bring the Council up to date and also become more accessible to Council taxpayers and residents. A review of the website is currently underway and the way the Council holds remote meetings and stores data is also being looked at. The Meeting also considered a **Social Media Policy** with a view to using Facebook and Twitter to disseminate information once a safe and secure Council process has been established.

**Local elections 6 May 2021:**

At the time of writing, Local Government elections are still planned for 6 May 2021. If elections go ahead then all councillors will require to stand for re-election, which is the case every 4 years. Anyone interested in standing as a councillor for the forthcoming term of 4 years should contact the Clerk for more information. Following elections, it is the Council’s intention to hold its Annual Meeting on 12 May 2021, if meetings are allowed, and elect a Chairman of the Council.

The elections on the 6 May will also be for the Police Crime Commissioner; Wiltshire Council and the Neighbourhood Plan Referendum.

Due to the current Covid-19 restrictions, we encourage you to sign up for postal voting & this can be done on Wiltshire Council Website - <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk>

**Census 2021:**

Census day is 21 March 2021 every household should receive a postcard between the 22nd February and 3rd March introducing the Census. Between the 3rd and 13th March, every household will receive a pack telling you how to take part. It is online but you can request paper copy and alternate formats.

The Meeting received an update on **Fibre to the Property (FTTP)** as there has been some additional interest in the Community FTTP proposal since looking into this last year. Anyone interested should contact the Clerk. There was also some discussion on the Ch4lke Mobile project and it was felt that there needs to be clarity on what this project might provide to residents.

The Clerk presented a **Finance Report** with balance in bank account of £10,399.49. There was also discussion on additional grounds maintenance proposals and these are to be considered further once investigations are made as to what role Wiltshire Council’s Parish Steward can undertake.

**Planning Applications:** The Council agreed the following

* 21/00719/TCA College House, Knapp Hill: No Objection.
* 20/11345/FUL Clock Cottage, South Street: Support the application.
* 21/00702/FUL 3, Butlers Yard. Replacement Porch: No Objection
* 21/01381/TCA Ash Meadow, The Causeway: No Objection

**Future Parish Council Meetings**- future meetings will be kept under review but the intention is to hold the next meeting on 10th March 2021 via Zoom.

If you have any particular issues or priorities you would like the Council to consider, please raise with the Chairman or the Clerk.

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Useful links:

Parish Council: <https://www.broadchalkeparishcouncil.com>

Wiltshire County Council: <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk>

Census 2021: <https://census.gov.uk>