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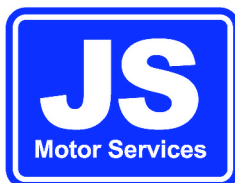
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Minster Lovell Parish Council

As summer draws to a close I hope you can still enjoy some scenic walks and time outside in the golden autumn sunshine. With all the strangeness and uncertainty of this year so far, it is always good to find solace in the beauty of the natural world around us.

Ripley Avenue

The work to replace the broken football goals in the Amenity Area has now taken place. Feedback from residents has been very positive and they certainly seem to have been well used over the summer holidays! Children have also been enjoying using the 'old' BMX track over the summer and the Parish Council will shortly be considering its future use.

At the time of writing, the Parish Council has been unable to meet the requirements put in place by the Government in order to open the play park at Ripley Avenue. The recommendations are that the number of users of the play park is monitored and regular cleaning takes place through the day to keep equipment clean and all users safe. The Parish Council does not have the capacity to safely manage the park in this way. The Council considers the opening of the play park at each monthly meeting and will endeavour to open it as soon as it is safe to do.

The Council has received several complaints from residents over the summer holidays about young people in the village damaging equipment and behaving in an anti-social way in Ripley Avenue Amenity Area. Please ensure that all children are accompanied in the area, and remind young people of the importance of treating the area and the equipment provided by the Parish Council with respect.

Parish Council



Parish Clerk: Alexandra Molton, 111 Walker Drive, Faringdon,
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Email: info@minsterlovell-pc.gov.uk **Tel:** 07712 705865.

Website: www.minsterlovell-pc.gov.uk

The Parish Council has asked our contractor to carry out the Autumn cut back to the laurel bushes earlier this year. With the prolonged warm and then spells of wet weather these have become rather tall in places! The tree on the footpath between Ripley Avenue and Cotswold Close will also be trimmed at the same time to ensure that the light is visible as the evenings get darker.

Village maintenance

The Council has been liaising with West Oxfordshire District Council (WODC) and our WODC Councillors regarding the issues with overflowing bins in the village during the summer months. The Council has agreed to plan for additional bin and dog litter bin collections in the village next summer when the area is popular with walkers and holiday makers visiting the area. This should help to alleviate the problem of bins overflowing and keep the village clean and safe. The Council is also liaising with English Heritage regarding bin provision at the Ruins, and hopes to negotiate further litter bin collections and a recycle bin in the ruins next year.

The Parish Council has now received the individual salt bags ready for winter and these are now available for collection from the allotments (one bag per household). All salt bins in the Village will be topped up by Oxfordshire County Council.

New Bus Timetable

New bus timetables for services 15, 19 and 233 have now been published and came into effect from 1st September 2020. Copies of the timetables are available on the Parish Council website at <https://www.minsterlovell-pc.gov.uk/news>.

Village Tree Survey

The bi-annual inspection of Council trees across the village has recently taken place and the Parish Council will undertake any recommended works detailed in the report.

Road safety

The Parish Council has been contacted regarding parking on the corner of Upper Crescent and Brize Norton Road, particularly on the corner outside of the Methodist Chapel. As there is such a tight bend here it is difficult to see oncoming traffic when entering Upper Crescent when there are cars parked too close to the corner. Please leave this area clear and make sure that if you are parking on the street you park safely and considerately. The Methodist Church has kindly agreed to put traffic cones in place to prevent parking on the corner when services and church activities take place.

Churchyard extension project

The Parish Council has been in discussion with Oxford Diocese regarding the possibility of the Parish Council purchasing the land next to the current churchyard at St Kenelm's Church to extend the burial ground. At the August meeting the Council agreed to begin the process of investigating the land and exploring any issues which may arise during the project. The project will be funded by s106 monies resulting from the new housing development in the Village.

Audit

The Parish Council has now received the annual Internal Audit report and has sent the accounts to the external auditor for review. The results of the audit will be published on the Council website when confirmed. Please contact the Clerk if you would like to view the annual accounts for 2019-20.

Future meeting dates:

In the current circumstances the Parish Council is carrying out monthly meetings via Zoom, and at the September Council meeting the Council agreed to continue in this way until at least the end of the year. Please contact the Clerk if you would like access details for future meetings. If face-to-face meetings are permitted, the Clerk will advertise this on the Council website and the village noticeboards.

- 19th October, 7.00 pm via Zoom.
- 16th November, 7.00 pm via Zoom.
- 21st December, 7.00 pm via Zoom.

Also a reminder that all Extra Parish Council meetings, which can sometimes be called at short notice, are advertised on our website and agendas will be posted on the Village noticeboards.

Alexandra Molton Parish Clerk

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Thank you

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Wishing all the new residents to the village much happiness in the village.

Since opening (after the Pandemic Shut down) on Sunday July we have held weekly services with all the Covid rules in place. It is not quite the same without the singing, having our faces covered and not being able to hug or shake a sanitised hand, but it is great to meet up and to worship.

We are pleased that the fleur-de-lys is back in its rightful place on top of the building. And we look forward to getting our new Notice Board which was scheduled for the end of September (just as this *Village News* issue is published).

Unfortunately, the Harvest Supper had to be cancelled, but we still held our Harvest Thanksgiving service, and take this opportunity to thank to all who took part in the service also for the donations toward Church funds.

Produce donated for the harvest that was not taken on the day will be going to the Witney Food Bank.

The **Christmas Bazaar** is planned for **November 28th at 2.00pm** in the **Village Hall**. Currently we are considering all the possibilities, such as just having the very popular Christmas stall, with a safe way to run a Tombola, but we must wait to see what the situation is nearer the time.

• **Please check the Notice Board for Information** •

Sunday November 29th is the first Sunday in Advent and as always, we will be lighting the first Advent Candle.

We read in the papers that Christmas is cancelled this year. Possibly family gatherings and secular events will be sadly disrupted if not cancelled but it is the time we Celebrate the Birth of Jesus Christ and that we will do.

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Sunday Eucharists will be held at 9.15 on 11th and 25th October, 8th and 22nd November, 6th December, 3rd January. **Midweek Eucharists** will take place at 11.00 am on 21st October, 18th November, 16th December. Arrangement for services at Christmas have not yet been finalised. The church will be open to people wishing to visit between 11.00am and 1.00pm on 3rd, 7th, 17th, 31st October, 4th, 14th, 28th November, 2nd, 12th, 20th, 30th December, and 9th January. Given social distancing requirements, the Church can only accommodate a around 20 people; seating places have been marked and some pews blocked off. Because of the limit on numbers for services, if you are not a member of our regular congregation and would like to come to a Sunday service, we would ask you to book a place by ringing Michelle at the Witney Benefice Office (01993 779492) – we would, of course, love to welcome you. The services will be shorter than usual, lasting about half an hour with no sermon and no congregational singing. Only the bread will be shared at communion.

Anyone coming into the church for a service or a visit should sanitise their hands on entry and exit (sanitiser will be provided), wear a mask while in the church and observe social distancing when moving around the building. Welcomers will be on hand to help, for instance with Track and Trace procedures.

If you would like to be involved in keeping the church open over the next months, perhaps by doing some cleaning or by being a welcomer, please contact me or one of the Churchwardens.

Finally, the Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place in the church, assuming (perhaps unwisely) that we are by then under a no more restrictive regulatory regime, on Sunday October 25th at 9.45 following the 9.15 service. *All good wishes for these difficult times*

Hugh White, Team Vicar. hugh@witneyparish.org.uk, 01869 347889: Churchwardens: Kirsty Strange, kirsty@witneyparish.org.uk; Judith Warwick, judithwarwick@outlook.com



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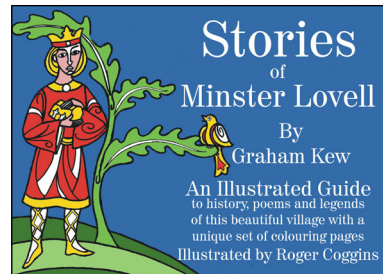
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At the time of writing, as there is no supermarket in the village, they have allowed me to have static points in the Spar and The White Hart, although of course this is subject to change. Thanks to all the other local businesses and the house to house collectors who have supported the campaign in the past. *Hopefully* all will be back to normal next year! **Wendy Atkinson Tel: 776059**



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What a glorious autumn we are having – the gardens still looking stunning.

Hints and Tips

1. Start thinking about taking cuttings from Penstemon, Rosemary, Fuchsia, Forsythia, Weigela, Hydrangeas and many more.
2. Sow your autumn onion sets.
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Happy gardening & keep safe and well Anne, Judy, Margaret and Rosemary.



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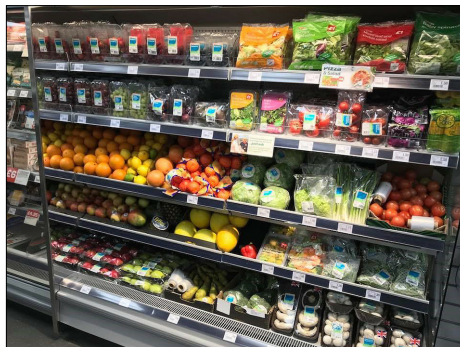
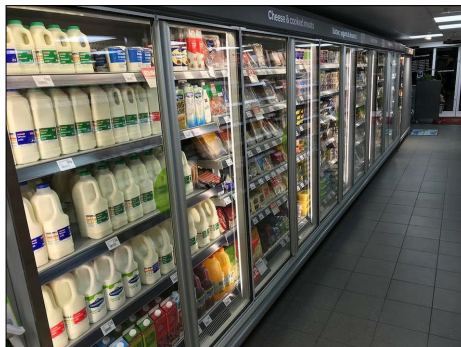
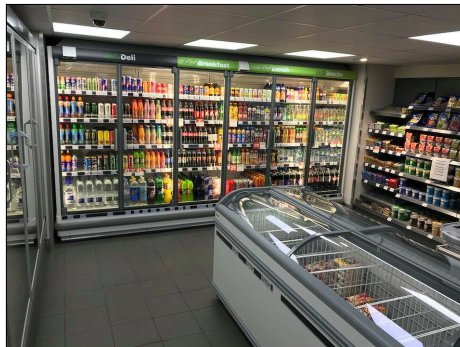
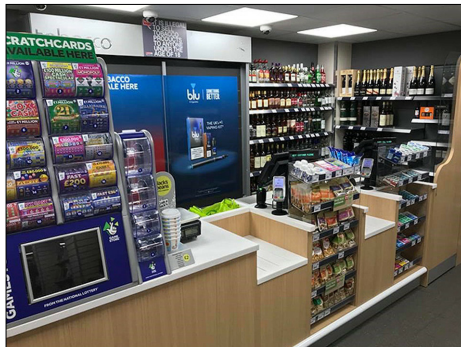
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