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**TADLEY TOWN COUNCIL** 

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### **Meetings of the Council**

27 February – Highways & Planning

6 March – Annual Town Meeting 6 March – Full Council

13 March – Recreation & Leisure

27 March – Highways & Planning 17 April – Finance

& General Purposes

24 April – Highways & Planning

15 May – Full Council

15 May – Recreation & Leisure

22 May – Highways & Planning

12 June Finance & General Purposes

26 June – Highways & Planning

Committee meetings are held via Zoom and Full Council meetings are held in the Town Council offices and start at 7.30pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend. For Zoom meetings, the meeting link can be found on the agendas.

#### **USEFUL NUMBERS**

Abandoned Cars 01256 844844 Fly Tipping 01256 844844 Street Lighting 0800 506 060 Highways 0300 555 1388 Allotments 0788 168 6351 Tadley Citizens' Advice 03444 111 306 Hampshire County Council 0300 555 1375 Basingstoke Council 01256 844844

Swimming Pool 0118 9817818 West Berks Council 01635 42400

## **Council Tax**

At the Full Council meeting held on 3 January 2023, Tadley Town Council agreed to set the precept at £196,354. This is an increase on last year which was £186,466. This means each band D household in Tadley will pay £46.83 for the services provided by the Town Council in the year 2023/24. Last year a band D property paid £44.95, so an increase of £1.88.

## **Friends of Tadley Common**

This is a new group that has been set up to help tackle the large amount of gorse that is growing on Tadley Common. We are only allowed to cut the gorse back from October to March because of nesting birds. The group is meeting on Saturdays 21 January and 18 February in the car park by the play area in Tadley Common Road at 10.00am. If you would like to help with this mammoth task please go along!



## **Tadley Common**

In December one of our Dexters was severely mauled by an off-lead dog. We plead with all dog owners to keep their dogs on their leads while exercising at Tadley Common. This was an horrific incident and one we do not want to be repeated.

# **Replacement Skatepark for Tadley**

Work continues on the construction of the replacement skatepark and it is hoped this will be complete by the end of February. Unfortunately due to there being 8 objections received to the planning application, the application had to go to Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council's Development Control Committee for determination. This process took several months and resulted in an increased cost of £22428 for the project.

**Town Council Office** We are contactable by phone on 0118 9813360 and by email clerk@tadleytowncouncil.gov.uk Face to face appointments are also available, just contact us to arrange a date and time.



## Water Tap at Tadley Cemetery

It is with great regret that we have had to take the decision to disconnect the water supply at the cemetery. This was due to the theft of water from the stand pipe there on an industrial scale, the funding of a commercial business operation was not something we were prepared for Tadley council tax payers to fund.

## **Queen Elizabeth II Bench**

The Turbary Charity has installed a new bench at Tadley Common in memory of HM Queen Elizabeth II.



# Long Service Award

Our Chairman Avril Burdett presented Cllr David Leeks with a long service award at our Christmas Event in recognition of his 30 years' service as a Councillor at Tadley Town Council.

# News from Tadley and District Community Association



We have lots going on at the centre this year with activities, trips and the cinema all back up and running. You can book online for cinema showings at www.thelittleboxoffice.com/tdca. The cinema is on the first Saturday of every month, with the film starting at 7pm. The next showing will be Mrs Harris goes to Paris, on 4 February! There are coach trips this year to: Kelmscott Manor, Exbury Gardens, Back to the Future and we will be doing our annual Christmas Market trip along with other theatre trips. Contact The Link office on 0118 9814538 to book or to go on our mailing list.

Our Tête-à-Tête coffee morning runs every Friday for all. They are a friendly and welcoming group, with home-made cakes and hot drinks available at a small cost. Books and magazines are around to read or borrow should you wish whilst you relax in the warmth.

TDCA run lots of activities for babies, children and young people. Take a look at our website for our 0-11 Activities and Youth Activities www.tadleycommunitycentre.org.uk. You can book all activities online through www.trybooking.com, you will find links to Try Booking on our website and Facebook page.

There are lots of other groups available at the centre; fitness pilates, yoga, dance, martial arts, fitness session, computer classes, University of the Third Age, Civil Service Retirement Fellowship, Art, Cooking, Youth and more. Take a look at our website for more information www.tadleycommunitycentre.org.uk or contact the Link office to find out more.

**Councillors' Surgeries** If you would like to meet with any of your Councillors, please contact the office and make an appointment – 0118 9813360.

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