

# Cherhill and Yatesbury Parish Council

## Newsletter

### Winter 2022



**Welcome to the first Parish Council Newsletter, in a while!** We have been through a very strange time and there have been lots of changes but now things appear to be settling down. Within our villages, there are new things to make you aware of and for you, to get involved with, if you aren't already.

Firstly changes within the Parish Council – A new Chair has been elected following the resignation of Simon Tomlinson who previously took over from John Cavanagh. Both of whom, we would like to extend our gratitude, for their amazing talents and especially for their years of dedication to the villages.

Also, we are very grateful to Paula Purslow, who has been the Clerk for the past 3 years. Paula has been invaluable and now leaves an opening for any person, who might be interested. Please contact one of the parish councillors, if you are interested.

Below are the names of current councillors:

Nick White - Chair  
David Grafton  
Martin Purslow  
Jackie Day  
Jane Page  
Claire Gwyer  
Vacancy

To contact any Councillor just email their [firstname.surname@cherhill.org](mailto:firstname.surname@cherhill.org)

A great place to find all sorts of information is the website [Cherhill & Yatesbury – The website for Cherhill & Yatesbury, Wiltshire](http://www.cherhill-yatesbury.org.uk)

**Yatesbury – RAF Proposed Development** - Stonewood Partnerships are proposing to develop the Yatesbury RAF site and will be holding a Consultation Event at Yatesbury Village Hall on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> February from 10:00am until 1:00pm. Please come and see what is being proposed and give any opinions or suggestions you may have, prior to them applying for planning permission. Also do look at the link below where you can add any thoughts and comments:

<https://www.stonewoodpartnerships.co.uk/future-developments/yatesbury/>

**Council Ward Boundary Changes –** There is a Community Governance Review underway at the moment, part of which concerns the boundaries of the parishes surrounding Calne. This has come about following a proposal to form a new parish of Derry Hill and Studley. If this were to go ahead, the question arises of what happens to the rest of Calne Without (the parish that currently includes Derry Hill and Studley). One proposal involves adding parts of Calne Without to adjoining parishes. Under the proposal areas including Lower Compton

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and parts of Calstone would become part of Cherhill PC. If you would like to find out more visit [Community Governance Review - Wiltshire Council](#)

### Council Tax Precept 2022-2023

In March 2020 the precept that the Parish Council receives as part of the council tax paid on each property was increased from £8,000 to £11,000. This represented an increase for a band D property from £22.60 per year to £31.06 per year. At that time the Parish Council publicised its intention to carry out a further increase in March 2021 from £11,000 to £16,000 or £45.23 per year for a band D property. Details of the reasoning behind the cost increase were delivered to each property in the parish and residents were invited to comment on the proposed increase. Eighteen responses were received, fifteen (83%) were in favour of the increase to £16,000, one (6%) in favour of a lower increase and two (11%) were against the increase.

Due to the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic, and the variety of impacts this had across society, it was agreed that the planned increase in March 2021 should not take place and the precept was therefore held at £11,000.

This year it has been decided to increase the precept by a smaller amount to £15,000. This represents an increase to a band D property of approximately £11.30 from £31.10 (2021/2022) to approximately £42.41 (2022/2023) per year.

These funds will allow the Parish Council to continue their activities, such as maintaining the Tommy Croker Memorial Playing Field and helping to replace worn out equipment when required, providing and servicing additional rubbish and dog waste bins, and cutting and maintaining rights of way (when not undertaken by WCC).

The following are a few of the items planned for the coming year.

- Further discussions with WCC regarding school traffic on Middle Lane and hope to arrive at a solution to help mitigate the impact of this.
- Bridleway clearing and maintenance along Lymers Lane.
- Fixing potholes and improving the condition of the roads in the parish, particularly the large potholes at the corner of Marsh Lane and Oliver's Hill.
- Work in conjunction with the Cherhill Village Hall Committee to provide a permanent War Memorial and Memorial Woodland in Cherhill.