

Burcot and Clifton Hampden Parish Council Newsletter

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LATEST NEWS:

Clifton Hampden Neighbourhood Development Plan Referendum date announced

A Referendum relating to the adoption of the Clifton Hampden Neighbourhood Development Plan will be held for the Clifton Hampden Neighbourhood Area on **Thursday 5 September 2024**.

The question asked at the Referendum will be:

Do you want South Oxfordshire District Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Clifton Hampden to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?

Your vote is important as it determines whether the Clifton Hampden Neighbourhood Development Plan is used to help to decide planning applications within Clifton Hampden and becomes part of the Development Plan used by the Local Planning Authority (SODC).

[SODC - NDP
INFORMATION](#)

VACANCIES IN PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH CLERK

We are looking for a new clerk, if you are interested please click the link for more details

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COUNCILLORS

Back in March, ten residents requested an election for the vacant Councillor position, but have not put forward a nomination to date.

As previously, there is another Notice of Election posted. The Election Service's are requesting nominations again, this time the deadline was **4pm on Thursday 1 August 2024**.

COMMUNITY

Flood Committee meeting

At the last Parish Council meeting, Burcot and Clifton Hampden's Flood Committee was formally approved. The purpose of the flood group to coordinate advise and action on practical procedures for protecting people and property against flooding in the Clifton Hampden and Burcot villages and work to implement the recommendations through a Community Flood Plan.

The group consists of six members, headed up by Kate Lowe (Clifton Hampden) and Jenny Roseman (Burcot). The group will monitor flood risks, coordinate with relevant bodies, apply for grants with the Parish Council's consent, and recommend remedial actions.

In Storm Henk in January 2024, 5 houses in Clifton Hampden and 2 houses in Burcot were flooded from field surface water run-off. This required the lead local flood authority (Oxfordshire county council) to investigate flood risks in the parish and publish an S19 report. This has now been published

A grant from OCC was secured to carry out some work in Burcot.

The group held their first meeting on 24th July. It was agreed in that meeting that Flood committee collectively fulfils the roles of a flood warden, however a single point of contact was agreed for co-ordinating and communicating with other agencies, amongst other actions to engage stakeholders mentioned in the S19 report. The Parish Council will also allocate funds to support the group, a budgeted plan will be prepared.

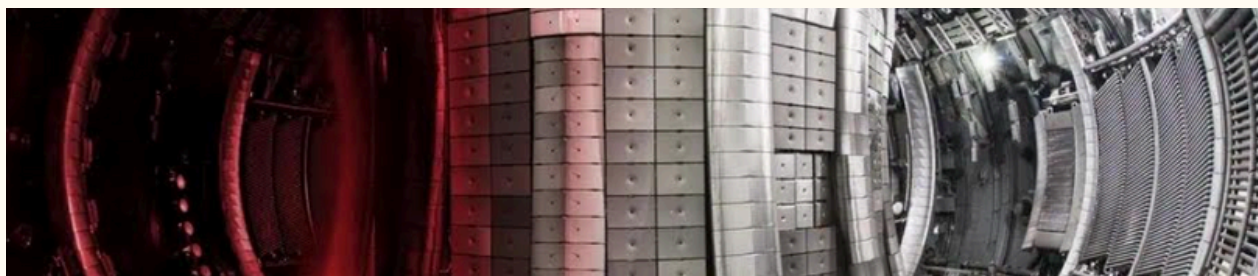
The group will holding regular meetings, in the village hall. Residents are welcome to attend.

[COMMITTEE TERMS
OF REFERENCE](#)

[SECTION 19 REPORT](#)

COMMUNITY:

Culham Campus update



On 18th July, Culham campus hosted a Liaison Committee meeting. As always, the meeting was fast paced – lead by the affable CEO, Prof Sir Ian Chapman – and full of headline news, including:

- Culham Campus has now completed its ‘rebrand’ from what used to be known as CulhamScience Centre. The purpose of this rebrand was to highlight the change in era following completion of the 40-year JET project, looking forward to the future development of the site as a centre for ‘high energy’ research, commercialisation and academia;
- Culham are celebrating their 70 th -year of operation this year and have a number of events planned. Please note that their next public open day – focussed around the new visitor centre – will be in October and we will circulate further information once the date has been confirmed;
- With a new UK government installed, Culham are looking forward to their first ministerial visit during the summer recess, where they hope to learn more on the government’s priorities going forward. The focus is anticipated to be on ‘sustainable energy solutions’ and ‘economic growth’;
- The new headquarters building for the UK AEA (UK Atomic Energy Authority) has now been opened at Culham Campus, and is bringing together into one building, colleagues who were previously spread across multiple locations on-site;

Culham Campus have accepted an invitation to deliver a presentation to the community, at a Parish Council meeting in the autumn.

In the meantime people may keep abreast of news on their website.

[CULHAM CAMPUS](#)
[WEBSITE](#)

COMMUNITY FOOTPATHS



The Parish Council, had negotiated with a local farmer, a network of permissive footpaths, which would have allowed many circular walks linking up with the very few statutory footpaths around Burcot.

The farmer would have benefited from grants from the Government's Sustainable Farming Initiative (SFI) to compensate for the costs of maintaining these footpaths. The Scheme would have brought health and well-being advantages for walkers as well as help for farmers.

Unfortunately, our new Government has dropped the permissive footpath scheme out of the SFI and so our scheme for permissive footpaths has also been dropped.

A letter has been written to Olly Glover, our new MP to see whether the scheme might be reinstated. Please let us know if you have any views on this change of policy.

Contact: christine.mcculloch@cliftonhampden.org.uk

Funding opportunities

New capital grant funding round opens to applications in July
Voluntary and community organisations in South Oxfordshire will shortly be able to apply for up to £75,000 in funding for projects that help improve people's quality of life.

Organisations can request a minimum of £5,000 and a maximum of £75,000 but no more than 50 per cent of their total project costs towards capital expenditure such as making improvements to buildings or play areas.

The Capital Grant Scheme will be open for applications from 8 July until midday 2 September.

Applicants apply online through the SODC website: southoxon.gov.uk/grants

[FUNDING](#)

COMMUNITY

Local news

Let's S.C.R.A.P Fly-tipping Campaign

Fly-tipping is the illegal dumping of items. Many incidents of fly-tipping can be prevented by following the S.C.R.A.P code.

S.C.R.A.P stands for:

S - Suspect C - Check R - Refuse A - Ask P - Paperwork

Everyone has a legal duty of care to ensure their household or business waste is disposed of correctly and we each have a role to play in preventing fly-tipping.

The rubbish you've passed onto someone else is still your legal responsibility until it's correctly disposed of. This means you can be prosecuted even if your waste is fly-tipped by someone else who's dealing with it on your behalf.

More information can be found at:

S.C.R.A.P Fly-tipping:

www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/flytipping

Waste Wizard search tool:

www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/wastewizard



NOTICES

Parish Council Meeting 2nd September 2024 7:30pm

NDP Referendum: 5th September 2024

Flood Committee Meeting: 29th August 2024 7:30pm

Mailing List

If you would like to receive PC news by email please contact: info@cliftonhampden.org.uk and sign up to our mailing list.



Changing the official Parish Council name

Officially our Parish is known as Clifton Hampden Parish. We would like to hear your views on changing its name to include Burcot. Please click on the survey link and vote for your preferred name.

[VOTE NOW](#)

USEFUL LINKS

Wears and repairs

To make reporting easier we have now added the following links to our website

- **Fixmystreet** to report issues with roads.
- **Countryside access** to report issues with rights of way.

<https://cliftonhampden.org.uk/>

