



GREAT OLDBURY PARISH COUNCIL

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Great Oldbury Website <https://www.greatoldbury-pc.gov.uk/>

The Website is now up and running, with a nice aerial view of the Village; taken by a resident using a drone who kindly agreed to the Council using it on the website. The Website is starting to be populated with Council documentation; the Council is committed to being open and transparent, so non-confidential information will be available. The website will be updated with other useful information including a business directory and events in due course.

Councillor Details – The Members of Great Oldbury Parish Council now each have an official email address which can be found on the website, along with their photo and details.

<https://www.greatoldbury-pc.gov.uk/the-council>

Planning Training – several of the Members attended a Planning Training seminar given by Elisabeth Skinner MBE. The feedback on the training was positive and it will assist the Members going forward with their role as Consultee to Planning Applications.

Planning Portal – Stroud District Council have now set up GOPC as a Consultee on their Public Access Planning Portal. The Parish Council will get officially notified of any planning application and an opportunity to comment on these. I recommend that anyone who wishes to be informed of planning applications that affect Great Oldbury, that they register on the portal -

<https://publicaccess.stroud.gov.uk/online-applications/registrationWizard.do?action=start>

A Planning Report is produced each month for GOPC and is available on the website -

<https://www.greatoldbury-pc.gov.uk/planning-reports>

Stroud District Council Charter – I have written to SDC to confirm that GOPC have adopted the Charter and they have in turn confirmed that they have updated their records. All Members will soon be provided with sign in details for their hub.

In Bloom – Cllr Brinkworth is keen to get a group set up for In Bloom. I recommend that this is a Community Led group but with the full support of the Parish Council. I would recommend that the Parish Council purchases the items needed, i.e. planters, watering facilities, plants etc and then gifts them to the Group, as that way the Council can claim back the VAT. If the Council decides to contract a handyman/groundman then they can also assist with any of the work involved. I further recommend that the Community Group speak with the Stonehouse In Bloom Group, for advice.

Council Vacancy the Council are in the process of recruiting a permanent Clerk/RFO/Proper Officer, who should be in office within the next month.

Standish Village Hall have kindly permitted Great Oldbury Parish Council to hold their meetings in their hall free of charge, in their words “to help out a neighbouring parish in need”. The hall itself is well equipped and has plenty of space for Members of the public to attend should they wish to.



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