

“Parish Council ~ Chairman’s Note February 2023”

Hello everyone.

This is my first note for 2023 so can I wish you all a belated happy and peaceful new year.

The Parish Council met in January to discuss several topics some of which included:

The Christmas celebrations around the village were noted as a great success and thanks were expressed to everyone who helped especially the Social Committee and Richard Metcalf and the team who erected the Christmas tree and lights on the village green.

The planned tree planting program for the village has now started with 5 new horse chestnut (conker) trees being planted in the conker field, with addition planting being discussed with LCC Tree Project team looking at a range of tree types to hopefully be planted on Wreake Drive, Station Road / Wreake Drive corner and Gaddesby lane walk through from the top to the by-pass.

The planned development of 66 houses at the top of Gaddesby lane was again discussed and we continue to wait for feedback from Charnwood BC.

We were pleased to meet the Chair & Vice Chair of the Rearsby Social committee and discussed planned events for the coming year, which all sounded very exciting, the first being a “Race Night” on the 4th March at the village hall.

A number of quotes for disabled access and other works from the village hall to the playing field have been received and we are currently assessing the costings and funding.

The Precept for the coming year was agreed with an increase approved of approximately £3.50 per year per house which will help support some of the projects planned in the annual budget.

Local Council elections will be held in May this year which basically means the current Parish Councillors will all stand down and then re-stand if they wish, to form a new Council for the next 4 years. As I have mentioned in previous correspondence after 12+ years on the PC I shall not be standing for re-election.

If you are interested in becoming part of the Council and a key part of the village infrastructure, please contact the Clerk for further details.

We continue to fight the problem of inconsiderate dog walkers who leave dog poo around the village, despite free poo bags all around!

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.

Thank you ~ Martin Cooke (Parish Council Chair)