**WESTON ON THE GREEN PARISH COUNCIL**

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**Parish Clerk Update**

1. **Oak Tree on North Lane**

I was concerned about large areas of bark falling off 2 branches of the tree so brought it to the attention of Oxfordshire County Council. John Rawlings-Hall, OCC Arboricultural Officer came to investigate the tree on Wednesday 29th May.

The branches may be dying off but it is difficult to tell from ground level. He will arrange to have a third of one of the branches removed within the next two months to reduce the weight.

In the autumn they will come and do a full inspection (which they undertake annually) of the tree trunk and its crown and will potentially reduce the length of the other branch shedding it’s bark as well as look into the possibility of reducing the crown slightly.

Any work undertaken on the tree is to enhance the health and longevity of the tree and also is in the interest of health and safety. We should receive notification of any works to be undertaken and also the outcomes of any surveys so the Parish Council can keep the village updated.

1. **Village Gate Planters**

Planters have now been filled and placed at the village gates. The Council would like to thank Julia White and Helen Price who have very kindly offered to adopt the planter at the Bletchingdon Road gate and Councillor Daenke who has very kindly agreed to look after the west planter on Northampton Road.

I have asked for volunteers in the village news to look after the planter at the east end of the village (before the bridge over A34) but in the meantime it has been planted.

1. **Weston on the Green Airfield – Night Flying**

The Council received a query over night-time flying out of Weston on the Green airfield. We contacted RAF Brize Norton, who look after the Weston on the Green airfield, querying if there were any restrictions on the number or time of night-time sorties. The RAF responded by confirming there are no restrictions with regards to flying for a certain number of days in a month/week or at certain times. Operational requirement dictates the usage and then the weather determines when they can achieve this training.

They confirmed that if you are experiencing any disturbance, you can submit a flying complaint to the following email address –SWK-LowFlying@mod.gov.uk

1. **Assets of Community Value**

The Playing Field and Spinney has been accepted as an Asset of Community Value.

Remaining sites to be progressed.

1. **Dog Bin Signs**

4 dog bin signs with ‘Please keep your dog on a lead’ have been purchased and placed on the dog bins, which have also been cleaned.

1. **Redundant Road Signs**

Councillor Ruth Whitfield has provided a list of broken or redundant signs and poles in the village. This has been sent to the Community team at OCC who will look into fixing the issues.

1. **Salt Bin – Knowle Lane**

We are in the process of selecting a location for a new salt bin on Knowle Lane ready for next winter. Once chosen this would be put in place over the next few months.

1. **Playground Annual Inspection**

The Rospa Playsafety annual inspection of the Weston on the Green playground has been scheduled to take place in July 2019.