

Chalford Parish Council – June 2023

Introducing our new Chair of the Council – Cllr Emma Trinder! - Congratulations to Bussage Ward Councillor Emma Trinder, who was duly elected as the new Chair of the Parish Council at the Annual Meeting of the Council on Thursday 4th May. For those of you who haven't yet met Emma, she grew up on a farm outside Bisley and moved to Bussage with her husband and their dog a couple of years ago. She joined the Parish Council in 2022. Look out for more information about Emma and her aspirations for the future on the Parish Council website and Facebook page.

Staffing Change – Further congratulations to Kate Arnold, who has now started in her role as Parish Clerk and welcome to Lesley Sellars who has joined the Council as Deputy Clerk/RFO.

King's Coronation - On Thursday 4th May we hosted a Coronation tea party at the Parish Centre. It is always lovely to meet residents so a thank you to everyone that came along and to those of you that brought cake!

Circus Sensible – We were pleased to see a large gathering of parents and children taking part in the circus skills event which was held on The Old Common during half-term - the rain just about held off! Thank you to Circus Sensible who ran the event. If you attended, we would welcome your feedback and ideas for future events.

The Old Neighbourhood Inn – is on the market again as the owners have not yet found someone to take this venture on. There is a strong desire to prevent the pub from closing and a community group have started to investigate ways to 'save the hood'. A Public Meeting is being held at France Lynch Church Rooms on Friday 26th May at 7pm; everyone welcome. The group need your views, so please email Chris Gardiner chris.gardiner@gardiners.uk.com with your thoughts and suggestions or drop your comments into the Parish Office. Please quote Old Neighbourhood Inn on the email subject line.

Stagecoach - District Cllr Tricia Watson met with Stagecoach and GCC to discuss the cuts to service 67. There are many problems with this service, overcrowding on the early commute being one of them. Stagecoach agreed to replace single decker buses with double deckers to ease this problem. We hope by the time you read this, double deckers will be in place. Further updates to follow.

Footpaths – What's happening to playing field entrances - part 2 - Last month's footpath report described what your Footpath Volunteers are doing to make playing field entrances safer for young children and easier to use for those with disabilities. At the time of writing we have finished work (except for painting) on the France Lynch playing field entrance opposite Burcombe Road, and are working on the entrance lower down Burcombe Way. By the time you read this we expect (weather permitting) to have finished our work on France Lynch playing field, and to have moved on to Bussage playing field.

Annual Parish Meeting – On Thursday 11th May we held our Annual Meeting of the Parish. The meeting was held at Chalford Sports and Social Club and celebrated the important work carried out by some of our local volunteers. We want to extend our thanks to Ali and Rob for kindly hosting us. Approximately 30 residents attended, and everyone enjoyed a guest performance from Chalford Senior Band! We really are very lucky to have Chalford Band and we want to say a huge thank you to them for coming along to perform for us.

Councillor Vacancies – we currently have some Councillor vacancies and we'd love to hear from anyone who would like to join us. Please don't be put off by what you think being a Councillor involves! You don't have to have a particular skill, or be a certain age, or have previous experience, and you don't have to commit huge amounts of time. You simply need to have an interest in helping to shape the future of the Parish that we all enjoy living in so that it can be enjoyed by us all and by future generations.

If you'd like an informal chat about what's involved, please contact the Clerk.

Want to find out more about what we do? - Our next Full Council Meeting will be held on Thursday, 1st June 2023 at 7.00 pm. If you would like to attend, then please contact the Clerk.

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