

Dear Parishioner,

Welcome to the first Newsletter of 2018 from Clapham Parish Council. There have been a number of changes to the Council since May 2017 with the election of a new Chairman, Giles Allen, co-option of a new Councillor, Karen Milner, and the resignations of long serving members Councillor Haydn Smith, and Responsible Finance Officer Nigel Rowland. Since October, when Jenifer Bower resigned as Clerk, we have been fortunate to have the support of locum Clerk and RFO, David Porter, who has 10 years previous experience as a Parish Clerk and RFO.

A Parish Council website is in the process of being developed and will be published in the near future. Further information and announcements will be posted on the notice boards in the meantime.

Parish Council Members

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Responsible Finance Officer**
David Porter
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Councillors:

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Cllr Peter Jenkin
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Cllr Karen Milner
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Vacancy

Also in this issue...

- An update on the Recreation Ground lease proposals (see overleaf).
- The new General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) (see overleaf).

Date of next meeting

**Annual Parish Meeting
at 6pm followed by the
Annual Parish Council Meeting
Thursday 17th May 2018
in the Committee Room at
Clapham and Patching Village Hall.**

The **Annual Parish Meeting** is an opportunity for Clapham residents to raise questions with the Parish Council. We need to know what is important to YOU so we can work together to improve our community. **To include your questions for discussion at the meeting, please contact the Clerk in writing by Thursday 10th May 2018.**

We look forward to hearing your views.

Recreation Ground Lease Progress

A constructive meeting was held 4th April 2018 between representatives of Clapham Parish Council, Clapham Recreation Ground Trustees, Clapham & Patching Community Shop & Café Project Ltd (a Community Benefit Society), and the Clapham Playground Restoration group.

The aim of the meeting, which was organised by the parish council, was to establish the requirements of all parties in order to:

- agree conditions of a lease to be issued by the Trustees to the Parish Council, for the ongoing maintenance and upkeep of the Recreation Ground;
- agree requirements of CPCSCP Ltd for them to secure a Sub-Lease to be issued by the Parish Council, to enable the continuation of a community-owned and community-operated shop/café on its current site;
- agree the requirements of the Clapham Playground Restoration group to assist them in applying for funding for new playground equipment and disability-friendly access.

Whilst it was recognised by all that there are some issues to surmount , it was felt that these obstacles could be overcome.

The parish council will convene another meeting with all parties as soon as the actions identified have been resolved.

A fuller report will be given at the next Parish Meeting to be held at 6.00pm on 17th May 2018 at the Village Hall.

Clapham Parish Council
April 2018

The new **General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)** will come into force from 25th May 2018. It replaces the existing law on data protection (the Data Protection Act 1998) and gives individuals more rights and protection in how their personal data is used by organisations. Parish Councils must comply with its requirements, just like any other organisation, and therefore Clapham Parish Council are producing new policies for compliance and these will be found on our new web site when launched.