



Streatley Parish Council Newsletter

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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).

Draft Local Plan

It appears the Government considers that Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC) needs to build 60% more houses than CBC has already planned. Not only is this a significant increase, but it is also way above the average increase for our neighbouring authorities which averages at a 29% increase.

Last month, Central Bedfordshire Councillors voted unanimously to robustly challenge the proposals through the national consultation, which is inappropriately entitled 'Placing for the right homes in the right places'. CBC's Director of Regeneration and Business writes 'Whilst we will do everything in our power to challenge the proposed methodology, as a responsible local authority we need to also anticipate the possibility that the new methodology may indeed be imposed'.

You can participate in the Department of Communities and Local Government consultation via their website at <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/planning-for-the-right-homes-in-the-right-places-consultation-proposals>

A Draft Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) is Now Open

A PNA looks at what pharmaceutical services are currently in an area, whether this meets local needs and if there are any gaps. So residents are being asked to give feedback on the services offered by local pharmacies, which could include offering health advice and information such as stop-smoking services, sexual health and drug support services as well as providing over-the-counter medicines, and whether this meets local needs. All local authorities are required to keep an updated PNA document, so feedback is also sought on each of the documents to help identify any issues that affect the commissioning of pharmaceutical services and the ability to meet local health needs and priorities.

People can take part in one or both sections of the consultation. All feedback will be considered by the health and well-being boards from the three local authorities and help them to identify any current and future services that may need to be commissioned.

The consultation runs until Friday, 15 December. The easiest way for residents to have their say is online at www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/consultations, while paper copies will also be available from libraries.

Fireworks

As Guy Fawkes' Night approaches again, we thought it might be helpful to provide the advice given last year regarding fireworks. No one under 18 may buy outdoor fireworks, nor may they have such fireworks in public places. The police are empowered to impose an £80 on-the-spot fine for any breach. Also, it is against the law to set off or throw fireworks in the street or other public place, or to set off fireworks between 11.00 p.m. and 7.00 a.m. – except during certain celebrations (these are: until midnight on Bonfire Night, and until 1.00 a.m. on New Year's Eve, Diwali and Chinese New Year).

There are exceptions in the case of local authority fireworks displays, national public celebrations or national commemorative events.

Remember too not to let off fireworks near animals, including farm animals.

Securing Your Property

In these darker evenings, it seems timely to remind residents of the need to secure their properties carefully while away from home and lock away tools and ladders that might be used to gain entry.

Next Meeting

Monday 13 November 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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