

ASTON, COTE, SHIFFORD & CHIMNEY PARISH COUNCIL

CLERK'S BRIEFING NOTES

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 3 AUGUST 2017

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Correspondence sent since 6 July 2017

- a) Planning application response for Cote Road application (17/01782/RES)
- b) Planning application response for Chimney Farm Barns application (17/01915/FUL)
- c) Response to WODC regarding Tree Protection Order for sycamore trees at Wheelwright Court
- d) Letter to Friends of Historic Cote Chapel enclosing donation for grass cutting



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15 July 2017

Dear Clerk

THE SOLDIERS OF OXFORDSHIRE MUSEUM IN 2017

As we start to mark the end of our centenary commemoration of the Great War, SOFO is reviewing the important archives of the two county regiments and the parishes from which their men came. We want to ensure that these archives are preserved for future generations, whether it be for school children researching their local memorial or researchers investigating the impact of the war.

To help us in this endeavour we are taking the opportunity to ask each parish to contribute to a special fundraising initiative to support the work of the museum and to be publicly acknowledged during our exhibition, "Oxfordshire Remembers Part 2 1914-1918" where many of the county's stories will be shared with local audiences, visiting schools participating in our education programme and also people who visit from further afield. During our first exhibition in 2014 we welcomed over 12,000 visitors, all eager to see the Great War exhibition in the county's newest museum and the only one focused on military heritage. Our new exhibition begins in November 2017 and will end in December 2018.

We pride ourselves upon being Oxfordshire's own military museum. We are excited by the progress we have made since we first opened our doors three years ago but there is much yet to do. The military side of the county's conflict life, not just that of the Great War, features strongly in what we are doing in the museum but of course so do the people of the county including those who played their part on the 'home front'. It is important to us that we give proper recognition to this. Our education programme continues to grow, supporting both school children with their curriculum targets but also life - long learners wishing to expand their knowledge of the region's military life.

As I mentioned earlier, the quality of the information we hold in our archive is key to delivering the background information to our education and research programme. We need to fund the staff to do this and I hope that the idea of supporting this initiative and the Museum might appeal in your parish. If you feel able to assist, we would appreciate it if you could make a donation to us, ideally of £250, and help support the archive work at SOFO. Please email us or call us, fundraising@sofo.org.uk / 01993 810 213, preferably by September 25th in order that our website and brochure for the exhibition can be updated with your contribution. All contributors will of course be invited to our opening event on November 18th 2017.

We would be delighted to show you round at a time to suit you and hope we might hear from you in the meantime.

Brigadier Ian Inshaw DL
Chairman of the Trust

Aston, Cote, Shifford & Chimney Parish Council Parish Amenities Survey

The Parish Council is seeking feedback from residents on what developments to the facilities and amenities in the parish you would like to see.

Whilst the Parish Council has limited resources and cannot necessarily provide everything that people would like to see in the parish, we are keen to ensure that anything that is provided reflects public demand. Many of the potential additional amenities would also only be possible if consent is obtained from an external organisation such as Aston & Cote Community Trust, and/or if suitable new amenity land were to become available in the parish.

New housing developments, such as the one proposed for Cote Road in Aston, can generate funds to improve the facilities available in the area of the development. Whilst the Parish Council has objected to the planning application for the proposed development on Cote Road, we have been advised to submit a bid for the use of any potential funding from the developer, should West Oxfordshire District Council grant the planning permission.

We would be grateful if you would complete the survey below, returning it to either Aston Post Office or Aston Stores by **6.00pm on Monday 27 January 2014**.

The survey shows some ideas for the type of amenities which people may be interested in. There is also space for you to add three ideas of your own. It would be helpful if you could prioritise the amenities you would be interested in seeing in the parish in the "Priority" column (numbering from 1, where 1 is the highest priority). Please leave this column blank for any ideas you would not be interested in.

	Priority
Outdoor court for tennis, netball and 5-a-side football	
Adult outdoor gym equipment	
Outdoor skate & bike park	
Children's play area nearer the centre of Aston	
Public work of art/sculpture	
Solar panels on the village hall roof to generate power for the hall	
Your idea 1:	
Your idea 2:	
Your idea 3:	

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Financial Matters

1. Cash Balances

	£
<i>SANTANDER CURRENT ACCOUNT</i>	
Balance at 30 June 2017	235.69
Transactions in month	
Grass cutting grant (OCC)	1,048.60
Balance at 31 July 2017	<u>1,284.29</u>
 <i>UNITY TRUST CURRENT ACCOUNT</i>	
Balance at 30 June 2017	16,961.76
July payments	(2,098.27)
Balance at 31 July 2017	<u>14,863.49</u>
 <i>NATIONWIDE DEPOSIT ACCOUNT</i>	
Balance at 30 June 2017	39,106.79
Transactions in month	NIL
Balance at 31 July 2017	<u>£39,106.79</u>
 <i>SANTANDER BUSINESS DEPOSIT ACCOUNT</i>	
Balance at 30 June 2017	534.97
Transactions in month: interest received	0.04
Balance at 31 July 2017	<u>£535.01</u>
 TOTAL CASH HOLDING AT 31 JULY 2017	 <u>£55,789.58</u>