



SEER GREEN PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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Our Newsletter is delivered twice a year to all Seer Green households. We also regularly post information on our Notice Board opposite the Old Post Office and on our website.

WILDFLOWERS

Last summer one of the positive things we could take from 2020 was the glorious wildflower bed at the corner of Bottom Lane and Longbottom Lane. This was planted with help from funds from Jordans Environment Trust and was supported by work from the Amersham Town Council gardening team and our very own Seer Green Gardeners. Despite the constraints of the first lockdown meaning that the patch was prepared and sown later than was ideal, the flowers took really well, and the patch looked wonderful for weeks as this photo shows. Unfortunately, together with the wildflowers a swathe of burdock also flourished. Because this would throttle future wildflower planting, the Seer Green Gardeners, assisted by some Duke of Edinburgh volunteers, weeded and cleared the entire bed over the autumn, and sowed it again this spring.



Photo Summer 2020

Receiving so many positive comments about the wildflowers fired up the enthusiasm to create further wildflower beds on the two other entrances to the village, on Chalfont Road and Bayne Hill, together with clearing and planting the raised beds at the station. Some of this work was helped again by the Amersham Town Council team, and the projects have been financially supported by a substantial grant from Buckinghamshire Council's Community Board. The Parish Council is very grateful to the many hours that the Seer Green Gardeners have given to these village projects, as well as their financial support. At time of writing the beds are beginning to flower, and we hope that they will give pleasure to everyone entering and leaving the village as well as providing welcome biodiversity to support insect life.



*Photos
4th July
2021*

*Bottom Ln
Chalfont Rd
Bayne Hill*

TREES

We are very fortunate to live in an area which has so many trees and woods for us to enjoy. A significant amount of the Parish Council precept goes to enable us to ensure our trees are kept healthy and safe.

As mentioned in our last newsletter sadly the ash trees in Green Meadow were condemned and had to be felled in April. The Parish Council are looking into other opportunities for new trees in Green Meadow.



FLOODING / DRAINAGE UPDATE

Sadly again this year the village has suffered from some significant flooding issues in a number of places in the village. The Clerk and members of the Parish Council have continued to petition Bucks County Council on this issue.



Outside Colliers, School Lane, 18th June 2021

In July Transport for Buckinghamshire (TfB) are planning to install a 3.5 metre deep soakaway chamber to collect the surface water opposite Colliers, at the end of the grasscrete on School Lane. It is currently planned that the soakaway may include a borehole to increase capacity. New larger capacity gullies (like those installed on the Newbarn Lane bend) will be installed where possible with increased connectivity of all drainage features under the carriageway. The existing pipe, under the adjacent garden of Colliers will be repaired / replaced to improve the removal of surface water from School Lane.

TfB also intend to install a borehole within the existing soakaway situated in the existing area of grass verge at the junction of Manor Farm Way and Chalfont Road/School Lane. This will help remove as much from the carriageway at this location before it flows along School Lane to the existing low point opposite Colliers.

A resident has raised concerns about water flowing down Manor Farm Way which floods the cul-de-sac and gardens. A scheme brief will be raised for this separate issue and prioritised on the Capital Drainage list as appropriate and I have been asked to collect photographs of this issue – if this affects you or you have photos please could you email Clerk@SeerGreenParishCouncil.gov.uk.

In late 2021 it is Buckinghamshire Council's current intention to install larger gullies on Chalfont Road to help alleviate the drainage issues at this location and this may include further drainage features to assist the removal of surface water from the carriageway at this point. During these planned works, all remaining drainage features in this area of flooding will be cleared. These include the 11 blocked gullies on Chalfont Road that the Parish Council reported on 1st February 2021-Fix My Street (FMS) report 40154270 and the two gullies on Rawlings Lane FMS No. 40154271. Unfortunately, there is an enforcement issue with a neighbouring landowner and the flooding will not be completely resolved until the additional flows from their property have been dealt with.



Chalfont Road, 18th June 2021

PARKING

The Parish Council continue to receive a steady stream of concerns raised about parking in the village, ranging from parking around the school on School Lane and Stable Lane, pavements blocked on Howard Road and congestion in the centre of the village, especially along Chalfont Road. A request has been made to TfB to repaint the white lines on the corner of Stable Lane and School Lane to show where not to park which were not re-marked following the road resurfacing last year. The nearest you can park to a junction is 10 metres (or 32 feet). Parking on double yellow lines or on the pavement, obstructing pedestrians, pushchairs and wheelchair users, may result in a fixed penalty notice.

Please be considerate in your parking in the village.

THE PAVILION – A NEW HOME FOR



The Parish Council is delighted to welcome Seer Green resident, Candice Hayes, as the new tenant for our Pavilion at the Recreation Ground. She takes over the lease from the Chiltern Montessori School, which will run as normal until the end of term.

Mrs Hayes has run her nursery facility, Little Ducklings, from her own home in the past, but after some alterations and re-decoration work to the Pavilion during the month of August, she will open the doors of the new Little Ducklings at the beginning of September. The nursery will cater for children aged 3 months to 5 years and be open Monday to Friday, 7.30am – 6.30pm.

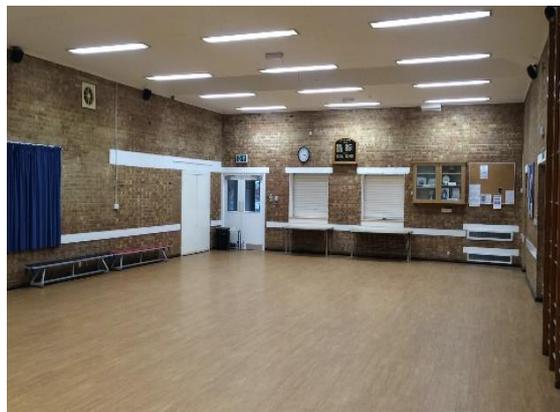
We wish Candice and her team every success in the venture, and we are very happy that the Pavilion will continue to provide a valuable service to our village.

COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL)

Seer Green Parish Council recently received their first payment of £3,565.45 as a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) from Buckinghamshire Council for a house development in Seer Green. CIL is a planning charge, introduced by the Planning Act 2008, as a tool for local authorities in England and Wales to help deliver infrastructure to support the development of their area. The money can be spent on the provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure. The Parish Council agreed to spend the money on improving the facilities at the Pavilion at the Recreation Ground which was built 50 years ago. During the week the Pavilion is used as a preschool school setting and at the weekend the changing rooms and showers are used by the football teams. The building has recently benefitted from a series of improvements including new internal doors, LED lights, a new oven and will be refurbished and redecorated over the summer.

IMPROVEMENTS TO THE JUBILEE HALL

Since March last year the Jubilee Hall has been unavailable to hire due to the Covid restrictions. At the time of print we hope that from Step 4 of the roadmap we will be able to welcome bookings from local residents for events, activities and celebrations. Prior to the first Lockdown the committee had started to investigate upgrading the Audio-Visual system in the hall in order to make this facility available for hirers to use. During the summer a new projector, sound system and improved Wi-Fi was installed, enabling not only an effective system for use by the school, but also for hirers to play music via a phone/tablet, connect a laptop via HDMI to the projector and access microphones. There will be a small addition charge to hirers to use this new equipment.



Over the summer three internal doors are being upgraded to fire doors and significant work will take place on reducing the height of the large hedge which runs alongside the hall.

Hall availability can be seen on the website www.sgjubileehall.org.uk or by calling the bookings secretary on 01494 857760.



A Post Office continues to be available in Seer Green Baptist Church each Tuesday morning, from 10am to 1pm. Each Thursday, from 10am to 1pm Jordans Village Store hosts it. A wide range of the normal Post Office services are available.

PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL COMMUNITY AWARD 2021

For the last eight years the Parish Council has presented a small award to recognise the person judged by the Chairman as having made a significant contribution to the village community. Last year this was slightly different as 16 Seer Green Community Superheroes were recognised for their work during the pandemic.

This year we are looking to make one award and are asking for your nominations.

Nominees should be village residents or have strong ties to the Seer Green community; age is no barrier; recipients can be young or old. Their contribution might have been towards community spirit or social cohesion in the village, or it might have been improving or up keeping the village environment. We would like to hear from you about those unsung heroes whose contribution goes unnoticed as well as those who are known to play a prominent role within our community.

We are asking for your nominations to be submitted before the closing date of 15th August. The award (gift tokens to the value of £50) will be announced at the September Parish Council Meeting.

Please send your nomination by post, or email to the Parish Clerk, (details below), with the following information:

My nomination is for:

Why I am nominating him/her (maximum 50 words)

Name

Address:

DATES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Seer Green Parish Council meet on the first TUESDAY of each month at 7.30pm at Seer Green Baptist Church.

No August Meeting 7th September 5th October 2nd November

Members of the public are welcome to come and raise any relevant issues at the monthly Parish Council meeting. All are welcome to stay and observe the meeting but may only speak during the 15-minute open session at the beginning.

WHO TO CONTACT

The Parish Council is often approached by residents when issues and problems arise in and around the village. Generally, we are either able to deal with these directly, if the issue is under our control, or to help get matters sorted out by liaising with the appropriate local authority or utility, when we have no powers to deal with the issue ourselves. However, it can be helpful if residents themselves report particular problems directly to the responsible agency as it can save time.

Report potholes/flooding/trees on the highway to Bucks County Council Transport Department on www.fixmystreet.buckcc.gov.uk. Waste, litter, road sweeping, fly-tipping and clearance of paths (e.g. path to Seer Green Station) should be reported to <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/bin-collection-recycling-and-waste/>. Village Street lights can be reported to the Parish Clerk, details below.

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