



# **SUNNICA ENERGY FARMS**

## **Statutory Consultation**

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Important public meeting with  
Lucy Fraser MP

5th October 2020 at 7pm via Zoom

Please join this meeting if you are able  
*Joining details on page 9*

# Parish Council

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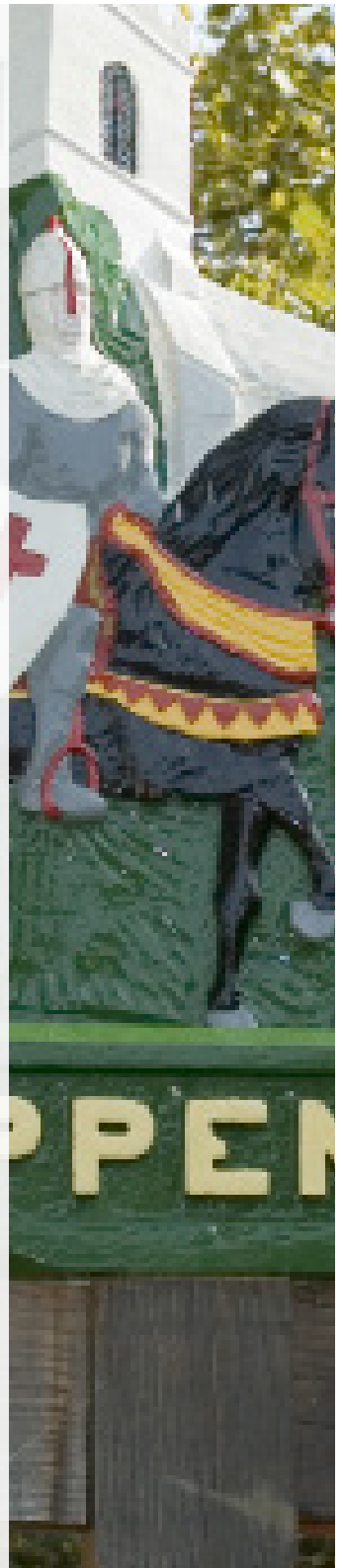
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**CHIPPENHAM PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting held via videoconferencing on**  
**Monday 13th July 2020 7pm**

**Public Participation**

NB told the meeting that he had been contacted by phone regarding the legacy of John Tharp. The member of the public was invited to attend the parish council meeting or write in to voice his concerns but has declined to do either.

**District Council Report**

Nothing

**County Council Report**

Nothing

**Planning**

**i. 20/00811/VAR – rear 38 High Street**

The council is concerned that work has already started on these properties.

It is also a concern that this self build approach will be phased and will impact on the condition attached to the permission that the parking and turning areas are to be kept accessible at all times.

The clerk will ask the planning office for guidance on the self build model.

**ii. Sunnica**

NB and NW will attend a Zoom call at 7pm on Wednesday regarding Sunnica. NB pointed out that when the next consultation starts it's a relatively quick process and all parties need to be organised to formulate a robust response. Another scheme, Green Energy, is also planning to develop a solar farm in the region.

**Play areas**

The play areas are now open and being used. TC and KP made and erected COVID guidance signs at all gates for both play areas. NB cut down one small tree which was pushing against a neighbouring fence.

**Highway Matters**

LHI bid 2019-20 – no further update

LHI bid 2020-21 – on advice from Highways the council has decided to bid for funding for a 40mph buffer zone approaching the 30mph zones from Fordham and Palace Lane.

There is still an issue with parking on the pavement. The clerk has been speaking to the letting agent of some of the properties to get the hedge cut back to give more pavement space.

**Village Matters**

**i. Recent Criminal Activity**

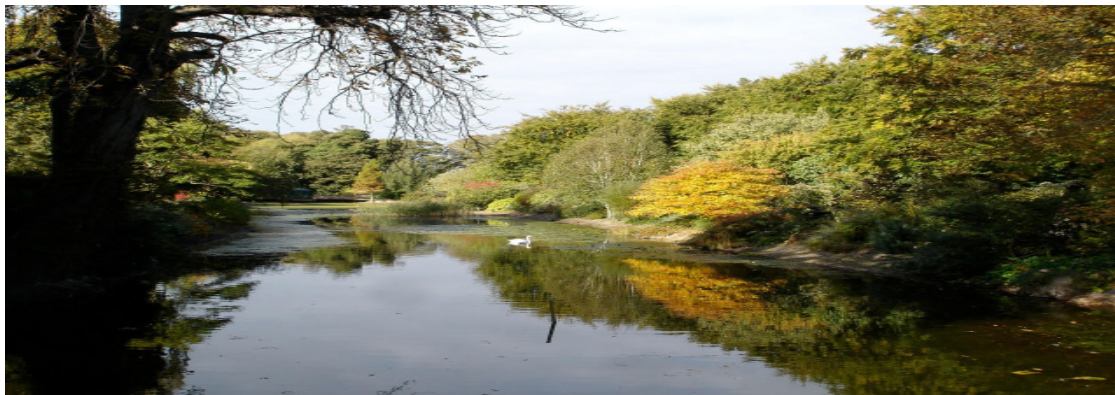
There has been a spate of dog thefts in the region.

There have been Nottingham knockers operating in the area. It was noted that this scheme is a fraud and is not run or supported by any charities or organisations.

**ii. Village Hall**

The committee is meeting to discuss the measures needed to re-open the hall.

They are also looking at appointing trustees for the hall.

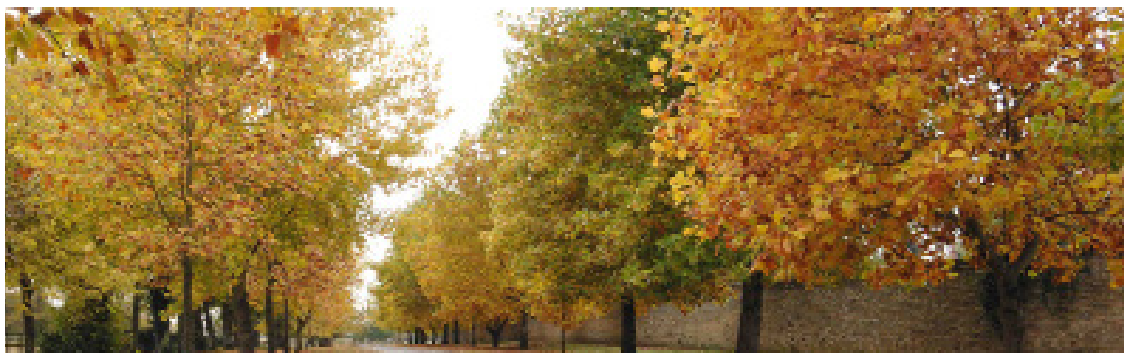


## CHIPPENHAM PARK

Chippenham Park gardens will be open from Sunday, 20th September 2020 - Sunday, 11th October 2020, 10am-4pm (we will be closing at 1pm on Sat, 26th Sept with last entry at 12.30pm). Admission £5, children free. Villagers on foot are welcome for free - please bring proof of address. Dogs welcome on leads

### *Important Notes:*

We are delighted that we are able to safely reopen the Gardens, following government guidelines, a risk assessment in place and a process to maintain cleanliness and social distancing. Each group will be required to leave a contact name and number. We ask you not to turn up in groups that are larger than six. We will have a one way system in place to enter and exit both the Gardens and the Tearooms. The toilets in the Tearooms will be closed but the outdoor toilets to the rear of the greenhouses will be operating as normal. The Tearooms will be open but running on a limited menu and we ask if you can clear your rubbish into the bins provided after you have finished at your table. At present we are not requesting visitors to book a time to visit but we may have to re-evaluate this after the first few days depending on how busy we are. We hope you understand.



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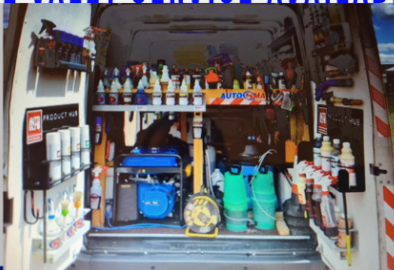
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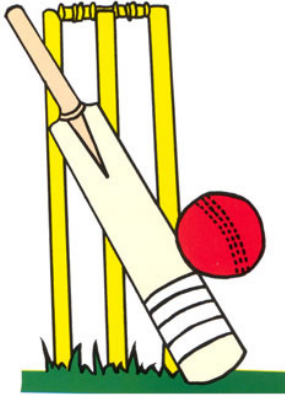
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# CHIPPENHAM CRICKET CLUB

Despite the enforced shortened season, the cricket club still managed to complete more than 50 fixtures this summer with over 70 players representing the club and with the last game being October 4th. Since the last newsletter Harry Grant has been in great form for the club and he got his maiden century at home to Lakenheath in September. In addition, Sophie Hughes was chosen for Suffolk Ladies first team and at 15 years old was the youngest player to be selected for the squad.

We also had new winners of The Tharp Arms Double Wicket Trophy. Charly Ratley and Stan Reginold won an exciting and closely fought competition by 10 runs.

With the season now over the club will be running a winter cricket programme but with the uncertainty surrounding Covid restrictions this hasn't been finalised yet. However, if you wish to register your interest in taking part then please contact Darren on 07881818047 and he will make sure you are notified when we know what is happening.

The club AGM will be taking place on Wednesday November 4th 2020. The plan is this will take place as normal at the Tharp Arms, 7.30pm start but if restrictions prevent this being possible a Zoom meeting will be held at the same time. All members will be sent confirmation details closer to the time. If you are not a club member but would like to attend, again contact Darren on the number above who will make sure you are informed of how the meeting will be held and access details.

For more information check out club website: [www.chippenhamcricket.club](http://www.chippenhamcricket.club). or follow us on FB at Chippenham Cricket Club, Cambridgeshire or Twitter @chippenhamcamcc



# SUNNICA ENERGY FARM ST

## SUNNICA ENERGY FARM – STATUTORY CONSULTATION

### INTRODUCTION

Sunnica Energy Farm plan to create the UK's largest solar farm in and around our local villages including Chippenham, Freckenham, Worlington, Snailwell and Isleham. This scheme will be vast in size and will cover 2,792 acres, the equivalent of 2710 football pitches.

The next stage of the process is the statutory consultation. This is where the public and other consultees such as parish and district councils review the scheme in detail and submit their views for the consultation. These views are vitally important as they will help to influence the outcome of this application. Every single submission counts, so please do take the time to consider this proposal, speak to Sunnica directly if you have any specific questions that are not clear from the literature or contact the parish council and we will help you. If we can not answer your question we will direct you to somebody who can.

Please do reply to Sunnica's questionnaire and also write to our district councillors and our MP Lucy Frazer.

On our village website, you will find all the information that will help you to learn more about the proposal and also what the parish council have done and are doing to represent the village. We have also included a summary of the results of the Sunnica Village Survey that we conducted in 2019, which showed that 92% of people who responded to the survey felt the scheme is too large.

Remember your opinions will be taken into account and they do matter because we live in the area that will be affected by the scheme.

### WHAT THE PARISH COUNCIL ARE DOING

The parish council has provided feedback on the non-statutory consultation. Details of which can be found here <https://chippenhamcambs.info/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/sunnica-objection-july19-1.pdf>

The parish council carried out a survey in the village earlier in the year. <https://chippenhamcambs.info/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Sunnica-Village-Questionnaire-Chippenham-Results.pdf>

Two councillors have been attending videoconference meetings with Sunnica.

The parish council will discuss the statutory consultation at both the October and November parish council meetings and their response as a consultee will be finalised at the November meeting.

The parish council are speaking to Sunnica about how to ensure all villagers, especially those without access to the internet, can engage with the consultation process to make sure their voices are heard.



# STATUTORY CONSULTATION

## WHAT YOU CAN DO – HOW TO RESPOND

**Familiarise yourself with the scheme as it is presented now.** It has changed somewhat from the original non-statutory consultation. Sign up for the webinars or watch back later to find out more in depth information on aspects of the scheme.

The statutory consultation will be carried out via the Sunnica website [www.sunnica.co.uk](http://www.sunnica.co.uk). All information regarding the scheme will be available online (and also in paper format for those residents without internet access). **Your comments can be submitted online, by email or by post. The deadline for responses is 2nd December.**

If you have specific questions or would like more detail on any aspect of the scheme you can contact Sunnica by email or telephone on [info@sunnica.co.uk](mailto:info@sunnica.co.uk) or 0808 168 7925

## Chippenham Virtual Open Meeting with Lucy Frazer MP

**Monday 5th October, 7pm – 8pm, via Zoom.**

The relevant details for the call are:

- To join zoom meeting – <https://parliament-uk.zoom.us/j/62646736825>
- Meeting ID: 626 4673 6825
- Passcode: 696031

Lucy is keen to represent constituents' views about the project as part of that process. This meeting will be an opportunity for Chippenham residents and businesses to raise these points with Lucy.

## VILLAGE ACTIVITIES DURING THE CORONAVIRUS LOCKDOWN

Please note that the regular activities which take place in and around the village have been suspended until the government feels it is safe to reinstate them. Meanwhile, contact the organisers of these activities if you would like information for when the restrictions are lifted.

The Village Hall remains closed until further notice.

Both play areas are now open. Please observe and comply with the safety notices.



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By phone – 07442 022 926 or 07342 700308

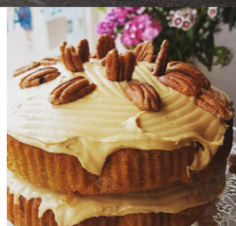
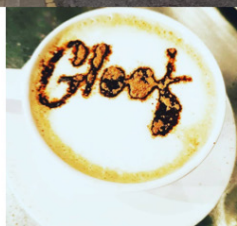
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The end of August saw the church choir returning to beautify our worship. At least initially it will be a small group of singers though as we progress we may be able to increase the size of the choir. Terry Cross is always delighted to welcome new members into the choir so do be in touch.

We are looking forward to the Reverend Anna Jones being ordained as a priest at Wisbech on Tuesday 29th September. Unfortunately due to Covid restrictions we will not be able to go with her to celebrate this occasion. We will instead be celebrating the first time that she presides at the Eucharist at each of the churches of the Group. At Chippenham this will be on Sunday 11th October at our usual 11.00am service.

We are planning to continue with our regular Sunday services as long as government regulations allow. .



# David's thought for the month

At present it is not clear what we will be doing on Remembrance Sunday. Further details will be advertised near the time. Also, at the time of writing, we have no idea what Christmas services will look like but we hope to have a clearer picture by the next magazine date.

You will no doubt have noticed that finally building work has started on the church extension. We are hoping that by Christmas the external work will have been completed. We are still a little bit short of funds for finishing off; if anyone is feeling generous and would like to help with the costs of internal furnishings we'd be happy to hear from you. Thanks to all those who have already contributed this is much appreciated.

To contact a member of the Three Rivers' Clergy team, please contact:

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# TENNIS CLUB

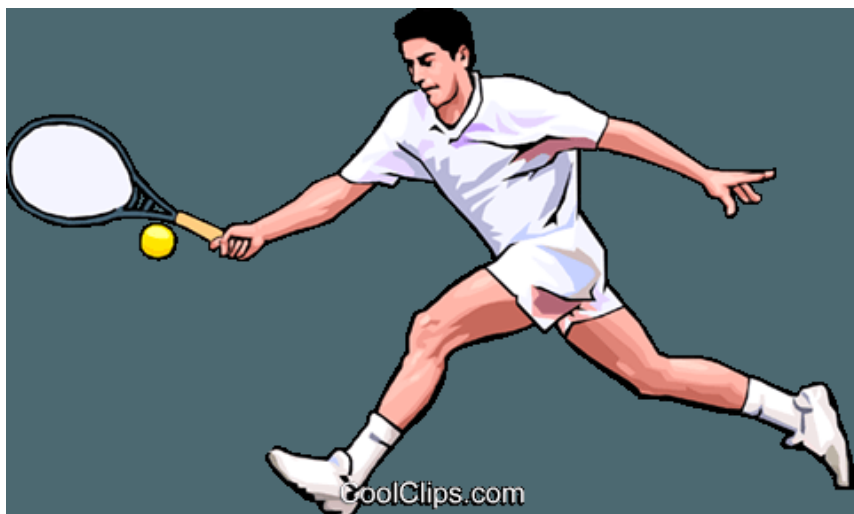
The Tennis Club continues to thrive with club nights, adult and junior coaching continuing weekly throughout the autumn.

Our end of summer tournament was great fun, with twelve players playing competitive tennis including our two new coaches! A great afternoon of competitive tennis mixed with many laughs and some expletives!

We have also see many fantastic junior coaching sessions where local children have really benefited from small group coaching and the expertise of Seb and Daisy. It is just brilliant to see the courts being used so much and our new booking system seems to have been a useful development.

A really good number of adults also are enjoying the Saturday morning coaching with Jonny, and The committee have all worked hard to ensure these events are run in a COVID-secure way so that tennis can continue despite the increase in lockdown measures.

We are still looking for more committee members so if you are interested in joining please do contact [emilyfishpool@outlook.com](mailto:emilyfishpool@outlook.com).





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