**“Parish Council ~ Chairman’s Note October 2022”**

Hello everyone.

Well, the summer is over for another year as we look forward to the Autumn colours, long nights and children knocking on our doors for a treat or possibly a trick!

The Parish Council resumed meetings in September with a number of significant issues to discuss and address.

Residents will be aware of the planned development of 66 houses at the top of Gaddesby lane to which the PC have objected to on several key issues including road safety, schools, health, facilities, to name a few, all details can be seen on the Charnwood website. In addition, we know residents have also posted their objections and concerns and we now await the outcome and responses to the application and the various objections.

Residents will also be aware of the proposed development at East Goscote of 250+ houses 30 of which are within the Rearsby boundary behind the old Rearsby Roses site. Regrettably outlined planning has been approved for this development but we continue to work closely with EGPC to challenge the developers to ensure road safety, traffic management, housing type and other key aspects are considered and incorporated within the plans.

In some other PC business;

We are currently inviting quotes for disabled access and other works from the village hall to the playing field.

We have also met with LCC to discuss locations within the village for more trees to support our own initiative of planting more trees on PC land and we hope to confirm at the October PC meeting where all the new trees will be planted.

Following further discussions regarding our proposed tranquillity and jubilee garden, we have decided to cancel the project due to potential costs,

We continue to fight the problem of inconsiderate dog walkers who leave dog poo around the village and also, we continue to push the Environmental Agency on concerns about the brook.

Finally, we are currently investigating the possibility of a second speeding sign to try and reduce the speeding risk which is extremely concerning through the village.

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, everyone is welcome.

As I finish writing this month’s note, I hear the extremely sad news that our Queen has died, and we have a new King. Many of us will have fond memories of our Queen and my wife and I have particular cherished memories of a wonderful day spent at a garden party at Buckingham Palace some years ago and seeing Her Majesty the Queen and Prince Philip.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Royal family during this very sad time.

May she rest in peace and may God keep her and protect her. God Bless the King.

Thank you ~ Martin Cooke (Parish Council Chair)