**Your Parish Council Update - April 2022**

**If you have any issues or priorities that you would like the Council to consider, please raise with the Chairman or the Clerk.
A full copy of the minutes can be viewed on the Parish Council website -** <https://www.broadchalkeparishcouncil>

**Parish Councillor Vacancy.** The Parish Council has a vacancy for a new councillor. If you are interested, please contact the Clerk.

**Emergency Plan and volunteer briefing.** The Council was updated on the Emergency Plan review undertaken with Nicki Tinkler who is continuing as a Core Team member. An initial volunteer network briefing on Friday 11 March established the Village Sector Volunteers, although there are pockets of the village that are not yet covered. Volunteers interested in getting involved to contact the Clerk.

**Update on Low Lane.** Wiltshire Council were positive about potential funding next financial year through the new CATG responsibilities for highways and footpaths. A final specification to be drawn up that can be priced and for Invitation to Tender Notices to be ‘advertised’.

**Causeway Standing Water.** A meeting had been organised with interested parties and this has now seen positive action to remove the water and set out an outline to find a long-term solution.

The opportunity was also taken to discuss the flooding reported by residents on Knighton Road, and the dangerous standing water on the High Road down from Longbridge. The Area Highways Manager took the concerns seriously and has undertaken to assist in helping to resolve.

**Playground Project.** Councillor Cave Gibbs reported on the meeting with Playdale and presented an illustrative design for part replacement, part retention and part improvement with a budget estimate at £39,000 +VAT.

It was agreed that a good quality play area is a key village requirement and priority for the Council and that a strategy towards replacement should be established.

**Chalke Valley Sports Centre.** Councillor Fry briefed the meeting on works undertaken at the Centre and some further costs to be incurred on improvements. It was noted that the Parish Council is the Lease holder for the Centre and that day-to-day management is discharged though the voluntary Management Committee.

With several projects being considered by the Parish Council, the Chairman identified that levels of expenditure, where grants are applied for, will likely continue at higher levels than has been the case in the past and that, if this requires the Council to submit to additional audit requirements then it should not hold the Council back from delivering and improving services for which it is responsible.

The Meeting agreed this should be a principle adopted and not shy away from applying for grants to achieve wider community benefit.

**Annual Parish Meeting 11 May 2022.** The Council agreed running the APM at 7.00pm on Wednesday 11 May 2022 and the Annual Council Meeting to follow immediately afterwards. Representatives from Village organisations be invited to attend or to submit a written summary that could be read out to the APM.The Chairman invited councillors to let him know if they wished to stand for Chairman or Vice Chairman positions.The Clerk advised the meeting that he had initially committed to a three-year term that comes to an end in April but was happy to continue for a further year should the Council wish him to do so.

**Queens Platinum Jubilee Village Fete and Show.**

Sara Moss has established a small committee to lead this with a provisional date of Saturday 6th August at the Chalke Valley Sports Centre.

Aim is for a Chalke Valley event, holding a Produce Show (scaled down and very much accessible to all villagers to enter) and to include Fete related side stalls and activities.

Volunteers are encouraged to come forward to help in any way.

**Finance Report from the Clerk.** Balance in the Bank of £12,622.49.

**To receive Planning applications.**

Stoke Farm: PL2022/01131- No Objections

Kings Old Rectory: PL2022/01068- No objections

Kings Old rectory PL2022/01738- No objections.

Cherry Bank, South Street: PL2022/01852- No objections.

**Date of Next Meeting.** 13 April 2022

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