**Your Parish Council Update – July 2023**

**The Council received an excellent presentation from the Friends of Broad Chalke Playground on progress with and current position on designs and fundraising for the replacement playground. This prompted much discussion and, with funding secured now at £45,000, with plans for further applications, there is real optimism about a successful outcome and delivery of a really exciting development. The Chairman thanked Victoria Pickford, Martin Altham, and Rosie Morgan from the Friends Group for their excellent work in moving this project forward so quickly.**

**Wiltshire Councillor Nabil Najjar gave an update on various matters and most importantly on the Wiltshire Local Plan. There was also much discission about the state of highways around the village and Cllr Najjar agreed to receive a list of Parish Council concerns and take these up on behalf of the Council.**

**The Clerk updated the meeting on the C12 Valley Road speeding initiative, a meeting having taken place with the OPCC’s representative and with the Director of Highways. This meeting had been jointly with Bishopstone PC. The outcome being to request a speed assessment for the area in Bishopstone by the White Hart and for Broad Chalke on the approach into the village centre with the aim of presenting a case for the implementation of 30 mph limits. Longer-term, Wiltshire Council has indicated they are going to undertake a ‘corridor assessment approach’ to the valley road and we will continue to push for general reduction from the 60mph limit.**

**Neighbourhood Plan post 2026. The Council discussed the approach to revision of the NP in line with Wiltshire Council’s Local Plan time frame to 2036. It was agreed that a small working group be established to research requirements and take this forward, hopefully with the involvement from members of the original NP Team.**

**Neighbourhood Watch. All signage is now up on principle access routes into the village but take up of the scheme has been disappointing with just 35 households registered to date. The scheme is free to join and gives direct channel of communication into the police.**

**Chalke Valley Fete and Show. The Clerk updated on progress with arrangements for this event on Saturday 19 August 2023 at the Chalke Valley Sports Centre.**

**Council Priorities. These were agreed as: Highways and footpaths; Neighbourhood Plan; Neighbourhood Watch; Speeding Initiative; Playground Replacement; Sustainability. There will also be a number of functions that will continue, and lead councillors nominated.**

**Date of Next Meeting. 9 August 2023.**

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