**Your Parish Council- August 2019**

**July Parish Council Meeting**: Minutes of the Meeting are published on the Council’s website**. Topics discussed included**: Membership of the Wiltshire Association of Local Councils that was agreed; the Heritage Lottery Award to the Cranborne Chase AONB that Broad Chalke is located within; various planning applications; Appointment of Internal auditors for the 2019/20 year; and councillor responsibilities.

**Flooding on the Causeway:** Further dialogue has taken place in relation to a clogged drainage ditch and discussions taking place between Natural England and the landowner.

**Planning Applications:** All but one of the planning applications that were considered were agreed without objection. A new page has been added to the Council’s website and in future where the Parish Council objects to a planning application, the consultation response that is sent to Wiltshire Council will be published there. The section is ***Planning Applications***. Where the Council has no comment then these will not be published.

**Rights of Way inspections**: Inspections will take place over the coming month to note any concerns on the various footpaths in the Parish. Many thanks to the volunteers for helping out. This year as well as any issues being logged, inspections will look for signs of ash tree die-back and will also bring forward any recommendations for improving access by installation of kissing gates and removal of stiles, subject to landowner agreement, as Wiltshire Council have a small fund for these improvements.

**Grants for local community organisations;** The grants process using powers under S137 of the Local Government Act 1972 were agreed at the July meeting. Details are on the Council’s website. Go to the ‘More’ section of the menu bar and this will open a drop-down list where you will find ***Grants to Community Organisations.***

**Wiltshire Council Licensing Policy Consultation-** This has been launched by Wiltshire Council and the consultation documentation is published on the Parish Council website under Public Notices.

**Defibrillator training-** Over 30 people attended the training last month at the Chalke Valley Sports Centre, with representation from a cross section of community organisations and local-residents. The Defibrillator is now registered with the emergency services. It is located in the old BT telephone box by the bus shelter outside the Community Hub. This is a community resource and, whilst we hope it will never be needed, in order to ensure it is maintained in perfect working order, should you notice anything amiss with it then please report these either to Councillor Tim Cave-Gibbs (timcavegibbsbroadchalke@gmail.com) or to the Clerk.

**Parish Council Meetings**

The next meeting is Wednesday 14 August at 7.30pm in The Village Hall. Items for discussion include: A review if the Council’s Standing Orders; planning applications.

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