

“Parish Council ~ Chairman’s Note February 2022”

Hello everyone.

Well with the festivities of Christmas well behind us and the days slowly getting longer we can start to look forward to the wonderful sights and smells of Spring.

The past month has been a little quiet for Parish Council business with no meeting in January except an extraordinary meeting to discuss the budget and precept for the coming year. Normal service will resume hopefully in February when the topics being discussed will include:

(the) Brook: Whilst the level of the brook over the new year period helped us celebrate with the Tug of War and the annual duck race, we are still aware of the concerns posed by the brook including vegetation etc. The PC continue with their discussions with the Environmental agency (EA) and our own flood warden to try and resolve what is best for the brook, flood prevention, nature etc. We will issue any information on the village website as it becomes available.

Conker Field: The PC continues to discuss support of the spinney with Brooksby College and the Tree warden is reviewing the planting of new conker trees in the field and potential other areas of the village. The two further benches for the top area of the Conker field will hopefully be installed during February / March.

Coffee Mornings: The weekly coffee mornings in the village hall (Tuesday 10:30 am to 12:00pm) resumed on the 11th January and it would be great to see you there.

Covid19: Unfortunately, at the time of writing the numbers of infections are increasing with the Omicron variant becoming very dominant and I thought it perhaps worth sharing some comments with you from Richard Mitchell, Chief Executive of University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust, who said: “Every known medical condition is made worse by Covid, yet we still have unvaccinated people in our communities. “The majority of our hospital intensive care beds are taken by Covid patients. Over 75% are unvaccinated, some will not make it home. This is having a big impact on our colleagues and on patients waiting for cancer and cardiac surgery who require an intensive care bed to have their operation. “Covid vaccination protects against severe illness, it is safe, it is effective. Getting your jab is the single most important thing you can do to protect yourself and others.”

Defibrillator: Since my last note we have had several people offer to assist us and we would like to thank all those who answered our plea for help.

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 or 01509 634564.

Planning: 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 and the Gaddesby lane development has still not been formerly submitted to Charnwood.

Police update: The Police had reported little crime in the area up to December but unfortunately over the Christmas period there had been a car theft and damage to a farmer’s gate possibly to do with hare coursing. More random Police speed checks will be carried out over the coming months to hopefully reduce the speeding traffic through the village.

Projects for 2022 and beyond:

There are several new and ongoing projects that the PC are working on for this year and beyond which include potentially more benches around the village, possibly a community garden, playing field improvements and more trees including possible pocket orchards. More details will be issued on the Village website as they become available.

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

Wardens: We still have vacancies for a Heritage Warden, Snow Warden, and a second Flood Warden. 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 or 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)