



Chairman's Monthly Newsletter

With the very sad news of the passing of His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh, April's scheduled meeting was of course cancelled with a new date to be announced. However, with just four Councillors and a part-time Clerk things remain busy as ever including preparations for the annual Audit and the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council at the beginning of May which will cover its governance.

Although there has been some opposition to the felling of one of the willow trees – the one by the side of the road – and talk of a scheme which could allow it to stay, the Council remains committed to a grant application under 'Operation Watershed' as soon as possible. It has the potential to save the Parish a significant amount of money in the long term - based on initial costings of the work involved - and which might otherwise be passed on through a higher precept. This may be a one-off opportunity as funds are finite, allocated throughout the year and there really is no certainty with the current economic climate and changing priorities that the scheme will run next year. You can read more on the Parish Council website either as part of the meeting minutes or under the 'Information' tab.

Certainly, the enthusiasm for the pond is most welcome and hopefully a 'Friends of Slindon Pond' or some form of volunteer group will be a legacy of what has been a rather difficult period as the Council seeks to act in the best interest of its parishioners.

Slindon is expecting to see more visitors when the bluebells emerge, especially as staycations have opened up. Our roads do not have double yellow lines so cars can be parked. However, if any parishioners have problems with people parking too close their entrances or driveways, contact Jan (phone number) or Barbara (phone number). Cones can then be brought into action.

The Pavilion at the recreation ground is having a makeover. There are two new disabled ramps and fire doors have been fitted. The interior walls and doors have been painted and a new floor covering will go down soon.

So, plenty going on as we emerge from lockdown and look forward to brighter times!

Jan Rees

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