

	Streatley Parish Council Newsletter	Serving Streatley, Sharpenhoe & Bushmead
Councillor Vacancy No one has yet applied to fill the vacant post for a councillor with Streatley Parish Council. Whilst it is always helpful to have councillors who are aware of the particular needs of the immediate localities in which they live and we very much hope a resident of Bushmead will step forward to fill the vacancy, of course the opportunity is not limited to residents of that part of the Parish. Requirements are that councillors must be over 21 and electors within the Parish. Although important and requiring a degree of dedication, councillors' duties need not be onerous and some training is available. Applications must be in the form of a CV and letter of application. If you would like to apply or find out more please telephone the Chairman or e-mail the Parish Clerk (contact details alongside). Deadline for applications - 31 October 2018		ISSUE 83 September 2018
Wildlife Tips Taking leftover bread to feed the waterfowl in ponds is something many of us will have done, either as children or as adults. However, it could actually be harming them and the environment. Bread is very low in protein and contains ingredients that waterfowl can't digest properly. This causes them to become malnourished and slow, and they may find it difficult to escape from predators such as foxes. Some are likely to suffer from Angel Wing, a disease that affects the growth of flight feathers, and it can also greatly reduce their life span. Rotting bread attracts rats and also increases waterfowl excrement in the water which can lead to a build-up of algae. The algae uses up oxygen which the fish need to survive and large amounts can make the water smell unpleasant. Certain types of algae can make the water poisonous to pets if they drink it. Instead of bread, feed waterfowl wheat, barley, or similar grains - oats (uncooked), rice (cooked or uncooked), birdseed (any type or mix), grapes (cut in half), frozen peas or corn (defrosted). Male frogs often spend winter in the muddy depths of ponds breathing through their skin. Remove debris from ponds now, and float a tennis or golf ball on the surface to prevent ice from sealing it. Remove leaves from paths or lawns but transfer them to a corner or beneath a hedge, where hedgehogs and other animals and bugs can crawl for shelter.		Your Parish Councillors <i>Chairman</i> Cllr John Farrent 2 Stanley Road Streatley 01582 881662 <i>Vice Chairman</i> Cllr Ian Ormiston 261 Sharpenhoe Road Streatley 07768 418749 Cllr Adrian Button The Chapel Harlington Road Sharpenhoe 01582 881643 Cllr Jim Carrington 9 Harlington Road Sharpenhoe 01582 882390 07747800130 Cllr Lesley Lodge 62 Sharpenhoe Road Streatley 01582 881673 Cllr Sally Machell 141 Sharpenhoe Road Streatley 07961 425240 Vacancy
Fly-tipping and Dumped Waste Fly-tipping and dumped waste are an increasing problem in the Streatley Parish area and surrounding roads and fields. Ideally we need the culprits to stop doing this. The Parish Council reports such incidents to the Central Bedfordshire Council team as soon as we are aware of them, but you can - and it's quicker if you do - report fly-tipping directly on 0300 300 8302 - especially if you see it taking place - or by email to customer.services@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk. So if you see fly-tipped waste, or witness someone in the act of fly-tipping, here's what they will need to know: - any vehicles involved (please note registration numbers). It's possible to prosecute if only the vehicle, not the driver, is identifiable (the person controlling the use of the vehicle can be prosecuted) - what you saw (were there people involved? what were they wearing?) - where the fly-tip is (road names and town/village names are always helpful) - when you saw the fly-tipping (day, date and time are really helpful) The team will also need to know your name, your address and a contact telephone number. BUT - Don't worry - this information will be seen only by the team or their contractors who remove the waste.		The Parish Clerk Mr Darryl Denyer The Birches Great Bramingham Lane Streatley LU3 3NJ Tel: 01582 524897 streatley.p.c@hotmail.com
Streatley Village Hall Management Committee The Streatley Village Hall Management Committee are looking for new committee members. We are also looking to appoint a new chairman. If you would like to help out with running the village hall in Streatley please contact the Vice-chairman, Trevor Wise, at fazerman64@hotmail.co.uk		
Next Meeting Monday 10 September 2018 at Streatley Village Hall, beginning at 7.30 p.m. All local electors and members of the press are welcome to attend.		