

## **Notes of the Parish Council meeting – 5<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

**Present** - Councillor Cooke, Councillor Higgins, Councillor Byrne, Councillor Metcalfe, Councillor Wills and Councillor Kagure Brown

### **Parish Council meetings**

Due to Corona Virus restrictions the PC has been holding its meetings remotely via Zoom. Villagers are most welcome to join the meeting and the joining instructions can be found on the agenda.

### **Repair and maintenance**

- A new post has been installed on the stile at the top of the children's play area to make it easier to cross.
- A further quote was being sought for the repainting of Brookside railings.
- Quotes were being sought for the installation of a hard surface under the kissing gate into the Conker field from Church Leys.
- Peter French had kindly arranged for the maintenance of the defibrillator.
- The concerns over the weeds in the brook had been reported on numerous occasions to the Environment Agency. The scheduled maintenance in the second quarter of the year had not been undertaken due to Covid and it was hoped that the maintenance scheduled for the fourth quarter would take place.
- Concern had been expressed at the rotting gate post on the footpath between Brookside and Melton Road. This would be reported to LCC.
- The growth around the notice board on Grange Avenue would be cut back.
- The idea of villagers adopting village planters was discussed. The PC would cover any costs incurred.

As always if anyone witnesses instances of dog fouling or sees a particular area where this is prevalent, they should report it to the dog warden at Charnwood Borough Council on **01509 634564**. **It should be noted that it is still an offence, not to pick up after a dog on a footpath across a field. The bags should also be taken home and not left on a bush.**

### **Progress on Neighbourhood Plan**

With the support of YourLocale and some significant work from nominated councillors the plan is starting to take shape and an updated version for submission to CBC is expected early 2021.

### **The Conker field**

- Due to Covid it was taking some time for CBC to install the litter bins.
- The next stage of the tree works was to take place. This involved some work to trees in the spinney and the felling of one diseased conker tree. Costs were being obtained to consider replanting of conker trees to take the numbers back to the historical levels of ten.
- Signs for no littering etc had been ordered. The entrance sign had also been ordered.

### **New Village Website**

The new village website is now up and running. It can be found at [www.rearsbyvillagenews.co.uk](http://www.rearsbyvillagenews.co.uk). If there is any village group who would like to be part of the site or anything you would like to see on the site, please do let us know.

### **Mobile Activated Speed Sign**

The MVAS is currently on the Melton Road. Some quite high speeds had been recorded. It would remain there as this seemed to be an area of speeding in the village.

### **Police Report**

Residents can sign up to the Neighbourhood Link which will allow residents to remain up to date about policing issues in the community. In order to register, please visit [www.neighbourhoodlink.co.uk](http://www.neighbourhoodlink.co.uk).

### **Christmas 2020**

Arrangements were in hand to site the Christmas tree on the village green. There was also to be a crib provided by the church.

### **Wildflower verge scheme 21/22**

An expression of interest was to be made for the village to become part of the LCC wildflower verge scheme. This scheme allows some verges to become dedicated wildflower areas.

### **Date of Next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December via Zoom..

Further news and information can be found about the Parish Council on our website [www.rearsbyvillagenews.co.uk](http://www.rearsbyvillagenews.co.uk) and [www.rearsbypc.org.uk](http://www.rearsbypc.org.uk). Please let us know if there is anything you would like to see there.

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