



## Newsletter – August 2021

### Parish Council

Meetings are normally held on the second Monday of each month at the **new starting time of 7pm** at the Sobey Suite of the Shurdington Community Centre and residents are welcome to attend.

The council has decided in January 2021 to increase its parish portion from your council tax bill by 3% for the current tax year (2021/22), which will be approximately 82p per annum based on a household in Council Tax Band D.

Parish Council funds are used to pay for cutting grass on The Green, to support village organisations such as the Scouts, Playgroup, Friendship Club, and the Taxi Voucher Scheme, to contribute to other organisations' expenses such as maintenance of the Churchyard, and for various items such as notices, litter bins, dog bins and bus shelters. We have set aside a special Covid fund to help the village recover from the pandemic.

### Last Print Edition of the Parish Newsletter

Shurdington Parish Council are looking at ways of reducing our carbon footprint and have decided to no longer print the 6 monthly newsletter. This will save on printing and delivery costs.

The newsletter will be available digitally and will be available to download from our website.

Alternatively should you wish to receive future editions electronically, please provide your name and email to the Parish Clerk by emailing [shurdingtonpc@gmail.com](mailto:shurdingtonpc@gmail.com). Shurdington Parish Council will not use the details provided for any other reason than to send you the latest edition of the newsletter and you can unsubscribe at any time by emailing the Parish Clerk.

Some print copies will be available in public buildings and shops within the village.

### Parish Council Website & Facebook

Please look at the new and improved parish council website and let us have your comments! The website has been updated and made easier to find information. The website address is [www.shurdingtonpc.co.uk](http://www.shurdingtonpc.co.uk) and the site carries information on various topics, copies of Minutes and other parish council documents,. It includes a new "A to Z" of local council and services information with links to other sites such as Tewkesbury Borough Council, Shurdington Village, and Police.

The Facebook page is @shurdingtonpc and is regularly updated by Cllr George Porter.

## **Walking in Shurdington**

Shurdington Parish Council continue to receive enquiries about access and the condition of footpaths in the parish. The network of paths is known as the Public Rights of Way (PROW), they are open to everyone at any time and give you the right to walk, ride a horse or cycle along certain routes. Some rights of way are open to vehicles.

Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) are responsible for the management and maintenance of this network, although landowners have a degree of responsibility for the safe unrestricted passage of all users.

Shurdington Parish Council strongly support unrestricted access on the PROW network and regularly liaise with the GCC team to ensure this is possible.

For more information on the PROW network, please use the link to the GCC website below which includes information on how to report issues found on our local paths.

**[www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/highways/public-rights-of-way/](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/highways/public-rights-of-way/)**

## **Taxi Voucher Scheme**

Shurdington Parish Council operate a taxi voucher scheme for residents of the parish who find it difficult to use public transport services. This could be because of medical conditions, mobility problems or the distance to the nearest bus stop.

The scheme continues to be well used by some residents of the parish but recently we have seen a reduction of the number of vouchers being used due to the pandemic.

For more details of how to join the scheme please contact Cllr Clare Stewart or the Parish Clerk.

## **Farm Lane Allotments**

A new Allotment Committee manage the allotment site at Farm Lane, Shurdington on behalf of Shurdington Parish Council. The email address for the new committee is [shurdingtonallotments@gmail.com](mailto:shurdingtonallotments@gmail.com)

At the current time there is only a small waiting list for potential new tenants. If you are interested in becoming a tenant please contact the Parish Clerk who can provide more details.

## **Police Matters**

If you are a victim of crime, no matter how minor you may think it is, please report it on 101 and you will be given an incident number which you may need to use for an insurance claim. This also records crimes in our area and allows the police to judge the amount of policing we need. The Parish Council are aware that calling 101 can be time consuming, non-urgent matters can be reported to the police by emailing [101@gloucestershire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:101@gloucestershire.pnn.police.uk) however we would ALWAYS advise that you DIAL 999 IN AN EMERGENCY.

## **Gloucestershire County Council “Report It” for Highways Matters**

If a highways issue poses an immediate danger to public safety please call our emergency number 08000 514 514. Emergency highways issues are classed as follows:

Objects on the highway network (i.e. a fallen tree)  
Faulty temporary or permanent traffic lights (i.e. stuck on red)  
Exposed cables  
Multiple street lighting faults  
Flooded roads  
Potholes over 75mm deep

For non-emergency defects on the highway, GCC are asking us to report it via their website using their interactive mapping system, the link to this feature is:

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/highways/roads/your-highways-report-it/>

You can report an issue related to: potholes; lights, signals and signs; damage to pavement or kerb; road markings and stud issues trees, hedges and vegetation; drainage and flooding; spillages or obstructions on the road and PROW - public footpaths & bridleways (not pavements).

## **Community Speedwatch – Volunteers Required**

Shurdington Parish Councillors would like to establish if there is enough local support to consider facilitating a Shurdington Community Speedwatch Group. At Parish Council meetings a regular source of complaints we receive are linked with speeding traffic through the village.

Volunteers would have to commit to spending time monitoring speed of traffic and collating information which could be provided to the Local Neighbourhood Police team.

All volunteers would be required to receive suitable training.

If you are interested in finding out more or willing to join a Speedwatch group then please contact the Parish Clerk by emailing [shurdingtonpc@gmail.com](mailto:shurdingtonpc@gmail.com)

## **Shurdington Community Centre – New Website**

Shurdington Community Centre hopes to be open for all local groups from September 2021 onwards. A new website is now fully accessible and bookings can be made directly.

The new website address is: <https://shurdingtoncomcentre.net/>

The Community Centre consists of two spacious halls, a room which Links both, a grassed open space enclosed by security fencing, and an entertainments license till 11:00pm making it ideal for any function from meetings to concerts, educational courses, conferences, parties, jumble sales and fund raising events.

There is a securely fenced car park to the rear of the Century Hall, which may be used by carriers of expensive equipment such as catering or disco.

Both halls have Ladies, Gents and Disabled toilets, baby changing room and well equipped kitchens.

### **Useful Telephone Numbers**

Care Direct	0800 444 000
Crimestoppers	0800 555 111
Electricity faults	0800 328 111
Emmaus	01452 413095
Furniture Recycling	01452 331333
Gas faults	0800 111 999
Gloucestershire Highways	08000 514514
NHS (Out of Hours)	08454 220220
NHS Direct	111
Police (non-emergency)	101
Street Light faults	08000 514514
Tewkesbury Borough	01684 295010
Water faults	0800 783 4444

### **Village Organisations**

Church Hall hire	01242 701127
Churchwarden	01242 862598
Friendship Club	01242 863991
Gardening Society	07792 269353
Sports Club	01242 862826
Mothers' Union	01242 862467
Three in One (Editor)	01242 862518
Pre-School	07867 813627
Scout Group	07770 480272

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