

## “Parish Council ~ Chairman’s Note November 2021”

Hello everyone.

The nights are drawing in but it's still lovely to get out in the fresh air and wonder around our lovely village. With Halloween behind us we now look forward to Bonfire night so, please be considerate of others in the village if you are planning an event.

Unfortunately, in October we were unable to hold a Parish Council meeting due to illness or holidays but hopefully we will all be back and well for the November meeting. There have been a few updates and additions since my last “Note” so here’s a quick update:

**Benches Project:** We are delighted that a superfluity of Nuns will be visiting the village on the 21<sup>st</sup> October to view the benches on the Conker field and in particular have some photos taken of their particular bench and the plaque.

Two more benches will hopefully be agreed at the November meeting for the top area of the Conker field and the Clerk is writing to neighbouring properties and apply for the appropriate licences with regard the plans to further extend benches around the village. Anyone interested in sponsoring a bench should contact the Clerk.

**Christmas:** Please get the 11<sup>th</sup> December 2021 5.30pm to 8.00pm in your diaries for “The Rearsby Christmas lights Festival” This promises to be a great spectacle around the village and we want to encourage as many people as possible to join in, either by decorating their homes, walking the Light Trail or better still both. Further details will be on the village website, Rearsby Floodwatch FB page & notice boards.

**Community Garden:** This will now be discussed at the November meeting as we await feedback from Charnwood BC on the idea to develop a three-part community garden (Remembrance, Reflection, and the Queens Platinum anniversary). Further details will be issued as they become available.

**Conker Field:** The PC is still in discussions with Brooksby College regarding support in managing the spinney and the Tree warden is now reviewing the potential for new conker trees in the field.

The PC is also in ongoing discussions over a boundary issue.

**Dog Poo:** Dog walkers, please watch your dog, pick up its poo, bag it, bin it, it is your responsibility! Remember, report dog fouling direct to Charnwood BC at [www.charnwood.gov.uk](http://www.charnwood.gov.uk) or 01509 634564.

**Litter Picking:** Thank you again to everyone who continues to help to keep our village tidy, it is very much appreciated.

**Planning:** At the time of writing the Gaddesby lane development still has not been formally submitted. Also, at the time of writing the planning issue over land to the rear of William Everard Close adjacent to the track from Mill Lane is still to be resolved.

**Playing Field:** The PC is still investigating possibly installing a permanent grind rail for skaters next to the halfpipe and the installation of an outdoor table tennis table on the field.

**Queens Platinum Anniversary:** The PC would be interested in ideas for village celebrations for the Queens Platinum Anniversary in June 2022.

**Speeding in the Village:** More random Police speed checks are expected over the coming months and the village speed sign has been relocated to Station Road for an agreed period of time.

**Tree Project:** The PC are continuing with the proposed tree program for the village agreed in earlier in the year and we now await a meeting with LCC regarding suggested sites for trees not on Parish Council owned land, these include Mill Lane Brook bank (3 Willows), Station Road / Wreake Drive (3 trees pocket orchard), Verge on Wreake Drive (Small pocket orchard) & Gaddesby Lane hedgerow down to the bypass (Oak, Conker and Elm).

**Wardens:** We are delighted the Dale Clarke our new tree warden has already started looking into several projects as detailed earlier and we look forward to his support and ideas.

We still currently have vacancies for a Heritage Warden, Snow Warden, and a second Flood Warden to support Paul Matts. If you are interested in learning more about one of these important roles and possibly becoming a Village Warden, please contact the Clerk.

**Website:** If you have any information you would like us to add please let us know via email [councillor5.rearsbypc@btconnect.com](mailto:councillor5.rearsbypc@btconnect.com) or [councillor2.rearsbypc@btconnect.com](mailto:councillor2.rearsbypc@btconnect.com)

Parish Council meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month at 7.30pm in the village hall for more information see the village website or the PC notice board next to the Packhorse bridge.

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