**Your Parish Council Update - April 2021**

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

There was a full Agenda for the March meeting with some important village issues discussed including:

**Proposals for new garden opposite the Queens Head public house:**A planning application is to be considered at the April Meeting and a copy of the consultant’s report at Appendix 1 to the full Minutes. Mr Butler, owner of the Queens Head, presented the business basis for a beer garden and outlined the proposal. Mr Butler also advised the Council that a village leaflet would be being circulated to households.

There was then an opportunity for questions and feedback. Concerns were expressed about the capacity of the existing car park to take increased volume of customers; the road safety issues with the proposed pedestrian route to the garden; the impact on the Conservation Area and wildlife; and concerns about noise and littering.

**Neighbourhood Plan Update:**
Mr Truluck reported that the public consultation period has now closed. A Planning Inspector has been appointed and responses to the Inspector’s questions are being responded to. The village Referendum on the Plan is scheduled for 24 June.

**Parish Council Communication:**

A review of the website is currently underway and the Council is now looking at introducing Microsoft Teams as its solution for holding remote meetings and collaboration.
The Council is finalising the **Social Media Policy** in order to utilise Facebook and Twitter to disseminate information to the community and this will be signed off at the April meeting.

**Lime trees at the War Memorial.**

The health of the trees has been raised as a concern. Following an inspection by the Wiltshire Council tree officer there is no imminent danger of the trees falling but they are in a poor state of health and declining so action will be required. It was agreed to maintain a careful watch over the coming year and consider any preventative surgery as and when needed and to consider a scheme of replacement.

**2021 Parish Council Elections on 6 May**

This is the four-year cycle of elections when the whole Council is up for re-lection. Nomination forms have to be returned by 8 April. Anyone interested in standing for election should contact the Clerk or Chairman.

**Fibre to the Property (FTTP) and C4lke Mobile**.

The Council are maintaining interest in these projects to see how they can benefit the village and it is planned to discuss further at the April meeting.

**Queens Platinum Jubilee**

Celebrations in June 2022 are being considered.

**Highways and Drainage**

Mr Fry reported that lets and gullies have been cleared and potholes on South street have been filled. The flooding at Longbridge is on the Wiltshire Council list but no time frame at this stage.

There was discussion and concern about the parking on South Street and this will be monitored and raised with relevant agencies if required.

**Future Parish Council Meetings**
How the council meetings are run are being kept under review, but the intention is to hold the next meeting on 14th April 2021 remotely.

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

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