

## NEWSLETTER – JUNE 2021

**Elections** – Congratulations to our new County Councillor Chloe Turner, also to our new District Councillors Tricia Watson and Christopher Jockel of the Green Party and Helen Fenton of the Labour and Co-operative Party.

**Frith Wood** – Fredwood Forestry has now finished their work in this area following the felling. Our thanks go to ChalCAN's Biodiversity Group. Since our last newsletter, a team of volunteers have met to give the wood some TLC. Pathways have been covered with woodchip and natural borders have been created using branches, this will protect the bluebells and other ground cover plants. Please help us by keeping to the official paths. We are sure you will agree they have done a fantastic job – many thanks. **Valley Copse** – there are still some trees that need work in this area and Fredwood is due to carry out this soon.

**Middle Hill development - Footpath closure:** Part of the planning application involved pumping sewage up hill to join the main sewer on Middle Hill. A planning variation advised that the sewage would now be routed to Abbenesse. The Council learned of this change from a resident who had received a letter from Severn Trent. As a result we have communicated with the developer and suggested an alternative route but to no avail. Hence the reason why the footpath from Middle Hill to Abbenesse will be closed for up to 7 weeks. We will continue to discuss this matter with Greensquare to attempt to reduce the length of time.

**Road layout** – Greensquare's planning consultants made a proposal to remove the build out on Middle Hill, replacing it with white lines and a 30mph painted on a red surface. There was no provision for cyclists. We know that the current build out slows traffic down so we submitted vehicle movement data to GCC Highways to support our case for the retention of the build out. As a result, it has been agreed to permit it to remain with the addition of more white lines.

**Eastcombe, Bussage & Brownhill Newsletter** – The new Bussage, Chalford and Eastcombe newsletter has been launched. This is available to view on our website and hard copies are on sale in the parish centre for 50p.

**New Website** – We have been busy creating a new user friendly website which retains the feel of our old site but complies with the new accessibility regulations that are required of Parish Councils. We are pleased to say that we are almost there so watch this space as we are hoping it will go live in the next month. Please visit us at [www.chalford-glos.gov.uk](http://www.chalford-glos.gov.uk)

**Meetings** – You may be aware that the High Court ruled that the continuation of council remote meetings after 6 May would not be permitted. This has caused some confusion and will require careful planning to ensure that we can adhere to the current Covid guidelines. If you would like to attend a meeting, then please contact the Clerk so that we can make the necessary arrangements to ensure that all social distancing requirements are complied with.

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