

Spring Newsletter clerk@melkshamwithout-pc.gov.uk

MELKSHAM WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL

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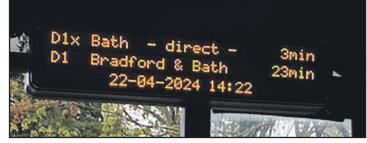




presented at the Annual Parish time to help others locally.

The parish council provide grant meeting last week, the meeting is I funding for a variety of always interesting as we hear from organisations based in the parish, such a wide range of groups as well as from the wider providing activities, support and community that benefit the venues in the parish and the council residents of Melksham Without. are always amazed at the sheer Grants totalling £38,000 were volume of volunteers giving up their

INFORMATION ON BUS ROUTES



Information in bus shelters.

The first installations will be in Bowerhill, with others planned in the Passenger Transport team.

The parish council are delighted Market Place, as we are joining up L that they are finally able to with the Town Council to ensure that move forward with a project we the service is across the two have been working on for several communities, and then plan to roll years, to install Real Time out across the wider area of both town and parish.

The pilot installations are jointly Mitchell Drive and Kestrel Court in funded with Wiltshire Council's

ASSET MANAGEMENT



The parish council maintain assets ranging I from play areas and sports fields to bus shelters, noticeboards and bins.

These all need regular maintenance and a programme of replacement on a rolling basis. These things are often unseen; the grass cutting, cleaning, weed spraying and bin emptying, but would be very noticeable if not done. A big thank you to the volunteers who check the defibrillators and keep the noticeboards up to date every week, whatever the

The parish continues its successful partnership with the town council to fund the Market Place toilets and continues with the deployment of its own Speed Indicator Devices (SID) to deter speeding on



REPLACEMENT

SUPPORT FOR OLDER PEOPLE

The parish council have jointly L funded an Age UK project worker specifically for the Melksham and Melksham Without area for the last year, with some great results in helping members of the community to live a good life in later years.

It has also taken on the legacy of Melksham Community Support which was originally started in covid. The some targeted support with benefits know anyone who would benefit from aimed at those over 60.



parish council are pleased to continue advice, getting things from the shops or to support this in the coming year, with chemist, advice on aids and adaptations the town council and Area Board at home, or being a bit more active with support. Please get in touch if you some support. The service is primarily

VILLAGE **HALLS**

The council has facilitated some meetings with representatives from village halls and community centres in the wider area so that ideas and information can be shared.

This has gone well with a WhatsApp group being set up so that information can be shared in one place and provides a framework of support for all the volunteers giving up their time to run these valuable community spaces. Please get in touch if you run a community building in Melksham and the wider area and would like to join the

SHURNHOLD FIELDS

construction of a small car park

some holdups with this project while consent has been received. discussions were taking place between the Environment Agency and the Land Drainage team at Wiltshire Council in respect of flood prevention. Wiltshire Council has installed in Beanacre. been successful in obtaining grant scheme in the area, which includes for the enjoyment of all.

consultation at the end of last year,

with amendments to the Plan where

appropriate. Once complete this will

This public open space is a joint bunds being created to help protect **I** project with Melksham Town the properties in Dunch Lane, which Council. One of the remaining will need to be completed before the major tasks to complete is the car park and entrance improvement project can commence. It is hoped and improvements to the entrance. that the flood prevention works will Unfortunately, there have been start later this year once land drainage

> A new wildflower meadow area is proposed to be planted by Wessex Water as a biodiversity offset for their first-time mains drainage project

Thanks go to the Friends of funding from the Environment Shurnhold Fields for their regular Agency for a flood alleviation working parties to improve the area

COUNCILLOR VACANCY

Following the resignation of Cllr Andy Russell for health reasons, there is now a vacancy for the Bowerhill Ward.

> Please look out for details of the forthcoming vacancy.

COUNCIL **MEETINGS**

Parish council meetings are held in public, and the aim is always to be as transparent as possible.

A recording of the meeting is shared on YouTube the following day, and then removed once the minutes for that meeting have been approved and uploaded to the website. The parish council meetings are held on a Monday evening at their offices on the first floor of the Melksham Community Campus from 7pm. Please check the agendas for more details, these are posted on local noticeboards and are on the website. You can also pop into the office to talk to officers about issues you wish to raise, or if you are seeking information. It's always manned Monday to Thursday 10am -12 and 2 - 4pm but you will often

find officers there outside those times.

NEXT MEETINGS

PLANNING COMMITTEE Monday 29th April

ANNUAL COUNCIL Monday 13th May

PLANNING COMMITTEE Monday 20th May

FINANCE COMMITTEE Monday 20th May

PLANNING COMMITTEE Monday 10th June

FULL COUNCIL Monday 17th June

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NEIGHBOURHOOD

be consulted on again, be examined by a Planning Examiner and go out to you as the public to vote on at a Local Plan, sets out where Referendum next year. It's a lot of development will be in the next 15 detailed work, but important as the years, and the infrastructure to Plan, alongside Wiltshire Council's support it.