

## **“Parish Council ~ Chairman’s July / August Note”**

Hello everyone

As the lockdown continues to ease over the coming month’s we look forward to getting back to some form of normality in the village including hopefully the play park and the two pubs being re-opened.

All of these are of course dependant on government criteria but let’s pray we can enjoy the remainder of the summer in relative safety bearing in mind that social distancing etc. is likely to be part of our lives for some time to come.

Parish Council business continues, with meetings being held in a virtual setting normally on the first Thursday of each month (next meeting September 3rd) and the main areas of focus are:

### **The Neighbourhood Plan (NP):**

The NP has been an ongoing project by the PC and various other parties for some considerable time but unfortunately due to a variety of reasons seems to have lost the momentum required to see it through to a satisfactory conclusion.

As Chair I feel (as does the whole council) that we need to urgently get this back on track and push to get this concluded at the earliest opportunity especially as we emerge from the Coronavirus pandemic and we expect to see a renewed surge in housing development across the area.

The council have agreed to re-establish a working group to push this to a conclusion and I am appealing to individuals in the village to please join us on the working group to help and assist us to do so.

Our plan is to agree at the September meeting what work we still need to do and how best to conclude all that needs to be done to get the project over the finishing line.

If you are interested and can help, please contact Sue Norledge our Clerk, we would greatly appreciate your support

### **Councillor vacancy:**

We have had a vacancy for a councillor for almost 18 months and would really like to encourage people to consider joining us and become part of the council supporting the village / community infrastructure.

You do not have to have worked in local government or have any specific skills, just a willingness to give a little time and have a keen interest in the day to day running of the village.

Please contact Sue Norledge our Clerk if you are interested.

### **Rearsby Village News website:**

The relatively new website [www.rearsbyvillagenews.co.uk](http://www.rearsbyvillagenews.co.uk) continues to expand with new information being added regularly but we would like to encourage residents to view the website and give us feedback on what other information / articles you would like to see. We would also like local groups to consider linking in with the website so we can eventually create a more user friendly, expansive site of interest to all of the community. If you have any articles you would like us to add please let us know.

**Coronavirus:**

We continue to monitor developments with regard the Coronavirus regulatory changes and implement relevant changes etc. when and where necessary. The council has considered the potential risk of reopening the playpark and people from outside the village using the facilities, we have therefore agreed that to maintain safety within the village the council will review this again mid-July after the current Leicester area lock down situation has been resolved. the

**Conker Field:**

You will all have seen the new fence along the Station Road boundary and the new kissing gate enclosures which will have the gates fitted during mid-July.

During the autumn months a new hedge will be planted along the outside of the new fence to enhance the view over time.

The tree work in the spinney will also start on the 8<sup>th</sup> July removing diseased and dead trees and giving some much needed maintenance / TLC to others.

We continue to chase the new waste bins which were ordered some time ago and these will be installed at each end of the field once delivered.

The new sign for the Station road entrance is still being sorted along with other signage detailing such topics as dog waste / litter and no ball games as required under the section 106 agreement.

**Dog Poo:**

Last but not least, I come back to the passionate topic of “Dog Poo” which seems not to be improving despite the councils various message and notices, with bags still being thrown in to hedgerows and verges containing dog waste or Poo just left on the grass, in fields or on pavements.

As stated many times before, the PC is confident that most of our local dog walkers understand and support the legal regulations regarding dog fouling and pickup, bag & bin their dogs waste.

The PC is aware of the risks this poses to the public, particularly children and really are committed to keeping it at the forefront of everyone’s mind as they walk around our village and we will continue to strive for a “Dog Poo Free Village” with the support of you all!

Please also remember you can report dog fouling direct to Charnwood Borough Council online at [www.charnwood.gov.uk](http://www.charnwood.gov.uk) or on 01509 634564.

Don’t forget the next PC meeting (currently via ZOOM) will be held on the Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September at 7.30pm for more details see [www.rearsbypc.org.uk](http://www.rearsbypc.org.uk)

Thank you & please STAY SAFE  
Martin Cooke (Parish Council Chair)