



Streatley Parish Council Newsletter

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This year has been somewhat different and challenging for most of us and because we have never had anything like this before and because it all happened so quickly, we really were not prepared for the details that had to be put into place. On 23rd March the government announced lockdown. We have heard of heartwarming stories of neighbours looking out for each other with acts of kindness. Hopefully this care will continue for those who are vulnerable and alone.

We hope to organise a Parish Council Meeting in the near future. If there are any issues you would like discussed then please contact one of our Councillors. We are all in constant contact with each other and are dealing with issues on a daily basis. Please look out for notices on the notice boards for the next Parish Council meeting.

Sign up for email alerts on council information

Stay up to date with COVID information and advice from the council – visit www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/CovidInfo and sign up for email alerts to tell you when the information is updated.

PLAYGROUND

Our little playground in Streatley has to remain closed. Our guidance comes from Central Bedfordshire Council but we realised it was more onerous than we had anticipated which included cleaning regimes, queueing systems and time limits on equipment etc. While some of this can be included in additional signage, regular cleaning of equipment is, we think, unrealistic and there is a risk of infection after every person has touched the equipment. We therefore decided to play safe (excuse the pun) and have extended the lockdown until further notice. To avoid confusion, we have taped up the equipment.

LITTER PICKING

For those residents who have complained at the amount of rubbish being left on our roads and verges, I am pleased to say that we are resuming the **monthly litter pick** and hope you will join us to clear this mess. It will start at 11am on **Sunday August 2nd at the Village Hall**. For further details please contact Cllr Sally Machell 07961 425240. Central Bedfordshire Council have been doing their best too including clearing flytipping so it's not all just left to us.

On the matter of waste, it has been noted that some dog walkers are not picking up after their dog and some are hanging their dog poo bags in trees or on the grass verges. Not only is this unsightly but it is also a health hazard. Please dispose of them in your own bin or dog waste bins..

SPEED ENFORCEMENT CAMERAS

Our Ward Councillor Silvia Collins has set up a petition online. She has so many complaints about traffic speeding through our villages so **please help** her to get support and encourage friends, family and as many residents as possible to sign her petition. The link is <http://chnq.it/cKT4mDSr>. She has tried on several occasions to get [enforceable] speed cameras installed in several villages, but always hit the same blocks. She gets the traffic measured, only to be told we don't qualify/meet the requirements that would be supported by the Police. Then, she is told that even if we did, limited budget will mean we are unlikely to be prioritised for cameras.

She has the backing of the leaders of the Local Government Association (the chair being the leader of CBC). She is also hopeful that Nadine Dorries will get behind this too if she knows it is something we all care about, as it is a big problem for her rural constituents in particular. Thank you

COUNCILLOR

It is with regret that Streatley Parish Council has lost the services of Ian Ormiston due to his resignation. During his tenure on the Council Ian had made many valuable contributions both to the Planning Committee and Speedwatch as well as being Vice Chair. We would like to thank him for these contributions and wish him well.

COUNCILLOR VACANCY

A vacancy has arisen within Streatley Parish Council for a Parish Councillor. This is a voluntary role. If you are interested in the role, please contact the Parish Clerk for more information - email: Streatley.p.c@hotmail.com

NEW WEBSITE

Streatley Parish Council are pleased to announce that we have a new website www.streatley-pc.gov.uk We have still many things to add to give you all the information of what is happening or happened in the Parish. If you would like to comment about anything you have read then please contact one of the councillors who will do their best to answer or find the answers any queries.

PLANTING OF THE TREES - Thank you to everyone who helped with the planting of trees on the green by The Belfry. Unfortunately, we have lost a lot of them due to the very hot weather we had during April/May. They were watered occasionally, and a few are holding on, but we may have to return to this later this year or early next.

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