**Your Parish Council Update - April 2023**

**March Parish Council Meeting**. The meeting was attended by twenty residents to hear from Wiltshire Police about a property marking scheme -SelectaDNA- being used as part of Wiltshire Police’s Operation Siege. There was then a short presentation on establishing a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in Broad Chalke. More information is provided elsewhere in the Broadsheet on both these initiatives.

**Low Lane Footpath Improvement Project.** The opportunity had been provided to residents of High Lane to raise any questions on this project following the properties that back on to Low Lane having been hand delivered a letter. Further information on the Project is published in this edition of the Broadsheet.

**Playground.** Councillor Altham gave an update on the establishment of the Friends of Broad Chalke Playground and the steps taken to date to secure views on replacement equipment and to look at raising funds. A Facebook Page for the Friends group has been set up and is being updated regularly.

**Report from Wiltshire Councillor Nabil Najjar**

Councillor Najjar spoke to the meeting about the annual budget setting process at Wiltshire Council as well as various initiatives the South West Wiltshire Area Board. The next Board meeting is in March and the Playground and the Fete will be projects being considered for grant support. Cllr Najjar also advised the meeting that he is organising a jobs fare at Wiltshire College in May.

**Church Car Park Lighting.** The Clerk briefed the meeting on initial conversations to look whether this might be viable. Further discussion will take place with the PCC and Village Hall committee.

**Coronation arrangements.** As yet there are no firm plans in the village.

**BT Digital Switch over**. Cllr Altham briefed the meeting on a telephone meeting he and the Clerk at Bishopstone had with British Telecom. This issue is about the move away from the network of copper cables used for landlines and internet to fibre optic cable. A paper with more information is on the Parish Council’s website.

**Planning Applications.** PL/2023/00558 Trees at Cressview. There were no objections.

**If you have any issues or priorities that you would like the Council to consider, please raise with the Chairman or the Clerk. Previous Minutes can be viewed on the Parish Council website - https://www.broadchalkeparishcouncil.com**

**Date of Next Meeting.** 8th March 2023

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