



Streatley Parish Council Newsletter

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New Councillor

As a newly co-opted member of the Parish Council, I would like to introduce myself. My name is Adrian Button. I have lived in Sharpenhoe for over 20 years. I have taken early retirement and now volunteer as lifeguard and driver at the Keech Hospice. My hobbies include scuba diving, walking and pub quizzing. My wife and I enjoy exploring in our motor home. I look forward to taking a more active role in our community.

Councillor Vacancy

A vacancy still exists for a councillor to bring the Parish Council up to its proper strength of seven members. We remain keen to recruit another resident with an interest in contributing to the life of the community and the energy to devote a little time to improving various aspects of the area in which we live.

Requirements are that councillors must be over 21 and electors within the Parish. Although important and requiring a degree of dedication, councillors' duties need not be onerous and some training is available. Applications must be in the form of a CV and letter of application. If you would like to apply or find out more please telephone the Chairman or e-mail the Parish Clerk (contact details alongside).

Deadline for applications - 12 June 2017

Parking on Footways

Members of the Parish Council have been receiving complaints from residents about the numbers of vehicles being parked on pavements. The photograph alongside highlights the problem. Parents of young children with pushchairs would have been forced on to a busy road in order to get past, and we have at least one blind resident in Streatley who would have had an even more potentially dangerous situation. Quite apart from the hazard it creates, it is illegal, and where there is a continuing problem the police will be informed.



Help to Prevent Burglary

In addition to the usual summertime warnings not to leave windows open when you are out and about, please be aware that there have been several burglaries/attempted burglaries in the Parish during broad daylight and when residents are present or not far away. The modus operandi seems to be to have someone - who may be dressed smartly - call at the front door with some seemingly innocent but bogus question while accomplices break in through patio or back doors. A swift exit via the A6 generally follows. Please be alert and report any suspicious activity. And don't leave money, phones or car keys in view.

Nuisance Motorbikes

Nuisance motorbikes are an ongoing issue in the south of the county, and members of the Special Constabulary have now joined Bedfordshire Police's Op Meteor team to help the force's response to the issue. Thanks to help from residents, Op Meteor continues to crack down on this dangerous and nuisance behaviour. In the past two weeks the team has managed to seize and secure two bikes which are now off the streets.

Please submit information, as even minor details can help in identifying vehicles and offenders. You can familiarise yourself with the guide to what kind of information the force is looking for in the guide to reporting: http://www.bedfordshire.police.uk/tackling_crime/nuisance_motorbikes/guide_to_reporting.aspx

To find out what to report or how to report it to Bedfordshire Police, visit the force's website, which has a dedicated page about nuisance motorbikes at http://www.bedfordshire.police.uk/tackling_crime/off-road_biking.aspx

Next Meeting

Monday 19 June 2017 at Streatley Village Hall, beginning at 7.30 p.m.
All local electors and members of the press are welcome to attend.

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