

Bodicote

PARISH COUNCIL

Serving the village of Bodicote

Protect our Countryside

Help us safeguard Bodicote's rural landscape

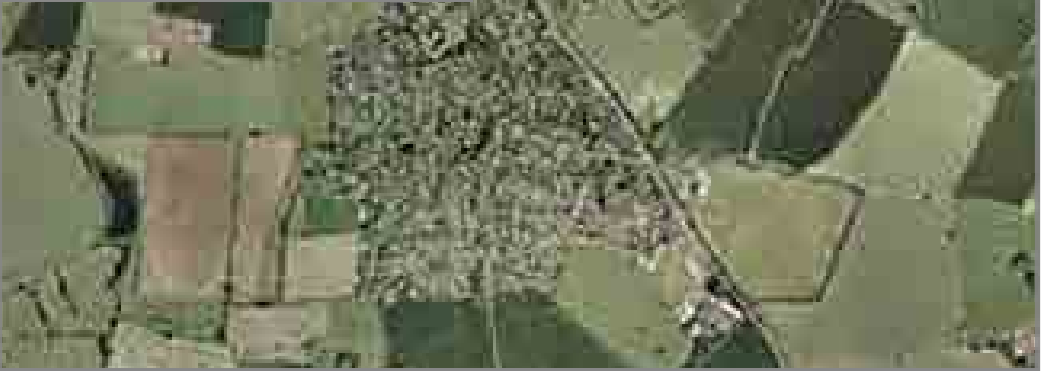
One of the best parts of living in Bodicote is our direct access to the countryside. Over the pandemic, the fields around our village have given us much-needed wellbeing and fresh air. Now, the Parish Council is working to protect this beautiful landscape into the future.

We want to persuade the district council to designate the fields to the south and west of the village as a valued landscape, allowing Bodicote to hold onto its rural feel and so remain as a village.

The new housing built to date has largely avoided this scenic land. But with the district council considering once again moving parts of Bodicote into Banbury, what green spaces we have become even more precious, for us and for the natural environment.

If we act now, we can work to save our fields for future generations. If we don't, there may come a time when we lose them forever. Help us protect your countryside and your village by supporting our campaign.

What can I do?



To keep Bodicote's boundaries as they are and its countryside intact, submit your views to Cherwell District Council – for details see box below
Contact your parish councillors for more information and to support us
Tell your neighbours about the campaign – help us spread the word
You can also contact your district councillors to tell them your views direct

Community Governance Review

The district council is currently running a consultation looking at the boundary between Bodicote and Banbury. The last time this was done, the village ended up losing half its land, with the houses built at what is now Longford Park being transferred into Banbury after many new residents had moved in.

In order to protect our cherished countryside into the future, we need to ensure that the housing developments being built in the village stay within Bodicote and so form part of our ongoing contribution to Cherwell's housing provision. Keeping our boundaries as they are also allows us to remain viable as a separate village with all the benefits that brings. The alternative is to be converted into just one suburb of many, with diminished representation as part of Banbury town.

If you are concerned by these threats, the first round of consultation closes on 31 January. A response form is accessible at:

letstalk.cherwell.gov.uk/community-governance-2021

(go to the 'Banbury and surrounding areas' section)

or you can respond by email to: **democracy@cherwell-dc.gov.uk**

Welcome all new Bodicote residents!

A warm welcome to the village to everyone who has moved into Bodicote recently, whether onto one of the new housing developments or elsewhere! We are delighted to welcome you to your new home and hope you have many happy years here. Please contact us if there are any issues about the village you wish to discuss – and don't forget that all meetings of the Parish Council start with a public session where residents can raise any relevant points of concern.



Image courtesy David Hingley

Bodicote Circular Walk

Bodicote has a popular three mile circular walk that winds its way through the village and surrounding countryside. The Parish Council has recently taken on stewardship of this walk and will be updating the leaflet and signposts in 2022. If you are interested in being a footpath warden for this or for other Bodicote rights of way, let us know.

Village Defibrillator

There is a defibrillator for emergency use located at the Village Hall next to King's Field on White Post Road. The council will also be installing a second defibrillator outside the Spar store early next year.



Image courtesy Helen Monks

What does the Parish Council do?

Parish Councils are the most local tier of government in England, and you may not know that a small portion of your council tax comes to us to care for the village.



Image courtesy Helen Monks

Some of the things we do include:

We set the precept and ensure best value for the village – this is shown on your council tax bill

We maintain all parish owned land and the Churchyard

We manage and maintain the burial ground on Wykham Lane

We arrange for the verges to be cut in the growing season and for litter collection throughout the village

We provide public litter and dog bins, as well as some of our benches and bus shelters

We comment, support or object to planning applications

We represent the village to the district and county councils

Parish Councillors

Your parish councillors are all Bodicote residents working to represent the community. All positions are voluntary: no councillor is paid for anything they do. You can contact us via the Clerk, by email or by stopping any of us in the street!

“I came onto the Parish Council last year as I wanted to use my skills to benefit my community. It’s a friendly group and I’ve been able to help in many ways already”

Cllr David Hingley

There are currently vacancies on the Parish Council. If you are interested, please let the Clerk to the Council know. We also have an open working group which looks after the upkeep of the village which anyone can attend.

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