

## NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL     JANUARY 2025

The January meeting of the parish council was held on a cold damp night in early January, but we benefitted not just from a few sturdy parishioners braving the weather to join us, but also our county councillor and both district councillors being present too. We learnt.....

**Woodstock Surgery** Good progress has been made in finding a site for the new Woodstock Surgery. This is good news as the fear has been that we might have to share one with Bicester. The committee chaired by our local MP has identified three possible sites. The front-runner at the moment is on the Banbury Road out of Woodstock, but all three are being looked at seriously. If all goes well the new surgery could be up and running in three years.

**A4260 at Sturdys Castle** It is proposed to reduce the speed limit on this stretch of road to make crossing the main road safer when going from Wootton to Tackley. If you support this - or are opposed - then please respond to the consultation.

**Another local government reorganisation is on the way (!)** The Government is planning to reorganise the council structure in Oxfordshire. The district councils will be abolished, an elected mayor position will be created at least for the whole of Oxfordshire, and possibly for an even larger area! If this were pursued it would mean abolishing the county council and setting up a 'combined authority', possibly with Berkshire. If you're worried about all this then email our local MP, Calum Miller. ([calum.miller.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:calum.miller.mp@parliament.uk))

**Botley West Solar project** We agreed to apply for 'interested party' status at the public enquiry into the Botley West planning application, which means the council will be able to submit evidence to the Inspector on behalf of Wootton. Please note that anyone who lives in the parish is also entitled to apply to be an interested party. In order to register you should go to [www.national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN010147/](http://www.national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN010147/)

**Defibrillator** Do you know how to use the village defibrillators in an emergency? If so would you be willing to explain it to other villagers? We are keen to help more people learn how to use this vital piece of equipment, so please let us know if you can help.

**Dumped tyres in Milford lane** These were reported to WODC in November. We hope they will be removed soon.

**Bench seat by the bridge** Thanks to all who have reported this. We know it is missing; it was washed away when the Glyme was in flood. If anyone has seen it down-river please let us know.

**Our next meeting will be on Monday 3 March at 7.30 pm in the village hall.**

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